

**RCW 69.50.303 Registration.** (1) The commission shall register an applicant to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or conduct research with controlled substances included in RCW 69.50.204, 69.50.206, 69.50.208, 69.50.210, and 69.50.212 unless the commission determines that the issuance of that registration would be inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the commission shall consider the following factors:

- (a) maintenance of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than legitimate medical, scientific, research, or industrial channels;
- (b) compliance with applicable state and local law;
- (c) promotion of technical advances in the art of manufacturing controlled substances and the development of new substances;
- (d) any convictions of the applicant under any laws of another country or federal or state laws relating to any controlled substance;
- (e) past experience in the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances, and the existence in the applicant's establishment of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than legitimate medical, scientific, research, or industrial channels;
- (f) furnishing by the applicant of false or fraudulent material in any application filed under this chapter;
- (g) suspension or revocation of the applicant's federal registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances as authorized by federal law; and
- (h) any other factors relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

(2) Registration under subsection (1) of this section does not entitle a registrant to manufacture or distribute controlled substances included in Schedule I or II other than those specified in the registration.

(3) Practitioners must be registered, or exempted under RCW 69.50.302(4), to dispense any controlled substances or to conduct research with controlled substances included in Schedules II through V if they are authorized to dispense or conduct research under the law of this state. The commission need not require separate registration under this Article for practitioners engaging in research with nonnarcotic substances included in Schedules II through V where the registrant is already registered under this Article in another capacity. Practitioners registered under federal law to conduct research with substances included in Schedule I may conduct research with substances included in Schedule I within this state upon furnishing the commission evidence of that federal registration.

(4) A manufacturer or distributor registered under the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et seq., may submit a copy of the federal application as an application for registration as a manufacturer or distributor under this section. The commission may require a manufacturer or distributor to submit information in addition to the application for registration under the federal act. [2024 c 121 s 46; 2013 c 19 s 99; 1993 c 187 s 17; 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 433; 1971 ex.s. c 308 s 69.50.303.]

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