

**Chapter 388-468 WAC**  
**RESIDENCY**

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(a) Must live in Washington state, but not for any specific period of time to be a resident;

(b) Must not receive comparable benefits from another state or tribe during the same month;

(c) Are a resident of the state where you are physically located when there is a residency dispute between states; and

(d) Are not required to live in a permanent dwelling or have a fixed address.

(2) Subsections (3) through (8) of this section apply to cash programs only.

(3) You are a resident if you currently live in Washington state voluntarily and:

(a) Intend to remain in the state not for a temporary purpose; or

(b) Entered the state looking for a job or with a job commitment.

(4) A child under age eighteen is a resident of the state where his or her primary custodian is a resident.

(5) You may temporarily leave Washington state for more than one month and continue to receive benefits if you give the department proof of your intent to continue to reside in Washington state.

(6) If you are a former resident of Washington state, you can apply for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash program while living in another state if:

(a) Your absence was:

(i) Enforced and beyond your control; or

(ii) Essential to your welfare and due to your physical or social needs;

(b) You plan to return to Washington state;

(c) You intend to maintain a residence in Washington state; and

(d) You live in the United States of America at the time you applied for the ABD cash program.

(7) You are not a resident if you entered Washington state only for medical care.

(8) If you move from another state directly to a nursing facility in Washington state, you do not need to establish residency before entering the facility. You are not considered a resident if you are placed in the nursing facility by another state.

(9) Subsections (10) and (11) of this section apply to basic food programs only.

(10) You are a resident for purposes of the basic food program if you live in Washington state.

(11) You are not required to intend to live permanently in Washington state.

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