

WSR 21-16-024

PERMANENT RULES

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: On April 16, 2021, the governor signed SSB 5425 (2021) which, among other things, updated the requirements for extended unemployment benefits for claimants when offered suitable work. Under the rule, a claimant will be denied extended benefits for failing to accept suitable work if the job was either offered in writing **or** listed with the department, as opposed to denying benefits if the job was offered in writing **and** listed with the department.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 192-240-025.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 50.22.020 (4)(b) addresses denial of extended benefits for failing to accept suitable work; RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040 provides general rule-making authority to the employment security department.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 07-22-055, filed 11/1/07, effective 12/2/07)

WAC 192-240-025 Failure to apply for or accept suitable work—RCW 50.22.020 (4)(b)—Extended benefits. (1) You will be denied extended benefits if you fail:

(a) To accept any offer of suitable work as defined in WAC 192-240-020 if the job was:

(i) Offered to you in writing; or

(ii) Listed with the department.

(b) To accept a referral, or to apply for suitable work, when referred by your local employment center, if the job was:

(i) Offered to you in writing((τ)); or

(ii) Listed with the department.

(2) The denial is for the week in which the refusal occurs and until you work in four weeks and earn four times your weekly benefit amount.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040. WSR 07-22-055, § 192-240-025, filed 11/1/07, effective 12/2/07; WSR 03-06-038, § 192-240-025, filed 2/26/03, effective 3/29/03.]