

**WAC 315-06-125 Debts owed the state.** (1) The terms used in RCW 67.70.255 and these regulations are defined as follows:

(a) Creditor - Any state agency or political subdivision of this state that maintains records of debts owed to the state or political subdivision, or that the state is authorized to enforce or collect.

(b) Debt - A judgment rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction or obligations established pursuant to RCW 50.20.190, 51.32.240, 51.48.140, 74.04.300, 74.20A.040, 74.20A.055 and 82.32.210 or administrative orders as defined in RCW 50.24.110, 51.32.240, 51.48.150, and 74.20A.020(6).

(c) State - The state of Washington.

(d) Two working days - Two days not to include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as defined in RCW 1.16.050 commencing the day following the date the claim was validated by the lottery.

(e) Verification - A facsimile or photo copy of a judgment or final order received by the lottery during the requisite two working day period.

(f) Individual - A natural person.

(2) Any creditor may submit, to the lottery, in a format specified by the director, debt information required by the *Revised Code of Washington*. Debt information medium which do not contain the required information or are not in the proper format will be returned to the creditor. The creditor submitting debt information shall provide replacement debt information medium on a regular basis at intervals not to exceed one month or less than one week. The creditor shall be solely responsible for the accuracy of the information contained therein.

(3) Creditors submitting debt information medium in the proper format to the lottery shall also submit the name or names of designated contact persons.

(4) The lottery shall include the debt information submitted by the creditor in its validation and prize payment process. The lottery shall delay payment of a prize, exceeding six hundred dollars, for a period not to exceed two working days, to any individual prize winner or to any other prize winner which has an individual holding a direct or indirect interest in the prize winner, and who owes a debt to a creditor pursuant to the information submitted in subsection (2) of this section. The lottery shall make a reasonable attempt to contact the creditor's designated contact person(s) by phone, followed by written correspondence, including email, to verify the debt. Three phone calls, excluding busy signals, shall constitute a reasonable attempt. The prize shall be paid to the prize winner if the debt is not verified by the submitting creditor within two working days. If the debt is verified, the prize shall be disbursed pursuant to subsection (9) of this section.

(5) It shall be the obligation of the prize winner to provide the lottery with the names, Social Security numbers, and percentage interests of the individuals who collectively hold one hundred percent of the interest in the prize.

(6) Where an individual holds an interest in a prize claimed by another individual, the lottery must be informed of that interest, its percentage and the Social Security number (SSN) of the nonclaimant individual who holds the interest, prior to the validation and prize payment process described herein; otherwise, the Social Security number of the claimant individual and the full net amount of the prize will be used in completing the processing required under this section.

(7) Where the right to payment to an individual who holds an interest in a prize winner is discretionary with a third party or is

contingent, the tax ID number of the prize winner shall be used in completing the processing required under this section, rather than the Social Security number of said individual.

(8) A creditor shall verify the debt by submitting to the lottery at lottery headquarters in Olympia, Washington within the requisite two working day period, a facsimile or photocopy of a judgment or final order which is the basis for the debt.

(9) Prior to disbursement, any verified debts owed to a creditor by the individual winner of any lottery prize exceeding six hundred dollars or by an individual holding more than a six hundred dollar interest in a prize winner shall be set off against the prize owing to the individual or against the proportionate interest of the individual in the prize winner. In the event a prize winner or an individual holding more than a six hundred dollar interest in a prize winner owes debts to more than one creditor, and the total prize to that winner or individual is insufficient to pay all debts, the set off shall be paid to the creditors on a pro rata basis based on the amount of debt owed to each creditor unless priority is established by statute.

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