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What We Do

The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) is granted authority by the <u>Washington State Legislature</u> to regulate the production, sale, and distribution of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, and vapor products in the state of Washington. Through rulemaking, we support the agency's mission to promote public safety and trust through fair administration and enforcement of <u>liquor</u>, <u>cannabis</u>, <u>tobacco</u>, <u>and vapor laws</u>. Our rules impact licensees, the public, and stakeholders, including businesses like grocery stores, restaurants, bars, and cannabis retail outlets, as well as breweries, wineries, distilleries, and cannabis producers and processors, just to name a few. Our <u>licensing division</u> and <u>enforcement and education division</u> implement and enforce our rules.

We are committed to transparency, accountability, equity, and inclusion in rulemaking. Sign up for email updates about rulemaking activities and opportunities for public engagement (link).

Make a difference. Let Your Voice Be Heard!

We offer many opportunities for the public to participate in policy and rule development! <u>Learn how the rulemaking process works and ways to engage with us (link)</u>.

News, Updates, and Events

Current and Upcoming

- **Week of March 25, 2024**: THC bill rulemaking workshops to review and discuss draft proposed rules with stakeholders.
 - Tuesday, March 26, 2024 (3-4 pm)
 - Thursday, March 28, 2024 (1-2 pm)
 - WAC 314-55-010 Definitions (pdf) and WAC 314-55-080 Medical Cannabis Endorsements (pdf)
 - The Microsoft Teams information can be found here.

Recent

- Wednesday, March 27, 2024:
 - The Board approved a CR-103 for permanent rules to implement <u>ESSB 5365</u> (2023) related to increased penalties for selling tobacco and vapor products to people under 21:
 - Memorandum
 - Concise Explanatory Statement
 - CR-103P filed as WSR 24-08-040 on March 27, 2024
 - The Board denied a rulemaking petition to change WAC 314-55-083.

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- Petition Response
- Petition for rulemaking
- **Week of March 11, 2024**: Medical Cannabis Endorsement Stakeholder Engagement Sessions: Two virtual stakeholder engagement sessions were held on the Medical Cannabis Endorsement rulemaking:
 - Monday, March 11, 2024: 10 11:30 AM
 - Thursday, March 14, 2024: 2 3:30 PM
 - The proposed draft rule language <u>here</u>, and the proposed discussion topics <u>here</u>.
- **Wednesday, March 13, 2024:** The board approved a petition to consider initiating rulemaking to amend <u>WAC 314-55-105</u> regarding cannabis harvest dates on product labels .
 - Approved Petition
 - Petition for Rulemaking (pdf)
 - Supplementary documentation from petitioner (pdf)
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024: The Board approved the CR 101 on Minors on Non-Retail <u>Cannabis Premises Rulemaking</u>. Public comment is open until March 29, 2024. To submit written comments, please email the rules team at <u>rules@lcb.wa.gov</u>
 - Notice to Stakeholders
 - Memorandum
 - CR 101 filed as WSR 24-06-026 on February 28, 2024
 - Petition Response U16 minors on cannabis premises
 - Petition Response U21 contractors on cannabis premises