

**WAC 250-21-091 Appeal process.** (1) An institution may appeal the executive director's action to terminate participation in state financial aid programs.

(2) The institution must submit a request for a hearing to the executive director, in writing, at the council office no later than thirty days following receipt of the notice of termination. In the written request, the party must identify the basis for the appeal and state that a hearing is requested.

(3) Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Washington Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW, as follows:

(a) The presiding officer, who shall be the executive director, or the hearing officer designated by the executive director, shall conduct the hearing under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW and shall enter an initial order under RCW 34.05.461 (2) through (9).

(b) The executive director shall review the initial order under RCW 34.05.464 and either enter a final order or remand the matter for further proceedings under RCW 34.05.464(7).

(c) If the agency action is upheld, the party that initiated the hearing process shall pay the costs of the administrative hearing within sixty days following final disposition of the matter.

(d) Any further review of final action must be taken in accordance with RCW 34.05.510, et seq.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.92.150 and 28B.92.200(2). WSR 20-12-049, § 250-21-091, filed 5/29/20, effective 6/29/20.]