



Notice of Permanent Rules – Cannabis Samples Rulemaking

Concise Explanatory Statement

This concise explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board's (LCB) adoption of rule amendments to the cannabis samples rule at [WAC 314-55-096](#).

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. The concise explanatory statement must be provided to any person upon request, or from whom the LCB received comment.

The LCB appreciates and encourages your involvement in the rule making process. If you have questions, please e-mail at rules@lcb.wa.gov.

Background and reasons for adopting these rules:

On August 31, 2022, the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) [accepted](#) a petition for rulemaking submitted by Vicki Christopherson, on behalf of the Washington Association of Cannabis Businesses (WACA) requesting the Board consider rulemaking to amend WAC 314-55-096 regarding vendor, educational, and internal quality samples (cannabis samples) to streamline the existing framework.

The project team consists of representation from the Attorney General's Office, Enforcement & Education division, Licensing division, and the Finance division. An in-person discussion was held on March 9, 2023, and included direct engagement with industry members. The LCB sent stakeholder surveys in July 2023 and held virtual collaborative rulemaking discussions in October 2023, which included a PowerPoint linked [here](#).

Detailed explanation of what changes the final rule makes can be found with the supplemental CR-102 materials.

Rulemaking history for this adopted rule:

CR 101 – filed March 1, 2023, as [WSR #23-06-079](#)

CR 102 – filed August 14, 2024, as [WSR #24-17-051](#)

Public hearing held October 9, 2024

Supplemental CR 102 – filed January 29, 2025, as [WSR #25-04-042](#)

Public Hearing held March 12, 2025

The effective date of this amended rule is April 26, 2025.

No public comments were submitted on the Supplement CR 102 rule proposal in the time leading up to the public hearing.