



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING  
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**Washington Administrative Code  
Notice of Permanent Rules for  
WAC 308-96A-560 – Special license plates.**

**Adoption of:** WAC 308-96A-560 Special license plates – criteria for creation or continued issuance.

**Effective date:** These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing or on November 20, 2023.

**What are the agency’s reasons for adopting this rule?**

The Department is clarifying standard specialty plate design guidelines by requiring new plate designs to show the jurisdiction at the top of the plate.

**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency’s response to those comments:**

Comments	
Paraphrased Comment	Department Response
<b>How will this change affect current specialty plate designs? Are they still in compliance with the WAC changes?</b>	This change does not affect existing plates since they currently comply with new standards. These changes only set standards for new specialty plate designs.

Multiple written comments were submitted regarding this rule change and there was no oral testimony. Each of the questions or comments received by the department are included in the summary above.

**Changes made to the proposed WAC as a result of public comment:**

N/A

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. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rulemaking.

The Department of Licensing appreciates your involvement in this rulemaking process. If you have any questions, please contact Ellis Starrett, Agency Rules Coordinator, at (360) 902-3846 or email [rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov).