



Concise Explanatory Statement Overpayment Waivers

Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.325(6), the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby provides the Department's reasons for adopting the rules, 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

The Department's current overpayment waiver emergency rules must be adopted as permanent rules so that all applications can be processed under those rules and to promote the fair treatment of claimants with overpayments. Additionally, in order to expand the availability of overpayment waivers to individuals impacted by the pandemic, the eligibility for waiver of overpayment should be extended to claimants who have an overpayment because they were discharged for misconduct during the pandemic period.

Variance between proposed rule and final rule

No changes were made.

Summary of comments to proposed rules and agency response

No comments were received.