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CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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WSR 24-18-068

| Agency: Office of Financial Management (OFM) |
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| Effective date of rule: Permanent Rules □ 31 days after filing. ☑ Other (specify) October 1, 2024 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below) |
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| Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule? ☐ Yes ☑ No If Yes, explain: |
| Purpose: To align Title 357 WAC with the requirements in Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 2014, Chapter 146, Laws of 2024. 2SHB 2014 passed during the 2024 legislative session, effective June 6, 2024, for sections 1-24. This bill intends to align the federal and state definitions of "veteran" expanding state veterans benefits to any veteran who is already eligible for federal Department of Veterans Affairs monetary benefits. Section 4 of the bill adds a new section to chapter 73.04 RCW, codified as RCW 73.04.055, to define "qualifying discharge". "Honorable discharge" is replaced with "qualifying discharge" throughout the bill. The proposed amendments to WAC 357-01-170 repeal language stating veterans scoring criteria is only added to passing scores since there is more than one way for an eligible candidate to receive preference credits. The new section, WAC 357-01-267 provides a definition of "qualifying discharge". The amendments to WAC 357-16-110 clarify veterans scoring criteria is only added to passing scores, replaces "honorable discharge" with "qualifying discharge" and adds clarification that veterans must have a qualifying discharge. The amendments to WAC 357-46-060 and WAC 357-58-475 update the definition of eligible veteran by replacing "honorable discharge" with "qualifying discharge" and removes existing criteria tied to an "honorable discharge." |
| Citation of rules affected by this order: |
| New: WAC 357-01-267 |
| Repealed: |
| Amended: WAC 357-01-170, WAC 357-16-110, WAC 357-46-060, WAC 357-58-475 |
| Suspended: |
| Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 41.06.133 |
| Other authority: RCW 73.04.055 |
| PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making) Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-14-108 on July 1, 2024 (date). Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: Amendment to WAC 357-01-267 to update the reference from "section 4, chapter 146, Laws of 2024" to "RCW 73.04.005". |
| If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting: |
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