



## **Concise Explanatory Statement Failure to Respond**

### **Introduction**

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.325(6), the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby provides the Department’s reasons for adopting the rule, a description of the variances between the proposed rules and the adopted rules, and a summary of comments received regarding the proposed rules and responses to the comments.

### **Reasons for adopting the rule**

Currently, WAC 192-140-035 states that if an unemployment insurance claimant does not respond to a request for information, they are denied benefits “for an indefinite period of time” until they respond to the Department’s request for information. This rule amendment will explain the circumstances under which a claimant may requalify for benefits after previously being denied due to failing to respond to a request for information from the Department by formalizing two exceptions to the “indefinite period of time” time frame.

### **Variance between proposed rule and final rule**

The proposed rule and the final rule are identical.

### **Summary of comments to proposed rules and agency response**

No comments were received regarding the proposed rule by the deadline.