WAC 388-400-0030 Who is eligible for refugee cash assistance? (1) To be eligible for refugee cash assistance (RCA), you must:

(a) Provide the name of the resettlement agency which resettled you, if you are a refugee;

(b) Meet the immigration status requirements of WAC 388-466-0005;

(c) Meet employment and training requirements of WAC 388-466-0150;

(d) Meet income and resource requirements of WAC 388-466-0140; and

(e) Report changes of circumstances as required under WAC 388-418-0005.

(2) You are not eligible to receive RCA if you:

(a) Are eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF);

(b) Have been denied TANF or have been terminated from TANF due to intentional noncompliance with TANF eligibility requirements; or

(c) Are a full-time student in an institution of higher education.

(3) We determine your eligibility and benefit level for RCA using the TANF payment standards under WAC 388-478-0020.

(4) If you meet the requirements of this section, you may receive refugee cash assistance for the eligibility period as determined by the director of the federal office of refugee resettlement (ORR) in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 400.211(b). You may begin receiving RCA from the date that you qualify for federal refugee services through ORR (WAC 388-466-0120). Although your eligibility period for RCA begins on the date that you qualify for ORR services, the actual length of time that you receive RCA benefits will depend on the date you apply and are approved for RCA. Therefore, you may receive less than the available months of benefits.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.250, and 45 C.F.R. s 400.211. WSR 25-20-049, s 388-400-0030, filed 9/25/25, effective 10/26/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.04.820, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, 74.62.030, P.L. 118-42, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, Division G, Title II, Section 209(f); 8 U.S.C. §§ 1612, 1613 (b)(3) and 1641 (b)(8); H.R. 815, Division B pg. 11 - Ukrainian; and Final Rule for Classification for Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons. WSR 25-08-068, s 388-400-0030, filed 4/1/25, effective 5/2/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and 45 C.F.R. § 400.211 and ORR P.L. 22-12. WSR 23-02-032, § 388-400-0030, filed 12/28/22, effective 1/28/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 04-19-135, § 388-400-0030, filed 9/21/04, effective 10/22/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.08A.320, and 7 C.F.R. § 400.65, § 400.66, § 400.67, § 400.68, and § 400.69. WSR 02-09-051, § 388-400-0030, filed 4/12/02, effective 5/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 01-06-031, § 388-400-0030, filed 3/2/01, effective 4/1/01; WSR 98-16-044, § 388-400-0030, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]