



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2024)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 26-10-102

Agency: Employment Security Department

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR

Continuance of WSR

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 26-04-126; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR ____; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

Proposal is exempt under RCW ____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: WAC 192-180-005 Registration for work—RCW 50.20.010(1) and 50.20.230

Hearing location(s):

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June 11, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom Meeting https://esd-wa.gov.zoom.us/j/88303918998?pwd=lx7Xa0LKj70qdG55BbD07Ws2Fz4JBR.1 Meeting ID: 883 0391 8998 Passcode: 002368 --- One tap mobile +13017158592,,88303918998#,,,,*002368# US (Washington DC) +13052241968,,88303918998#,,,,*002368# US	

Date of intended adoption: June 15, 2026 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

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Beginning on date of filing
By June 11, 2026

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: In order to be eligible for unemployment benefits, an individual must be registered for work through the state's labor exchange system. RCW 50.20.010. Under the current version of WAC 192-180-005, if an individual lives within the state of Washington, the Department will generally automatically register that individual for work based on the information provided in the provided in the application for unemployment benefits; individuals who live in a state other than Washington must register for work within one week of the date their first payment is issued. Under the proposed amendments to the rule, claimants will be required to register themselves for work. The goals of the rulemaking include ensuring compliance with state and federal law.

Additionally, the Department is updating its Workforce Integrated Technology system in 2026 to comply with legal requirements regarding claimant registration for work (RCW 50.20.230), and this rule change is necessary to be consistent with those operational changes. Currently, with the Department registering claimants for work, claimants may not be aware they have been registered for work and may not be aware of the reemployment services available to them through the labor exchange system. Having claimants register themselves will help ensure that they have access to the work registration system and can take advantage of those services.

Reasons supporting proposal: The purpose of this rulemaking is to make the Department's rule regarding registration for work consistent with state and federal law. RCW 50.20.010(1)(a), RCW 50.20.230, and 20 C.F.R § 652.210(a) require that claimants register for work in order to be eligible for benefits. Currently, WAC 192-180-005 states that the Department will register claimants for work. The rule is being updated to require that claimant's register themselves for work.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 50.12.010; RCW 50.12.040; RCW 50.20.010; RCW 50.20.230.

Statute being implemented: RCW 50.20.010 and 50.20.230.

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law? Yes No
Federal Court Decision? Yes No
State Court Decision? Yes No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: N/A

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Employment Security Department

Type of proponent: Private. Public. Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)? Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

Name
Address
Phone
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Other

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain:

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570\(2\)](#) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
(i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

- The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
- The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):
- The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs.

This rule pertains to claimants registering for work. It should not impose any costs on businesses.

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Fax
- TTY
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- Other

Date: May 6, 2026

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Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joy Adams", written in a cursive style.