

**RCW 69.50.304 Denial and discipline of registration—Seizure or placement under seal of controlled substances.** (1) This chapter and chapter 18.64 RCW govern the denial of registrations and the discipline of registrations issued under RCW 69.50.303. The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs unlicensed practice of persons required to obtain a registration under this chapter.

(2) In addition to any other grounds, the commission may take action against the registration, or exemption from registration, under RCW 69.50.303 to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or conduct research with a controlled substance upon finding that the registrant has:

(a) furnished false or fraudulent material information in any application filed under this chapter;

(b) been convicted of a felony under any state or federal law relating to any controlled substance;

(c) had the registrant's federal registration suspended or revoked and is no longer authorized by federal law to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or conduct research with controlled substances; or

(d) committed acts that would render registration under RCW 69.50.303 inconsistent with the public interest as determined under that section.

(3) The commission may limit revocation or suspension of a registration to the particular controlled substance or schedule of controlled substances, with respect to which grounds for revocation or suspension exist.

(4) If the commission suspends or revokes a registration, all controlled substances owned or possessed by the registrant at the time of suspension or the effective date of the revocation order may be placed under seal. No disposition may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court. Upon a revocation order becoming final, all controlled substances may be forfeited to the state.

(5) The commission may seize or place under seal any controlled substance owned or possessed by a registrant whose registration has expired or who has ceased to practice or do business in the manner contemplated by the registration. The controlled substance must be held for the benefit of the registrant or the registrant's successor in interest. The commission shall notify a registrant, or the registrant's successor in interest, who has any controlled substance seized or placed under seal, of the procedures to be followed to secure the return of the controlled substance and the conditions under which it will be returned. The commission may not dispose of any controlled substance seized or placed under seal under this subsection until the expiration of 180 days after the controlled substance was seized or placed under seal. The costs incurred by the commission in seizing, placing under seal, maintaining custody, and disposing of any controlled substance under this subsection may be recovered from the registrant, any proceeds obtained from the disposition of the controlled substance, or from both. Any balance remaining after the costs have been recovered from the proceeds of any disposition must be delivered to the registrant or the registrant's successor in interest.

(6) The commission shall promptly notify the drug enforcement administration of all orders restricting, suspending, or revoking

registration and all forfeitures of controlled substances. [2024 c 121 s 47; 2013 c 19 s 100; 1993 c 187 s 18; 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 434; 1986 c 124 s 8; 1971 ex.s. c 308 s 69.50.304.]

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