

Washington State Board of Accountancy

Policy Number: 2017-2

Title: Publication and Disclosure of

Disciplinary Actions

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Approved:

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Purpose:

The Washington State Board of Accountancy's (Board) purpose is, in part, to protect the public interest. The Board is also required to comply with the Public Records Act Chapter 42.56 RCW. To help achieve this purpose, the Board shall make accessible disciplinary actions taken by the Board.

Guiding Principles:

All disciplinary actions taken by the Board shall be published through the Board's licensee search, and through the Board's newsletter in summary. For the purposes of this policy, disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, board orders issued at an administrative hearing, default orders, negotiated consent agreements, and emergency temporary cease and desist orders.

All disciplinary actions are subject to the Public Records Act and may be provided in response to a request in accordance with WAC 4-30-024. The Board shall post any public safety notices on its website immediately.

The Board shall maintain updated disciplinary data through the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) in order to provide current licensee information to the public. NASBA maintains CPAverify.org to provide public access license statuses.

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