

NEW SECTION

WAC 192-110-006 Transition rule for reinstatement of the waiting week requirement. (1) **General rule.** If the first week you are otherwise eligible and qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits occurs after the week ending March 7, 2020, through the week ending January 2, 2021, you will not be required to serve an unpaid waiting week before you receive unemployment insurance benefits. If the first week you are otherwise eligible and qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits occurs during any other week, you will be required to serve an unpaid waiting week before you receive unemployment insurance benefits.

(2) **Examples.**

(a) Claimant A files an application for initial determination concerning unemployment insurance benefits during the week ending December 5, 2020. However, the first time claimant A files a claim for benefits is on January 27, 2021, for the week ending January 23, 2021. Claimant A must serve an unpaid waiting week.

(b) Claimant B files an application for initial determination during the week ending December 26, 2020. Claimant B then files a claim for benefits and is paid for the week ending December 26, 2020, and the week ending January 2, 2021. The department later discovers claimant B was not eligible for unemployment benefits for those two weeks. Claimant B will have to serve an unpaid waiting week before receiving any more unemployment benefits.

(c) Claimant C files their application for initial determination on January 13, 2021. Claimant C asks to backdate their unemployment claim to the week ending December 26, 2020, and meets the criteria to have their claim backdated. Claimant C will not have to serve an unpaid waiting week.