

**WAC 296-310-210 Collection of judgments.** (1) If a contractor is secured, a plaintiff who has received a final judgment against a contractor may satisfy the judgment out of the security held by the department.

(2) The department shall satisfy a final judgment if the plaintiff serves on the department three certified copies of the unsatisfied judgment. The plaintiff must include the following information with the copies of the judgment:

(a) The name of the contractor, exactly as it appears on the contractor's license;

(b) The contractor's business address;

(c) The names of the owners, partners, or officers of the contractor;

(d) The contractor's license number; and

(e) The exact amount of the judgment awarded by the court, including attorney's fees and interest.

If the department does not receive sufficient information to enable it to pay the judgment, it shall inform the plaintiff that more information is needed.

(3) If a contractor is bonded, a plaintiff can satisfy a final judgment only against the contractor or the bonding company. The department can neither satisfy the judgment nor, unless the department itself is the plaintiff, force the contractor or the bonding company to pay the judgment. The plaintiff must join the bonding company in the suit if it wants the bonding company to pay the judgment.

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