

WAC 391-55-300 Fact-finding. If a dispute has not been settled after bilateral negotiations and mediation, either party may request the appointment of a fact finder by giving written notice to the commission, the mediator, and the opposite party.

(1) For disputes involving educational employees under chapter 41.59 RCW, a period of ten days of mediation must have elapsed. The parties may, by agreement made at any time prior to the appointment of a fact finder, extend the period for mediation or place in the hands of the mediator the determination of when mediation has been exhausted so as to warrant the initiation of fact-finding.

(2) For disputes involving state civil service employees under chapter 41.80 RCW, fact-finding shall be initiated if resolution is not reached through mediation by one hundred days beyond the expiration date of a contract previously negotiated under that chapter or one hundred days from the initiation of mediation if no such contract exists.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.80.090. WSR 08-04-059, § 391-55-300, filed 1/31/08, effective 4/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.040, 41.58.050, 41.59.110 and 47.64.040. WSR 80-14-049 (Order 80-8), § 391-55-300, filed 9/30/80, effective 11/1/80.]