

**WAC 326-20-010 In general.** (1) Any business which meets the definition of a minority business enterprise, a women's business enterprise, a minority woman's business enterprise, a combination minority and women's business enterprise, socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprise, corporate-sponsored dealership as set forth in this title, or public works small business enterprise is eligible to be certified by the state of Washington.

(2) It is not the intent of the program to encourage the participation of businesses owned and controlled by minorities, and/or women, and/or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, who have not encountered practices which prohibited or limited their access to contract opportunities, markets, financing, and other resources, based on their race, ethnic origin, or sex, or disability.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection (1) of this section, to be eligible for certification, any business applying for certification shall have obtained all licenses necessary to lawfully conduct business in the state of Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.353 (1)(b). WSR 25-01-023, s 326-20-010, filed 12/6/24, effective 1/6/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 39.19.030 and 39.19.120. WSR 04-08-093, § 326-20-010, filed 4/6/04, effective 5/7/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 39.19.030(7). WSR 92-11-007, § 326-20-010, filed 5/11/92, effective 6/11/92. Statutory Authority: Chapter 39.19 RCW. WSR 87-18-030 (Order 87-6), § 326-20-010, filed 8/27/87. Statutory Authority: 1983 c 120 § 3(7). WSR 83-22-045 (Order 83-3), § 326-20-010, filed 10/28/83.]