



Exam Qualifications Committee Meeting Report

March 12, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

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Discussion topics

- **RCW 18.43 Rewrite Outline**

The committee reviewed the changes to RCW 18.43 provided by Ms. Lagerberg and Ms. Gillespie. The committee considered, based on the outline provided, additional changes.

- Removal of references to NCEES exams within RCW 18.43. The examination types and specific language like 'as determined by the board' should be written in rule.
- Adding language that allows foreign applicants to apply using other examinations.
- Discussed adding an exception for applicants who have taken and passed the SE exam, but not the PE exam, to be issued a PE license. Washington State currently doesn't accept the SE exam as an equivalent exam when approving a PE license.
- Discussed upcoming changes to the NCEES PLS exam and updating the WAC to allow more flexibility for taking more than two exams.
- Add rule language that defines what type of teaching would be acceptable to count as experience. (I.e. full-time professor or lecturer at a university)
- Consider earned time for graduate degrees: 1 year for a Masters, 1 year for a PhD. The applicant will still be required to show at least 2 years of practical experience.

- Consider earned time for graduate degrees **and** teaching up to 2 years, to be considered by the Board in rule.

Strategic Planning Items

- Review comity regulations for each profession and how they relate to other states
- Decoupling all exams

Action Items

No Action Items