

WAC 388-444-0040 May I volunteer for an unpaid work program in order to meet the work requirements under WAC 388-444-0030? May I volunteer for an unpaid work program to meet the work requirements under WAC 388-444-0030?

(1) To meet the work requirements of WAC 388-444-0030, you may volunteer for workfare, an unpaid work program that includes work with public or private nonprofit agencies contracted with the department of social and health services.

(2) We determine the number of hours you must participate by taking the total amount of food benefits your assistance unit (AU) receives and divide it by the state or local minimum wage, whichever is higher.

(3) If there are multiple able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) in your AU, they share the responsibility of meeting the required number of hours.

(4) Workfare does not include court-ordered community service.

(5) We cannot require you to participate more than one hundred and twenty hours per month in an unpaid-work program, paid work, or a combination of activities. ABAWDs may choose to volunteer to participate in activities beyond one hundred and twenty hours per month.

(6) The department may pay for some of the costs for you to participate in work programs. We set the standards for the amount we will pay for these expenses.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.04.500, 74.08A.120 and 7 C.F.R. 273.24, 7 C.F.R. 273.7. WSR 18-15-044, § 388-444-0040, filed 7/13/18, effective 8/13/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090 and 7 C.F.R. 273.24. WSR 14-18-028, § 388-444-0040, filed 8/26/14, effective 9/26/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.903, and 7 C.F.R. §§ 273.7 and 273.24. WSR 10-23-112, § 388-444-0040, filed 11/17/10, effective 12/18/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, 74.08A.903 and Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. WSR 09-04-009, § 388-444-0040, filed 1/22/09, effective 2/22/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.510. WSR 99-07-024, § 388-444-0040, filed 3/10/99, effective 4/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-444-0040, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]