

**Chapter 50.08 RCW  
ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT**

**Sections**

50.08.010 Employment security department established.  
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*Public bodies may retain collection agencies to collect public debts—  
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**RCW 50.08.010 Employment security department established.** There is established the employment security department for the state, to be administered by a commissioner. The commissioner shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and shall hold office at the pleasure of, and receive such compensation for his or her services as may be fixed by, the governor. [2010 c 8 § 13011; 1953 ex.s. c 8 § 3; 1947 c 215 § 8; 1945 c 35 § 38; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 9998-176. Prior: 1939 c 12 § 1; 1937 c 162 § 12.]

**RCW 50.08.020 Divisions established.** There are hereby established in the employment security department two coordinate divisions to be known as the unemployment compensation division, and the Washington state employment service division, each of which shall be administered by a full time salaried supervisor who shall be an assistant to the commissioner and shall be appointed by him or her. Each division shall be responsible to the commissioner for the dispatch of its distinctive functions. Each division shall be a separate administrative unit with respect to personnel, budget, and duties, except insofar as the commissioner may find that such separation is impracticable.

It is hereby further provided that the governor in his or her discretion may delegate any or all of the organization, administration, and functions of the said Washington state employment service division to any federal agency. [2010 c 8 § 13012; 1973 1st ex.s. c 158 § 1; 1947 c 215 § 9; 1945 c 35 § 39; Rem. Supp. 1947 § 9998-177. Prior: 1943 c 127 § 9; 1939 c 214 § 7; 1937 c 162 § 9.]

**Effective date—1973 1st ex.s. c 158:** "This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on July 1, 1973." [1973 1st ex.s. c 158 § 21.]

**RCW 50.08.030 Administration of family services and programs.** The commissioner shall administer family services and programs to promote the state's policy as provided in RCW 74.14A.025. [1992 c 198 § 10.]