

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 84-01-040, filed 12/15/83)

**WAC 67-10-010 Purpose.** The department of services for the blind is an agency of state government created by chapter 194, Laws of 1983. It shall hereafter in this chapter be referred to as the "department." The chief executive officer of the department is the director. The director shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate.

The state rehabilitation council for the blind has the role of advising the department on issues affecting blind individuals across the state (reference WAC 67-10-025). The members are appointed by the governor. Terms are for a period of three years. State rehabilitation council members elect one of their members as chair for a term of one year.

The department's programs provide services statewide. The department has offices located throughout the state.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 67-10-025 State rehabilitation council for the blind.** (1) The purpose of the state rehabilitation council for the blind is to:

- Review, analyze, and advise the department of its responsibilities under The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 including, vocational rehabilitation, business enterprise program, and independent living services;
- Partner with the department in the development and review of the VR state plan goals and priorities, the DSB strategic plan, reports, needs assessments, and program evaluation;
- Conduct a review and analysis of consumer satisfaction as it relates to the functions performed by the department, the services delivered, and outcomes achieved;
- Prepare and submit an annual report to the governor and the RSA commissioner, and make the report available to the public;
- Coordinate with other councils, as specified by The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including, the state independent living council and centers for independent living;
- Advocate for people who are blind by making recommendations to the governor and the legislature on issues related to the department, other state agencies, or state laws which have a significant effect on the opportunities, services, or rights of blind persons;
- Advise and make recommendations to the governor on the criteria and qualifications pertinent to the selection of the department director;
- Perform other functions consistent with The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, comparable to other functions performed by the council, determined by the council.

(2) Members of the state rehabilitation council for the blind shall be appointed by the governor considering geographic representation, gender, ethnicity and other unique characteristics. Individuals who are blind must constitute a majority of the council.

Membership must also include the following represented groups:

- A consumer organization of the blind; two current or former recipients of vocational rehabilitation services;

- Four representatives of business, labor and industry;
- The state workforce investment board;
- The client assistance program;
- The parent information and training center;
- A current or former qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor who shall be a nonvoting member if currently employed by the department;
- A community rehabilitation program;
- The tribal vocational rehabilitation program;
- The office of the superintendent of public instruction;
- A representative of individuals who are blind who have difficulty representing themselves or are unable, due to their disabilities, to represent themselves;
- The Washington state independent living council;
- The executive director of the department who shall be a nonvoting member.

(3) Members are appointed to the state rehabilitation council for the blind for a term of three years. Members may seek reappointment for a second term. No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms, except for the CAP and tribal representative positions, or unless the governor finds it necessary to extend a position for a specified time in order to achieve required representation. If a vacancy occurs due to resignation or withdrawal prior to the end date of the term, the governor may appoint a new member who will serve out the remainder of the position's term to its scheduled end date. A member's term may be ended at any time by the governor.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 88-09-006, filed 4/11/88)

**WAC 67-10-060 Public records officer.** The public records officer for the department shall be ~~((the deputy director, as designated))~~ appointed by the director, for all records maintained by the department whether located at the ~~((central))~~ headquarters office ~~((thereof at Olympia, Washington,))~~ or at such other offices throughout the state maintained by the department. The public records officer shall be located at such central office. The public records officer shall be responsible for implementation of this chapter regarding release of public records, coordinating the staff of the department in this regard, generally insuring compliance by the staff with the public records disclosure requirements of RCW 42.17.250 through 42.17.320, and maintaining the records index of the department as required.

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**WAC 67-10-080 Office hours.** Public records shall be available for inspection and copying during the customary office hours of the department. For purposes of this chapter, the customary office hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. to ~~((4:30))~~ 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

WAC 67-10-170 ((Form 1 Request for inspection of records.))  
Public records request.

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Request number

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Date requested

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Date provided

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(For office use only)

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND  
Request for Inspection of Records

~~The information requested in Blocks 1 through 6 is not mandatory, however, the completion of these blocks will enable this office to expedite your request and contact you should the record you seek not be immediately available.~~

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1. Name

4. Phone number

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2. Address

5. Representing (if applicable)

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3. Zip code

6. If urgent - date needed  
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~~Below please state what record(s) you wish to inspect and be as specific as possible. If you are uncertain as to the type or identification of specific record or records we will assist you.~~

~~I certify that the information requested from the above record(s) will not be part of a list of individuals to be used for commercial purposes.~~

Signed.....

Date.....))

A public records request form is available for inspection of records and copies of information requested. The requestor provides contact information including name, phone number, address, email address, and a description of the records.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 67-10-020

Description of organization of the department.

WAC 67-10-030	Location of established places.
WAC 67-10-040	Operations and procedures.
WAC 67-10-160	Adoption of forms.
WAC 67-10-180	Form 2—Request for photocopy of record(s).