

WAC 246-235-090 Special requirements for specific licenses of broad scope. This section prescribes requirements for the issuance of specific licenses of broad scope for radioactive material ("broad licenses") and certain regulations governing holders of these licenses.*

*Note: A person may not introduce radioactive material into a product or material, knowing or having reasons to believe that it will be transferred to persons exempt under this section or other sections or equivalent regulations of the NRC or an agreement state, except in accordance with a specific license issued by NRC, Washington, D.C. 20555. Authority to transfer possession or control by the manufacturer, processor, or producer of any equipment, device, commodity or other product containing source material, by-product material or radioactive material, whose subsequent possession, use, transfer and disposal by all other persons exempted from regulatory requirements may be obtained only from the NRC, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(1) *The different types of broad licenses are listed below:*

(a) A "Type A specific license of broad scope" is a specific license authorizing receipt, acquisition, ownership, possession, use and transfer of any chemical or physical form of the radioactive material specified in the license, but not exceeding quantities specified in the license, for any authorized purpose. The quantities specified are usually in the multi-curie range.

(b) A "Type B specific license of broad scope" is a specific license authorizing receipt, acquisition, ownership, possession, use and transfer of any chemical or physical form of radioactive material specified in WAC 246-235-140 Schedule B, for any authorized purpose. The possession limit for a Type B broad license, if only one radionuclide is possessed thereunder, is the quantity specified for that radionuclide in WAC 246-235-140 Schedule B, Column I. If two or more radionuclides are possessed, the possession limit for each is determined as follows: For each radionuclide, determine the ratio of the quantity possessed to the applicable quantity specified in WAC 246-235-140 Schedule B, Column I, for that radionuclide. The sum of the ratios for all radionuclides possessed under the license must not exceed unity.

(c) A "Type C specific license of broad scope" is a specific license authorizing receipt, acquisition, ownership, possession, use and transfer of any chemical or physical form of radioactive material specified in WAC 246-235-140 Schedule B, for any authorized purpose. The possession limit for a Type C broad license, if only one radionuclide is possessed, is the quantity specified for that radionuclide in WAC 246-235-140 Schedule B, Column II. If two or more radionuclides are possessed, the possession limit is determined for each as follows: For each radionuclide determine the ratio of the quantity possessed to the applicable quantity specified in WAC 246-235-140 Schedule B, Column II, for that radionuclide. The sum of the ratios for all radionuclides possessed under the license must not exceed unity.

(2) *The department will approve an application for a Type A specific license of broad scope if:*

(a) The applicant satisfies the general requirements specified in WAC 246-235-020.

(b) The applicant has engaged in a reasonable number of activities involving the use of radioactive material; and

(c) The applicant has established administrative controls and provisions relating to organization and management, procedures, recordkeeping, material control and accounting, and management review that are necessary to assure safe operations, including:

(i) The establishment of a radiation safety committee composed of a radiation safety officer, a representative of management, and persons trained and experienced in the safe use of radioactive material;

(ii) The appointment of a radiation safety officer who is qualified by training and experience in radiation protection, and who is available for advice and assistance on radiation safety matters; and

(iii) The establishment of appropriate administrative procedures to assure:

(A) Control of procurement and use of radioactive material;

(B) Completion of safety evaluations of proposed uses of radioactive material which take into consideration such matters as the adequacy of facilities and equipment, training and experience of the user, and the operating or handling procedures; and

(C) Review, approval, and recording by the radiation safety committee of safety evaluation of proposed uses prepared in accordance with item (2)(c)(iii)(B) of this section prior to use of the radioactive material.

(3) *The department will approve an application for a Type B specific license of broad scope if:*

(a) The applicant satisfies the general requirements specified in WAC 246-235-020; and

(b) The applicant has established administrative controls and provisions relating to organization and management, procedures, recordkeeping, material control and accounting, and management review that are necessary to assure safe operations, including:

(i) The appointment of a radiation safety officer who is qualified by training and experience in radiation protection, and who is available for advice and assistance on radiation safety matters; and

(ii) The establishment of appropriate administrative procedures to assure:

(A) Control of procurement and use of radioactive material;

(B) Completion of safety evaluations of proposed uses of radioactive material which take into consideration such matters as the adequacy of facilities and equipment, training and experience of the user, and the operating or handling procedures; and

(C) Review, approval, and recording by the radiation safety officer of safety evaluations of proposed uses prepared in accordance with item (3)(b)(ii)(B) of this section prior to use of the radioactive material.

(4) *The department will approve an application for a Type C specific license of broad scope if:*

(a) The applicant satisfies the general requirements specified in WAC 246-235-020.

(b) The applicant submits a statement that radioactive material will be used only by, or under the direct supervision of individuals, who have received:

(i) A college degree at the bachelor level, or equivalent training and experience, in the physical or biological sciences or in engineering; and

(ii) At least forty hours of training and experience in the safe handling of radioactive material, and in the characteristics of ionizing radiation, units of radiation dose and quantities, radiation detection instrumentation, and biological hazards of exposure to radiation appropriate to the type and forms of radioactive material to be used; and

(c) The applicant has established administrative controls and provisions relating to procurement of radioactive material, procedures, recordkeeping, material control and accounting, and management review necessary to assure safe operations.

(5) *Specific licenses of broad scope are subject to the following conditions:*

(a) Unless specifically authorized by the department, persons licensed under this section shall not:

(i) Conduct tracer studies in the environment involving direct release of radioactive material;

(ii) Receive, acquire, own, possess, use or transfer devices containing 3700 terabecquerels (100,000 curies) or more of radioactive material in sealed sources used for irradiation of materials;

(iii) Conduct activities for which a specific license issued by the department under chapter 246-240 WAC, WAC 246-235-086 or 246-235-091 through 246-235-105 is required; or

(iv) Add or cause the addition of radioactive material to any food, beverage, cosmetic, drug or other product designed for ingestion or inhalation by, or application to, a human being.

(b) For each Type A specific license of broad scope radioactive material possessed under the license may only be used by, or under the direct supervision of, individuals approved by the licensee's radiation safety committee.

(c) For each Type B specific license of broad scope radioactive material possessed under the license may only be used by, or under the direct supervision of, individuals approved by the licensee's radiation safety officer.

(d) For each Type C specific license of broad scope radioactive material possessed under the license may only be used by, or under the direct supervision of, individuals who satisfy the requirements of subsection (4) of this section.

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