



**Semi-Annual Rule-making Agenda under RCW 34.05.314  
January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018**

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) prepares a semi-annual rule-making agenda in January and July each year to let the public know about DEL rule changes that are underway or planned. DEL rules are part of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and permanent DEL rules can be found online at [Title 170 WAC](#). Find current information about department rule-making activity online at [DEL Rules Under Development](#). See additional notes following the table.

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Single set of licensing standards for child care and the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).  RCW 43.215.060, RCW 43.215.070; RCW 43.215	Possible revisions to WAC Chapters 170-06, 170-12, 170-290, 170-100 and 170-297  Repealing Chapters 170-295 and 170-296A  Creating a New WAC Chapter	Rule-making to implement a single set of licensing standards for child care and the early childhood education and assistance program. The new WAC chapter will provide minimum health and safety standards for child care and preschool programs, rely on the standards established in the early achievers program to address quality issues in participating early childhood programs, take into account the separate needs of family care providers and child care centers and promote the continued safety of child care settings.	None	WSR 17-13-058 CR-101 sets out negotiation schedule. Negotiators include family home providers, child care centers, Head Start/ECEAP providers, families, and DEL Licensing staff.	To be determined	To be determined
Family, Friends and Neighbors Program  RCW 43.215.060; 43.215.070; RCW 43.215	Possible revisions to WAC 170-03 and 170-290  New WAC Chapter	To comply with new requirements allowing Washington State to receive federal funding for subsidized child care provided by a family member, friend or neighbor, DEL anticipates engaging in rule making to address program eligibility, background check requirements, health and safety requirements, monitoring and inspection, administrative hearing rights, and other topics to be	None	WSR 16-15-052	To be determined	To be determined

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		determined. Revisions to chapter 170-290 WAC may be necessary for consistency.				
Chapter 170-290 WAC review	Possible revisions to chapter 170-290-WAC	DEL intends to review chapter 170-290 WAC and revise as necessary to improve readability, promote Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care program integrity, and improve program delivery.	None	WSR 16-20-108	To be determined	To be determined
Working Connections Child Care	Possible revisions to chapter 170-290 WAC	DEL is developing rules that will require providers who accept Working Connections and Seasonal child care subsidies to use an electronic system that tracks attendance of the children who receive care.	None	WSR 16-20-108	To be determined	To be determined
Preparing for the abolishment of the Dept of Early Learning and creation of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Title 170 WAC Department of Early Learning	Expedited rule making planned to make nonsubstantive updates to revise agency name and embedded statute and rule citations.	None		To be determined	To be determined

**Notes:**

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For more information about Department of Early Learning rule-making, or to join a mailing list to receive DEL rule notices and draft materials, please email [Rules@del.wa.gov](mailto:Rules@del.wa.gov), or write to the: DEL Rules Coordinator, PO Box 40970, Olympia, WA 98504-0970.

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**CR-101** is a *Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry* notice filed under RCW 34.05.310.

**CR-102** may be a *Proposed Rule-making* notice filed under RCW 34.05.320; a continuance notice under RCW 34.05.325, or a supplemental Proposed Rule-making notice under RCW 34.05.340.

**CR-103E** is an emergency *Rule-Making Order* filed under RCW 34.05.350.

**CR-103P** is a permanent *Rule-making Order* filed under RCW 34.05.360.

**CR-105** is an *Expedited Rule-making* notice filed under RCW 34.05.353.

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