

WAC 118-11-030 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this title unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Applicant" means an individual applying to the state IA program. An applicant may apply for a disaster survivor on the survivor's behalf.

(2) "Department" means Washington military department, emergency management division.

(3) "Destroyed" means a residence that is a total loss per FEMA PDA guidance.

(4) "Disaster" means an event or set of circumstances which:

(a) Demands immediate action to preserve public health, protect public property, or to provide relief to any stricken community overtaken by such occurrences; or

(b) Reaches such a dimension or degree of destructiveness as to warrant the governor proclaiming a state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.010.

(5) "FEMA" means the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency in responding to and recovering from disasters across the United States.

(6) "Functional" means a residence that is fit for standard use by its occupants for the purposes of performing activities of daily living.

(7) "Habitable" means a residence that is safe, sanitary, functional, and presents no disaster-caused hazards to the occupants.

(8) "Home" or "residence" means the physical location of the damaged primary residence caused by a disaster.

(9) "Home repair assistance" means financial assistance for repairs to make a residence habitable and may include repairs to the structure, utilities, or privately owned access routes.

(10) "Home replacement assistance" means financial assistance to help replace a primary residence when the residence has been destroyed by a disaster. Home replacement assistance is only provided to restore an applicant's living conditions to a safe, functional, and accessible state.

(11) "Household" means all persons who lived in a residence before a disaster.

(12) "Inaccessible" means a residence in which damage to the structure cannot be visually inspected or verified because of disaster-related loss of access.

(13) "Incident period" means the duration of time during which sustained and concentrated disaster impacts occurred.

(14) "Major damage" means a residence with structural damage or other significant damage that requires extensive repairs per FEMA PDA guidance.

(15) "Primary residence" means the residence where the survivor normally lives during the major portion of the calendar year, or the residence that is required because of proximity to employment, including agricultural activities that provide 50 percent or more of the household's income.

(16) "Proof of residency" means any document establishing that a survivor is a resident of a county or tribal nation that has declared a state of emergency. Proof of residency, which must be dated within one year prior to the disaster or within the period of assistance, may include, but is not limited to, the following documents:

(a) Bills (utility, financial documents, other);

(b) Employer documents (pay stubs or similar);

(c) Lease/housing agreement/mortgage statement or rent receipts;
(d) Identification card;
(e) Client record from a social service organization;
(f) School registration;
(g) Federal or state benefit record;
(h) Motor vehicle registration; and
(i) Official legal documents, including subpoenas and other court orders.

(17) "Recipient" means a survivor found eligible to receive state IA program grants.

(18) "Rental assistance" means financial assistance to rent temporary housing accommodations while a survivor is displaced from a primary residence.

(19) "State IA program" means the Washington state individual assistance program, authorized under RCW 38.52.030(9) and administered by the Washington military department, emergency management division (WA EMD).

(20) "Survivor" means a person who has been displaced from their residence or otherwise affected by a declared disaster event. The survivor is the recipient of the state IA program funds when determined eligible through the application process.

(21) "Tribal/tribe/tribal government/nation" means a federally recognized Indian tribe in Washington state.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.030(9) and 38.52.050. WSR 24-18-046, § 118-11-030, filed 8/27/24, effective 9/27/24.]