- WAC 357-31-166 At what rate do higher education employees accrue vacation leave? (1) Full-time higher education employees accrue vacation leave at the following rates:
- (a) During the first year of continuous state employment 12 days (eight hours per month);
- (b) During the second year of continuous state employment 13 days (eight hours, 40 minutes per month);
- (c) During the third and fourth years of continuous state employment - 14 days (nine hours, 20 minutes per month);
- (d) During the fifth, sixth, and seventh years of total state employment - 15 days (10 hours per month);
- (e) During the eighth, ninth, and 10th years of total state employment - 16 days (10 hours, 40 minutes per month);
- (f) During the 11th year of total state employment 17 days (11 hours, 20 minutes per month);
- (q) During the 12th year of total state employment 18 days (12 hours per month);
- (h) During the 13th year of total state employment 19 days (12 hours, 40 minutes per month);
- (i) During the 14th year of total state employment 20 days (13 hours, 20 minutes per month);
- (j) During the 15th year of total state employment 21 days (14 hours per month);
- (k) During the 16th and succeeding years of total state employ-
- ment 22 days (14 hours, 40 minutes per month).

 (2) Higher education employers may establish accrual rates that exceed the rates listed in subsection (1) of this section. This does not apply to individual positions.
- (3) The following applies for purposes of computing the rate of vacation leave accrual:
- (a) Each contract year, or equivalent, of exempt academic and professional personnel employment with a higher education employer is credited as one year of qualifying service.
- Employment exempt by the provisions of WAC 357-04-040, 357-04-045, 357-04-050, and 357-04-055 is not credited for the purposes of computing the rate of vacation leave accrual.
- (c) Employment in the legislative and/or judicial branch except for time spent as an elected official or in a judicial appointment is credited.
- (d) Exempt employment with a general government employer is credited, other than that specified in WAC 357-04-055 which is excluded.

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