

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 25-05-068, filed 2/14/25, effective 3/17/25)

WAC 192-940-010 How will the department determine if someone is a qualified individual? (1) Qualified individual status under RCW 50B.04.050 is determined as follows:

(a) An individual who has earned 10 years toward becoming a qualified individual (~~((without a break of five or more consecutive years in that 10 years))~~) will be eligible for the full benefit amount (~~((. Years with less than 500 hours reported will count toward the break of five or more consecutive years))~~);

(b) An individual who, from the date of application for benefits, has earned three of the last six years toward becoming a qualified individual will qualify for the full benefit amount; or

(c) An individual born before January 1, 1968, who does not qualify under (a) or (b) of this subsection will qualify for one-tenth of the maximum program benefit amount for each earned year toward becoming a qualified individual.

(2) An individual who continues to work in employment or in covered self-employment after qualifying for subsection (1) (b) or (c) of this section, or both, may be eligible to earn additional years toward becoming a qualified individual.

(3) An individual may not exceed the maximum ((lifetime)) program benefit amount under RCW 50B.04.060.

(4) An individual who has an approved exemption cannot become a qualified individual.

NEW SECTION

WAC 192-940-011 How is a qualified individual determination made for the pilot project? (1) Selected individuals may participate in a pilot project established under chapter 50B.04 RCW between January 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026.

(2) The department will make qualified individual determinations in accordance with provisions outlined under this chapter.