

WAC 388-02-0020 What does good cause mean? (1) Good cause is a substantial reason or legal justification for failing to appear, to act, or respond to an action. To show good cause, the ALJ must find that a party had a good reason for what they did or did not do, using the provisions of Superior Court Civil Rule 60 as a guideline.

(2) Good cause may include, but is not limited to, the following examples.

(a) You ignored a notice because you were in the hospital or were otherwise prevented from responding; or

(b) You could not respond to the notice because it was written in a language that you did not understand.

(3) For purposes of public assistance cases, good cause has the same meaning as described in RCW 74.08.080. Good cause for not requesting a hearing before the deadline may include, but is not limited to: Military deployment, medical reasons, housing instability, language barriers, or domestic violence.

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