

**WAC 388-444-0070 What is good cause for quitting my job or reducing my work effort?** Unless otherwise specified the following rules apply to all persons receiving basic food.

(1) You must have a good reason (good cause) for quitting a job or reducing your work effort, as defined in WAC 388-444-0065, or you will be disqualified from receiving basic food under WAC 388-444-0075. Good cause includes the following:

(a) Your employment is unsuitable as under WAC 388-444-0060;

(b) You were discriminated against by an employer based on age, race, sex, color, religious belief, national origin, political belief, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or other reasons in RCW 49.60.180;

(c) Work demands or conditions make continued employment unreasonable, such as working without being paid on schedule;

(d) You accepted other employment or are enrolled at least half time in any recognized school, training program, or institution of higher education;

(e) You must leave a job because another assistance unit member accepted a job or is enrolled at least half time in any recognized school, training program, or institution of higher education in another county or similar political subdivision and your assistance unit must move;

(f) You are under age sixty and retire as recognized by your employer;

(g) You accept a bona fide offer of employment of thirty hours or more a week or where the weekly earnings are equivalent to the federal minimum wage multiplied by thirty hours. However, because of circumstances beyond your control, the job either does not materialize or results in employment of less than thirty hours a week or weekly earnings of less than the federal minimum wage multiplied by thirty hours;

(h) You leave a job in connection with patterns of employment where workers frequently move from one employer to another, such as migrant farm labor or construction work; and

(i) Circumstances included under WAC 388-444-0050;

(2) You are eligible for basic food after quitting a job or reducing your work effort if the circumstances of the job involve:

(a) Changes in job status resulting from involuntary reduction of employment hours while working for the same employer;

(b) Termination of a self-employment enterprise; or

(c) Resignation from a job at the demand of an employer.

(3) You must provide proof that you had good cause for quitting a job or reducing your work effort. However, we do not deny your application for basic food if you are unable to get this proof even with our help.

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