

**WAC 192-210-115 How does membership in a referral union impact a claimant's eligibility for benefits?** (1) **Job search.** If you are a member of a union that has been approved for the referral union program, the department will accept this as meeting the job search requirements of RCW 50.20.010 (1)(c). This means that you are not required to look for work on your own as long as you meet the requirements of WAC 192-210-120.

(2) **Union membership.** Membership in a referral union means journeymen, apprentices, members in travel status as allowed by union guidelines, and those eligible for dispatch and actively seeking dispatch for suitable work.

(3) **Violation of union rules.** You are not required to take an action that violates your union rules or places your union standing in jeopardy as a condition of receiving unemployment benefits.

(4) **Removal from program.** The department will remove you from the referral union program if you do not meet the requirements of WAC 192-210-120. You will be directed to look for work on your own, outside the union dispatch or referral process. You may also be denied benefits for any week(s) in which we decide you were not available for work.

(5) **Extended benefits.** This section does not apply if you are receiving extended benefits. You must meet the job search requirements listed in WAC 192-240-030.

(6) **Union verification.** The department will ask the union to verify that you are eligible for dispatch and actively seeking suitable work through the union. This will be done when you file a new application for unemployment benefits, reopen an existing unemployment claim, and at times while you are in continuous claim status. While you are in continuous claim status, the department will also ask your union to report whether you refused an offer of suitable work during the period in question.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.20.010. WSR 07-01-038, § 192-210-115, filed 12/12/06, effective 1/12/07.]