

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

**WAC 192-940-005 Earning years to become a qualified individual.**

(1) The department will determine years earned toward qualified individual status under RCW 50B.04.050 based on wages earned and hours worked in employment as reported under chapter 192-910 WAC ~~(( $\oplus$ ))~~, in covered self-employment under chapter 192-915 WAC, and as an out-of-state participant under chapter 192-916 WAC.

(2) Only hours worked in reportable employment ~~(( $\oplus$ ))~~, covered self-employment, and as an out-of-state participant will be considered when determining whether an individual has worked at least 500 hours each year.

(3) A year toward qualified individual status may be earned once an individual has accrued 500 hours in employment as reported under chapter 192-910 WAC ~~(( $\oplus$ ))~~, in covered self-employment as reported under chapter 192-915 WAC, and as an out-of-state participant under chapter 192-916 WAC.

(4) Wages and hours reported when an individual had an approved exemption do not count toward qualifying for the benefit.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 25-24-065, filed 12/1/25, effective 1/1/26)

**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 will be eligible for the full benefit amount;

(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 ~~(( $\oplus$ -in))~~, covered self-employment, or as an out-of-state participant 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 program benefit amount under RCW 50B.04.060.

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