

Concise Explanatory Statement Wildfires and Other Disasters

Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.325(6), the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby provides the Department's reasons for adopting WAC 192-110-600 and amending WAC 192-170-010, WAC 192-270-065, and 192-320-078, 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 rules

The purpose of adopting these rules is to permanently adopt the Department's emergency rules providing flexibility and relief to claimants and employers who are impacted by wildfires and other disasters. These rules address the requirements for claimants impacted by disasters to be able and available for work and to make satisfactory progress in their training to receive training benefits. These rules also address the circumstances when employers can receive relief of benefit charges for individuals who become unemployed due to a catastrophic occurrence.

Variance between proposed rules and final rules

The proposed rules and the final rules are identical.

Summary of comments to proposed rules and agency response

No comments were received.