

WAC 196-33-500 Seal and stamp usage. The use of the seal/stamp shall be in accordance with chapters 18.43 and 18.210 RCW, or as otherwise described herein:

(1) Final documents are those documents that are prepared and distributed for use for construction, final agency approvals, use by clients, and record drawings or as-builts for filing with public officials where such record drawings or as-builts are required to be prepared by the licensee. Any final document must contain the seal/stamp, license expiration date and signature of the licensee who prepared or directly supervised the work. For the purpose of this section "document" is defined as plans, designs, specifications and reports.

(2) Preliminary documents are those documents not considered final as defined herein, but are released or distributed by the licensee. Preliminary documents must be clearly identified as "PRELIMINARY" or contain such wording so it may be differentiated from a final document. Preliminary documents shall be stamped and dated, but need not be signed by the licensee.

(3) Plan sets: Every page of a plan set must contain the seal/stamp and signature of the licensee(s) who prepared or who had direct supervision over the preparation of the work.

(a) Plans/designs containing work prepared by or under the direct supervision of more than one licensee shall be sealed/stamped by each licensee and shall clearly note the extent of each licensee's responsibility.

(b) As provided for in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, each page of a plan set must contain the seal/stamp of the licensee who prepared or who had direct supervision over the preparation of the work and may contain the signature of the licensee depending on whether the plan set is final or preliminary.

(c) Plan/design sheets containing and/or depicting background and/or supporting information that is duplicated from other plans need only be sealed/stamped by the licensee(s) who prepared or was in direct supervision of the design on that plan sheet. Whenever possible, the origin of the background information should be noted on the plan sheet.

(d) All design revisions to final plan/design sheets shall be performed by qualified licensees and shall be done in accordance with the provisions of RCW 18.210. The revised plan/design sheets shall clearly identify on each sheet; the revisions made and shall contain the name and seal of the licensee, and signature of licensee with the date the revision was made.

(4) Specifications: Specifications that are prepared by or under the direct supervision of a licensee shall contain the seal/stamp and signature of the licensee. If the specifications prepared by a licensee are a portion of a bound specification document that contains specifications other than that of an on-site design nature, the licensee need only seal/stamp that portion or portions of the documents for which the licensee is responsible. Nothing herein should be construed to require that each page of a on-site design specification be sealed/stamped by the licensee.

(5) Document review: When a licensee is required to review work prepared by another licensed on-site designer, the reviewing licensee shall fully review those documents and shall prepare a report that discusses the findings of the review with any supporting calculations and sketches. The reviewing licensee would then seal/stamp and sign the report. The report would make reference to and/or be attached to the subject document(s) reviewed.

(6) Nothing in this section requires the stamping of plans/designs by employees of local health districts acting in their capacity as on-site inspectors/reviewers, whether or not licensed under chapter 18.210 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.210.050, 18.210.060. WSR 01-11-102, § 196-33-500, filed 5/21/01, effective 6/21/01.]