

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Amendment of Chapter 478-156 WAC, Rules for the University of Washington
Residence Halls and Family Housing ApartmentsRECOMMENDED ACTION

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents adopt the amendments to Chapter 478-156 WAC, “Rules for the University of Washington Residence Halls and Family Housing Apartments.”

BACKGROUND

Housing and Food Services at the University of Washington, Seattle campus has requested modifications to their administrative code for eligibility and assignment. Embedded in the revisions are:

- Edits to uniquely identify this WAC chapter as pertaining to the Seattle campus. This is recognition that each campus has unique housing stock and operating methods.
- Modification of sections to include the addition of single student apartments as an assignment option. With the construction related to the master plan, HFS has added inventory that provides apartment style options for single students.
- Changes to the assignment eligibility criteria in family housing apartments to be identified by each specific property with the approval of the Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life.
- Revisions to the family housing assignment process for eligible students to provide equity to students with disabilities, to those in the educational opportunity program, and to single parents with dependent children meeting the financial eligibility requirement. These students will be given equal priority and assigned based on application date.

As required by the Washington Administrative Code rule-making process, the public was notified that a hearing would be held to consider these proposed rules amendments via notices in the *Washington State Register*, *The Daily*, *UW Today*, and included in the online campus calendar. The hearing officer’s report is attached.

The proposed rule amendments have been reviewed by the Attorney General’s Office, and endorsed by the Office of the Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life, and the Housing and Food Services Office.

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Amendment of Chapter 478-156 WAC, Rules for the University of Washington Residence Halls and Family Housing Apartments (continued p. 2)

Attachments

1. Hearing Officer's Report (for public hearing held on November 29, 2012)
2. Proposed amendments to Chapter 478-156 WAC
3. Current text of Chapter 478-156 WAC

Rules Coordination Office

December 6, 2012

President Michael K. Young
Office of the President
University of Washington

Dear President Young,

Pursuant to your delegation, I served as the Hearing Officer to receive public comment on the University of Washington's proposed amendments to Chapter 478-156 WAC, "Rules for the University of Washington Residence Halls and Family Housing Apartments," at the November 29, 2012 public hearing held at 1:00 pm in Room 142 of Gerberding Hall at the University of Washington, Seattle campus. I am pleased to provide this report on the hearing and all written comments received.

As required by the Administrative Procedure Act, the University filed the following notices with the Washington State Office of the Code Reviser: a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (published as WSR 11-20-075); and a Proposed Rule Making (published as WSR 12-21-076). Notices that a hearing would be held were published in *The Daily* on November 20, 2012 and in *UW Today* on November 21, 2012. Notice of this public hearing was also included in the UW Seattle online events calendar. The written comment period began October 19, 2011 and ended November 29, 2012.

Public Comment

No individuals attended the hearing to provide comment on these proposed amendments and no written comments were received.

Analysis and Recommendation

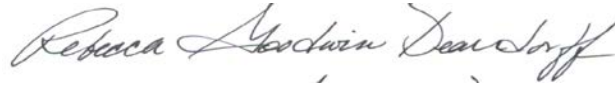
Amendments to the University of Washington's WAC rules for student housing (Chapter 478-156 WAC) are proposed to limit the scope of the chapter to the Seattle campus, allowing other student housing options to be developed for the UW Bothell and UW Tacoma campuses; to update the types of housing now offered to students; and to streamline administrative practices.

The proposed revisions have been reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and endorsed by the Director of Housing and Food Services, and the Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life.

As there were no comments to the contrary, it is my recommendation that the Board of Regents adopt the amendments to Chapter 478-156 WAC as provided on the amended copy (marked OTS-5044.3).

An audio recording of the hearing has been deposited with the Secretary of the Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca Goodwin Deardorff".

Rebecca Goodwin Deardorff
Director of Rules Coordination

c: Ms. Lenina Arenas-Fuentes
Mr. Eric Godfrey
Ms. Joan Goldblatt
Mr. Jack Johnson
Ms. Pamela Schreiber
Mr. Mark Stanley

Chapter 478-156 WAC

RULES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS, SINGLE STUDENT AND FAMILY HOUSING APARTMENTS

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 97-24-048, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97)

WAC 478-156-010 Legal authority to enact. Pursuant to the authority granted by RCW 28B.20.130 and 28B.15.031, the board of regents of the University of Washington has established the following rules governing the operation of the university's residence halls, single student and family housing apartments for the University of Washington, Seattle campus.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 97-24-048, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97)

WAC 478-156-011 Purpose of residence halls, single student and family housing apartments. The residence halls, single student and family housing apartments exist primarily to provide a conveniently located living environment for university students which will contribute to their educational development.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 97-24-048, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97)

WAC 478-156-013 Priority for residence halls (~~Eligibility~~) and single student apartments. Priority for use of residence hall space and single student apartments is given to enrolled students at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Priority for use of any remaining housing space is specific to each residence hall or apartment building. Up-to-date information pertaining to residence hall and single student apartment use priority is available on the University of Washington, Seattle

housing and food services' web site.

Subject to space availability, the following may be granted residence privileges in the order of their applications after the needs of enrolled students have been fulfilled:

(1) Participants in university-sponsored short courses, conferences, and state tests and examinations.

(2) Visiting scholars sponsored by academic departments.

(3) Students attending nearby community colleges.

(4) On a transient basis, visiting students from other institutions, visiting faculty members and guests of student residents.

(5) Other groups when approved by the committee on the use of university facilities.

(6) Other groups or individuals approved by housing and food services, on a space available basis.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 97-24-048, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97)

WAC 478-156-016 Family housing apartments--Assignment and unit size eligibility. Residents must be enrolled as full-time students at the University of Washington three of the four quarters of an academic year, and be married couples; registered, same-sex domestic partners (that is, the partnerships are registered with the ~~((city of Seattle))~~ state of Washington or other jurisdictions where domestic partner registrations are offered); or single parents with dependent children. In addition, financial eligibility must be verified ~~((annually))~~ prior to move-in for those students in priority groups (1) through (3), which are described in WAC 478-156-017. The office of student financial aid will ~~((annually))~~ update financial need figures for family housing eligibility and will ~~((annually))~~ evaluate the resources of each new applicant ~~((and each current resident of family housing))~~ to determine if their requirements for financial assistance exceed the established need figures. Separate financial need figures are established for each unit size. ~~((The applicable dollar amounts and deadlines for submission of the financial aid form are published by and available at the housing and food services office in January of each year. Eligibility will be for the period July 1 through June 30.))~~ Any expenses related to the processing of the financial aid form will be borne by the applicant or the current resident. ~~((Residents not meeting the eligibility requirements who feel they have mitigating circumstances may appeal to the application appeal and eviction review committee.))~~ Assignment eligibility criteria for each unit size of university-owned housing is specific to the property and outlined on the University of Washington, Seattle housing and food services web site.

Changes to these eligibility criteria shall be approved

through the office of the vice-president and vice-provost for student life after consultation with student leadership from the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 97-24-048, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97)

WAC 478-156-017 Assignment priority. Applicants for university-owned family housing apartments who are judged eligible for assignment pursuant to WAC 478-156-016 are assigned in the following order of priority, based on the date of application:

(1) Students who have special housing needs due to:

● Disability-related reasons (~~((financial eligibility may be waived on a case-by-case basis for students with disabilities),)~~);

● Students in the university's educational opportunity program (~~(, and others with extreme financial or personal hardship. (2))~~);

● Students who are single parents and have dependent children meeting financial eligibility criteria as set forth in WAC 478-156-016; and

● Others with extreme financial or personal hardship.

~~((3))~~ (2) Other students meeting financial eligibility criteria as set forth in WAC 478-156-016.

~~((4))~~ (3) Other students exceeding financial eligibility criteria.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 478-156-015

Occupancy deadline.

WAC 478-156-018

Unit size--Eligibility standards.

Chapter 478-156 WAC

RULES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON RESIDENCE HALLS AND FAMILY HOUSING APARTMENTS

WAC Sections

[478-156-010](#) Legal authority to enact.

[478-156-011](#) Purpose of residence halls and family housing apartments.

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[478-156-013](#) Residence halls -- Eligibility.

[478-156-015](#) Occupancy deadline.

[478-156-016](#) Family housing apartments -- Eligibility.

[478-156-017](#) Assignment priority.

[478-156-018](#) Unit size -- Eligibility standards.

DISPOSITIONS OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

478-156-001, 478-156-002, 478-156-003, 478-156-004, 478-156-005, 478-156-006, 478-156-007, 478-156-008, 478-156-009. [Order 72-2, § 478-156-001 through § 478-156-009, filed 4/27/72, effective 6/19/72.] Repealed by Order 73-4, filed 4/16/73.

478-156-014 Assignment priority. [Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#). 97-24-048, § 478-156-014, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-014, filed 11/6/72.] Repealed by 01-24-014, filed 11/26/01, effective 12/27/01. Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#).

478-156-010 Legal authority to enact.

Pursuant to the authority granted by RCW [28B.20.130](#) and [28B.15.031](#), the board of regents of the University of Washington has established the following rules governing the operation of the university's residence halls and family housing apartments.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#). 97-24-048, § 478-156-010, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-010, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-011 Purpose of residence halls and family housing apartments.

The residence halls and family housing apartments exist to provide a conveniently located living environment for university students which will contribute to their educational development.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#). 97-24-048, § 478-156-011, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-011, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-012 Modification of these rules.

The board of regents reserves the right to add, delete, or modify portions of these rules in accordance with its rules and applicable laws.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#), 97-24-048, § 478-156-012, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-012, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-013 Residence halls — Eligibility.

Priority for use of residence hall space is given to enrolled students at the University of Washington. Subject to space availability, the following may be granted residence privileges in the order of their applications after the needs of enrolled students have been fulfilled:

- (1) Participants in university-sponsored short courses, conferences and state tests and examinations.
- (2) Visiting scholars sponsored by academic departments.
- (3) Students attending nearby community colleges.
- (4) On a transient basis, visiting students from other institutions, visiting faculty members and guests of student residents.
- (5) Other groups when approved by the committee on the use of university facilities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#), 97-24-048, § 478-156-013, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-013, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-015 Occupancy deadline.

Students who have applied and have been assigned to a hall must occupy their rooms by noon of the second day of the quarter or their reservations will be terminated.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#), 97-24-048, § 478-156-015, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-015, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-016 Family housing apartments — Eligibility.

Residents must be enrolled as full-time students at the University of Washington three of the four quarters of an academic year, and be married couples; registered, same-sex domestic partners (that is, the partnerships are registered with the city of Seattle or other jurisdictions where domestic partner registrations are offered); or single parents with dependent children. In addition, financial eligibility must be verified annually for those students in priority groups (1) through (3), which are described in WAC [478-156-017](#). The office of student financial aid will annually update financial need figures for family housing eligibility and will annually evaluate the resources of each new applicant and each current resident of family housing to determine if their requirements for financial assistance exceed the established need figures. Separate financial need figures are established for each unit size. The applicable dollar amounts and deadlines for submission of the financial aid form are published by and available at the housing and food services office in January of each year. Eligibility will be for the period July 1 through June 30. Any expenses related to the processing of the financial aid form will be borne by the applicant or the current resident. Residents not meeting the eligibility requirements who feel they have mitigating circumstances may appeal to the application appeal and eviction review committee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#), 97-24-048, § 478-156-016, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97. Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#)(1), 80-03-005 (Order 79-5), § 478-156-016, filed 2/8/80; Order 72-6, § 478-156-016, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-017 Assignment priority.

Applicants for university-owned family housing apartments who are judged eligible for assignment pursuant to WAC [478-156-016](#) are assigned in the following order of priority:

(1) Students who have special housing needs due to disability-related reasons (financial eligibility may be waived on a case-by-case basis for students with disabilities), students in the university's educational opportunity program, and others with extreme financial or personal hardship.

(2) Students who are single parents and have dependent children.

(3) Other students meeting financial eligibility criteria as set forth in WAC [478-156-016](#).

(4) Other students exceeding financial eligibility criteria.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#), 97-24-048, § 478-156-017, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97. Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#)(1), 80-03-005 (Order 79-5), § 478-156-017, filed 2/8/80; Order 72-6, § 478-156-017, filed 11/6/72.]

478-156-018 Unit size — Eligibility standards.

(1) Studio units. Married couples with no children; registered, same-sex domestic partners with no children; or single persons at least 20 years of age or of junior standing.

(2) One bedroom units. Married couples with no children; registered, same-sex domestic partners with no children; single parents with one child; married couples with one child; or registered, same-sex domestic partners with one child.

(3) Two bedroom units. Married couples with one or two children; registered, same-sex domestic partners with one or two children; or single parents with one or two children.

(4) Three bedroom units. Married couples with two or more children; registered, same-sex domestic partners with two or more children; or single parents with two or more children.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28B.20.130](#), 97-24-048, § 478-156-018, filed 11/26/97, effective 12/27/97; Order 72-6, § 478-156-018, filed 11/6/72.]
