

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) Between January 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026, selected individuals may participate in a pilot project established under section 16, chapter 380, Laws of 2025.

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