WAC 357-19-220 What happens to an employee whose classified service position is converted to an exempt position? An employee who holds a classified service position that is exempted from civil service has the following rights:

(1) If the employee has permanent status and is appointed to the exempt position or to another exempt position, the employee has the right to return to the classified service at the conclusion of the exempt appointment as specified in WAC 357-19-195.

(2) If the employee has permanent status and is **not** appointed to the exempt position or another exempt position, the employee has the right to assume a position in the highest class previously held, or to a position of similar nature and salary. If upon an employee being returned to a classified position there are fewer positions than there are employees entitled to such positions, the employer's layoff procedure applies.

The employee may appeal the exemption of the position in accordance with chapter 357-52 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 41.06 RCW. WSR 05-01-206, § 357-19-220, filed 12/21/04, effective 7/1/05.]