

**WAC 456-09-925 Initial decision.** (1) An initial decision shall be prepared when:

(a) An appeal has been heard by only one member of the board;

(b) An appeal has been heard by only two members of the board at a time when there is no vacancy on the board and the two members cannot agree on a conclusion;

(c) An appeal has been heard by a hearing officer; or

(d) The board shall otherwise elect to do so.

(2) If a petition for review as provided in WAC 456-09-930 is not submitted to the board within twenty calendar days of the date of mailing of the initial decision, the initial decision shall be deemed the final decision of the board unless the decision specifies otherwise.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 82.03.170. WSR 05-13-141, § 456-09-925, filed 6/21/05, effective 8/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 82.03.170, 34.05.250, 82.03.140 and 82.03.160. WSR 90-11-105, § 456-09-925, filed 5/22/90, effective 6/22/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 82.03.170. WSR 89-10-056 (Order 89-02), § 456-09-925, filed 5/2/89.]