

WAC 192-15-510 Access to records or information by government agencies. (1) Applications by government agencies for information or records deemed private and confidential by chapter 50.13 RCW shall be made:

(a) To the public records officer as defined in WAC 192-02-020(2); and

(b) Pursuant to WAC 192-02-060.

(2) If the public records officer:

(a) Is reasonably satisfied that the application meets the requirements of RCW 50.13.060, the department will provide access to the information or records.

(b) Is not reasonably satisfied that the application meets the requirements of RCW 50.13.060, the department may refuse to provide access. The department will provide notification of the denial as prescribed in WAC 192-02-130.

(3) The department shall establish procedures for providing records used for detection of fraud by claimants under various social programs administered by government agencies pursuant to RCW 50.13.060(5). Further investigation of department files concerning these individuals may be accomplished only if the normal requirements of RCW 50.13.060 are met.

(4) The term "other official of the agency" as used in RCW 50.13.060 (1)(b) means an employee who has substantial responsibility for the operation of the requesting agency or for one or more of its programs or administrative units.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.13.030, and chapter 50.13 RCW. WSR 20-21-070, § 192-15-510, filed 10/16/20, effective 11/16/20.]