

WAC 296-19A-610 What is a vocational Option 2 award? (1) If the worker's plan was approved prior to July 31, 2015, the vocational Option 2 award is equivalent to six months of temporary total disability compensation.

(2) If the worker's plan was approved on or after July 31, 2015, the vocational Option 2 award is equivalent to nine months of temporary total disability compensation.

(3) The vocational Option 2 award is based on the worker's monthly compensation rate on the date the Option 2 benefit is granted. The award will be paid to the worker in biweekly payments until the award is paid in full.

(4) Whenever the biweekly payments are made over a period that includes July 1, the amount of the payment(s) will include any cost-of-living adjustment.

(5) The temporary total disability amount used will not include any adjustments for the worker's receipt of Social Security benefits.

(6) The department or self-insured employer will deduct any overpayments owed from the vocational Option 2 award.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, and 2015 c 137. WSR 16-03-060, § 296-19A-610, filed 1/19/16, effective 2/19/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, 51.32.095, 51.32.099 and 51.32.0991 (2007 c 72). WSR 10-07-054, § 296-19A-610, filed 3/12/10, effective 4/12/10.]