

**WAC 182-526-0035 Calculating when a hearing deadline ends. (1)**

When counting days to calculate when a hearing deadline ends under program rules or statutes:

(a) Do not include the day of the action, notice, or order. For example, if a hearing decision is mailed on Tuesday and the party has twenty-one days to request a review, start counting the days with Wednesday.

(b) If the last day of the period is a Saturday, Sunday, or a designated holiday under WAC 357-31-005, the deadline is the next business day.

(c) For periods of seven days or less, count only business days. For example, if the party has seven days to respond to a review request that was mailed on Friday, May 10th, the response period ends on Tuesday, May 21st.

(d) For periods over seven days, count every calendar day, including Saturdays, Sundays, and designated holidays under WAC 357-31-005.

(2) The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on the last day.

(3) If the party who requested the hearing misses a deadline, that party may lose the right to a hearing or appeal of a decision.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 17-05-066, § 182-526-0035, filed 2/13/17, effective 3/16/17. Statutory Authority: 2011 1st sp.s. c 15 § 53, chapters 74.09, 34.05 RCW, and 10-08 WAC. WSR 13-02-007, § 182-526-0035, filed 12/19/12, effective 2/1/13.]