

**WAC 200-305-025 Causes for fine in lieu of debarment.** The director may fine a contractor in lieu of debarment based on a finding of one or more of the causes specified in RCW 39.26.200 (2)(e) or (f).

(1) The director shall decide whether to order debarment or a fine in lieu of debarment. Such decision shall rest with the sound discretion of the director but be informed by the aggravating and mitigating factors set forth in this chapter.

(2) A fine in lieu of debarment shall be set at an amount to:

(a) Negate any economic gain to the contractor from the violation; and

(b) Recover the cost to the state from the contractor's violation.

(3) In the event that a fine in lieu of debarment is ordered and the contractor does not timely pay such fine in lieu of debarment as set forth in the order, the fine in lieu of debarment shall be deemed, without further action, to be a debarment order for a period of three years. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, because the fine in lieu of debarment was subject to review, there shall be no further review of a debarment order that is the result of a fine in lieu of debarment that is not timely paid.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.19.011, 39.26.200 and 2015 c 44. WSR 18-21-055, § 200-305-025, filed 10/9/18, effective 11/9/18.]