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☐ Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) has amended WAC 314-55-015 to allow persons under 21 years of age (minors) on the licensed premises of cannabis producers and processors provided certain conditions are met. This rulemaking is the result of two rulemaking petitions accepted by the LCB in 2022.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:
Repealed:
Amended: WAC 314-55-015
Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 69.50.325; RCW 69.50.342; RCW 69.50.345

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-09-166 on April 23, 2025 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

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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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

Date Adopted: June 18, 2025

Name: Jim Vollendroff

Title: Board Chair

Signature:



WAC 314-55-015 General information about cannabis licenses. (1)

To be issued and maintain a license to produce, process, or sell cannabis at retail, a person or entity applying for a cannabis license must meet all of the qualifications described in this chapter.

(2) All applicants, licensees, and employees working in each licensed establishment must be at least 21 years of age. ~~((No one))~~ Persons, as defined in RCW 69.50.101, who are under 21 years of age ((may)) must not:

(a) Enter or remain on ((a cannabis)) the licensed premises of a cannabis licensee except as provided in RCW 69.50.357 or as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(b) Possess any products associated with the production, processing, or sales of cannabis. Violations of this subsection are subject to the same penalties established for allowing persons under 21 years of age to frequent a retail licensed premises under WAC 314-55-525.

(3) Persons under the age of 16 who are children or grandchildren of the licensees may enter or remain on the licensed premises of a cannabis producer or processor, as provided in this subsection. Violations of this subsection are subject to the same penalties established for failure to maintain required surveillance system under WAC 314-55-522.

(a) The person does not enter or remain in areas where cannabis is present including, but not limited to, those areas where cannabis is grown, dried, cured, trimmed, processed in any manner, stored, or being prepared for shipment, unless accompanied by and under the direct supervision of the licensee.

(b) The licensee is on the licensed premises at all times while their child or grandchild is present.

(4) A licensed producer or processor may allow a person under 21 years of age to enter or remain on the licensed premises under the conditions outlined in this subsection.

(a) The person under 21 years of age is:

(i) At least 18 years of age.

(ii) Employed by a licensed plumbing contractor under chapter 18.106 RCW, or licensed electrical contractor under chapter 19.28 RCW, or a contractor registered with the Washington state department of labor and industries as required under chapters 18.27 RCW and 296-200A WAC.

(iii) On the licensed premises only during the course of their official employment providing contracted services to the licensee and does not remain on the premises any longer than is necessary to perform duties associated with their employment.

(iv) Accompanied at all times by either:

(A) A supervisor who is employed by the same licensed or registered contractor and who is at least 21 years of age; or

(B) A general contractor with supervisory authority and control over the workplace who is at least 21 years of age.

(b) In addition to requirements under WAC 314-55-083, including wearing an identification badge while on the premises, licensees must record the following information about employees of contractors in the visitor log:

(i) If the employee is under 21 years of age; and

(ii) The name of contractor business for whom employee is engaged in work while on the licensed premises.

~~((+3+))~~ (5) Mandatory signs must be conspicuously posted at all cannabis licensed premises consistent with the requirements in WAC 314-55-086.

~~((+4+))~~ (6) The privileges of a board issued cannabis license may be used only after the board issues official written approval.

~~((+5+))~~ (7) The board will not approve an application for a cannabis license under any of the following circumstances:

(a) The proposed cannabis location would limit law enforcement access without notice or cause, including a personal residence;

(b) The proposed cannabis business would be located on federal lands;

(c) The proposed cannabis business would be located within the exterior boundaries of the reservation of a federally recognized tribe without the express written consent of the tribe consistent with WAC 314-55-020(4).

(d) The application for a cannabis retail license is located within another business unless that other business is a research license as described in WAC 314-55-073. More than one license may be located in the same building if each licensee has their own area separated by full walls with their own entrance, or if the same business entity holds a producer license and a processor license at the same location under a single license number. Product may not be commingled.

~~((+6+))~~ (8) The board may impose special conditions to an approval for a cannabis license. Special conditions include, but are not limited to, involvement of any former licensee in the operations of the licensed business, their former employees, or any person not qualifying for a cannabis license.

~~((+7+))~~ (9) All cannabis licensees must conspicuously post and keep posted its license, or licenses, and any additional correspondence issued by the board describing special conditions.

~~((+8+))~~ (10) A cannabis licensee must use sanitary practices in the production, processing, storage, and sale of all cannabis products.

~~((+9+))~~ (11) Cannabis licensees may not allow the consumption of cannabis or cannabis-infused products on or within the licensed premises.

(12) Nothing in this section conflicts with RCW 9.41.300 as the entire premises remain classified as off-limits to persons under 21 years of age from the general public.