

**WAC 246-10-702 Final orders.** (1) The form and content of final orders:

(a) Must contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order, and must be signed by the presiding officer or review officer.

(b) May adopt by reference the initial order in whole or in part.

(c) May modify or revise the initial order in whole or in part.

(2) Final orders must be served upon the parties and their representatives as provided in WAC 246-10-109.

(3) Final orders must be issued following:

(a) A review of the record;

(b) A review of the initial order, if any;

(c) A review of any request for administrative review of the initial order and any response thereto; and

(d) Consideration of protection of the public health and welfare.

(4) Unless a later date is stated in the final order, final orders will be effective when entered but a party is not required to comply with a final order until the order is served upon that party.

(5) Final orders may contain orders that specified portions of the agency record are not disclosed as public records if necessary to protect privacy interests, the public welfare, or vital governmental functions. Such orders include, but are not limited to, protective orders issued during the proceeding or pursuant to WAC 246-10-405.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040, 34.05.220, 34.05.410, 18.130.050, and 34.05.413 through 34.05.476. WSR 18-18-049, § 246-10-702, filed 8/29/18, effective 9/29/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 94-04-079, § 246-10-702, filed 1/31/94, effective 3/3/94; WSR 93-13-005 (Order 369), § 246-10-702, filed 6/3/93, effective 7/4/93.]