Proposed Testing Fee Rulemaking

Update to WAC 16-228-1540

Pesticide Licensing and Recertification Program
Webinar Update Series

Background

- See previous webinar on agr.wa.gov for background on this rulemaking

Quick refresher

- Computer-based testing will require a contract with a vendor outside of WSDA.
- Current WAC language limits fee to $25.
- Rule language needs to be updated to allow us to move forward.

Proposed Update

Proposed WAC language
What’s new?

- Splits out fee for paper-based testing vs. computer-based testing.
- Specifies that WSDA may administer exams or contract with a vendor.
- Cleans up some language for consistency.
An examination fee of twenty-five dollars shall be paid prior to administration of any pesticide or structural pest inspector license examinations.

(1) An examination fee of $25.00 shall be paid prior to administration of any paper-based pesticide or structural pest inspector license examination.

(2) An examination fee of not more than $65.00 shall be paid prior to the administration of each computer-based pesticide or structural pest inspector license examination.

If a third-party entity administers a computer-based licensing examination, an applicant shall pay the examination cost established in the vendor’s contract with the Department, not to exceed the amount set in this section. The Department will post this examination fee to its website.
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(3) The Director may administer the pesticide examinations, may contract with an examination or testing vendor to administer the exams, or both.

Timeline

- **2020**
  - RCW language revised to allow for vendors to collect testing fees.
  - CR-101 filed.
- **August 2021**
- **June 22nd, 2022**
  - Public hearings (July 26th 9am and 2pm).
- **July 26th, 2022**
  - Request proposal from vendors, go through contract process, choose a vendor.
- **Summer 2022**
  - Anticipated adoption of final rule.
- **Fall 2022**
  - May take 6 months to a year between choosing a vendor and implementing new computer-based testing process.

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