



Rule Implementation Plan COVID 19 Emergency Rules – Phase 1

Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328(3), the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby places into the rulemaking file an implementation plan for the amendments to WAC 192-140-200; WAC 192-170-010, -050, -070, -090; WAC 192-200-005, and the new WAC 192-170-020, which amend the availability requirements for unemployment insurance benefits claimants.

Plan to implement and enforce the rule

The Department is amending its internal computer systems to accommodate the changes necessary. The Department will update its internal policy and training manuals to reflect the rule changes. The rule changes will be enforced when a claimant opens or reopens a claim and when a claimant files a weekly claim.

Plan to inform and educate affected persons about the rule

The Department will share rules with stakeholder groups through the Department's online distribution lists. Additionally, the Department's webpage provides information on requirements regarding hours of availability and suitable work for claimants.

Plan to promote and assist voluntary compliance

The plan to promote and assist voluntary compliance will be identical to the plan to inform and educate affected persons about the rule.

Plan to evaluate whether the rules achieve the purpose for which they were adopted

The Department will track the number of claimants that apply for and receive benefits. The Department will use this information to educate employers and workers on the availability requirement while claiming benefits.
