



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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**Permanent Rules**

31 days after filing.

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:** Amendments to WAC 388-823-0500 establish criteria for an acceptable diagnostic report. Amendments to WAC 388-823-0720 replace the Woodcock-Johnson Test of Achievement with the Woodcock-Johnson Test of Cognitive Abilities.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 388-823-0500, WAC 388-823-0720

Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 71A.12.030

**Other authority:** RCW 71A.12.020, RCW 71A.16.020

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-20-136 on October 6, 2021 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

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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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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>2</u>	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	___	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	___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Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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>2</u>	Repealed	___

**Date Adopted:** December 6, 2021

**Name:** Donald Clintsman

**Title:** DSHS Acting Secretary

**Signature:**



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-13-164, filed 6/23/21, effective 8/1/21)

**WAC 388-823-0500 How do I show that I have autism as an eligible condition?** (1) To be considered for eligibility under the condition of autism:

- (a) You must be age four or older;
- (b) You must have been diagnosed with:
  - (i) Autism spectrum disorder 299.00 under the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fifth edition (DSM-5); or
  - (ii) Autistic disorder 299.00 under the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, text revision (DSM-IV-TR) before February 1, 2022;
- (c) You must have been diagnosed by:
  - (i) A board-certified neurologist;
  - (ii) A board-certified psychiatrist;
  - (iii) A licensed psychologist;
  - (iv) An advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) associated with an autism center, developmental center, or center of excellence;
  - (v) A licensed physician associated with an autism center, developmental center, or center of excellence; or
  - (vi) A board certified developmental and behavioral pediatrician.
- (d) The condition must be expected to continue indefinitely; and
- (e) You must provide evidence of onset before age five.

(2) An acceptable diagnostic report includes documentation of diagnostic criteria specified in:

- (a) The DSM-5; or
- (b) DSM-IV-TR for a diagnostic report dated before February 1, 2022.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-13-164, filed 6/23/21, effective 8/1/21)

**WAC 388-823-0720 What evidence do I need of my FSIQ?** Evidence of a qualifying FSIQ is derived from one of the tests listed in the table below.

Assessment	Qualifying score at more than 2 standard deviations	Qualifying score at more than 1.5 standard deviations	Qualifying score at more than 1 standard deviation
Stanford-Binet 4th edition or earlier editions	67 or less	75 or less	83 or less
Stanford-Binet 5th edition	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less
Wechsler intelligence scales (Wechsler)	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less

Assessment	Qualifying score at more than 2 standard deviations	Qualifying score at more than 1.5 standard deviations	Qualifying score at more than 1 standard deviation
Differential abilities scale (DAS)	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less
Kaufman assessment battery for children (K-ABC)	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less
Das-Naglieri cognitive assessment system (CAS)	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less
Woodcock-Johnson-Test of ((achievement)) cognitive abilities III, III-R, or IV	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less
Reynolds intellectual assessment scales, 2nd edition (RIAS 2)	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less

(1) The test must be administered by a licensed psychologist or Washington certified school psychologist or other school psychologist certified by the National Association of School Psychologists.

(2) The FSIQ score cannot be attributable to mental illness or other psychiatric condition occurring at any age; or other illness or injury occurring after age eighteen:

(a) If you are dually diagnosed with a qualifying condition and mental illness, other psychiatric condition, or other illness or injury, you must provide acceptable documentation that your intellectual impairment, measured by a FSIQ test, would meet the requirements for DDA eligibility without the influence of the mental illness, other psychiatric condition, or other illness or injury.

(b) "Acceptable documentation" means written reports or statements that are directly related to the subject at issue, reasonable in light of all the evidence, and from a source of appropriate authority. The determination of whether a document is acceptable is made by DDA.

(c) If no documentation is provided or DDA determines that the documentation is not acceptable DDA will deny eligibility. The determination may be challenged through an administrative appeal.

(3) If you have a vision impairment that prevents completion of the performance portion of the IQ test, the administering professional may estimate an FSIQ using only the verbal IQ score of the appropriate Wechsler.

(4) If you have a significant hearing impairment, English is not your primary language, or you are nonverbal your FSIQ may be estimated using one of the tests shown in the table below.

Assessment	Qualifying score at more than 2 standard deviations	Qualifying score at 1.5 or more standard deviations	Qualifying score more than 1 standard deviation
Wechsler intelligence scales (WISC, WAIS, WNV)	69 or less on the performance scale, or, on both the perceptual reasoning index and processing speed index	77 or less on the performance scale, or, on both the perceptual reasoning index and the processing speed index	84 or less on the performance scale, or, on both the perceptual reasoning index and the processing speed index
Leiter international performance scale-revised (Leiter-R)	69 or less	77 or less	84 or less
Comprehensive test of nonverbal intelligence (C-TONI)	69 or less on full scale (NVIQ)	77 or less on full scale (NVIQ)	84 or less on full scale (NVIQ)
Kaufman assessment battery for children (K-ABC)	Nonverbal scale index of 69 or less	Nonverbal scale index of 77 or less	Nonverbal scale index of 84 or less

(5) If you are over the age of nineteen at the time of your determination you must have a valid FSIQ obtained at age thirteen or older.