

WAC 137-28-305 Continuances. (1) At any time during the disciplinary process, the hearing officer may continue the hearing:

- (a) To appoint a department advisor;
- (b) To obtain an interpreter;
- (c) To obtain a witness(es) or witness statement(s);
- (d) To obtain a replacement hearing officer;
- (e) If the witness(es) is temporarily unavailable;
- (f) If the offender is unavailable (e.g., on escape, court-ordered custody, in transit to a nondepartment facility, etc.);
- (g) At the reasonable request of the offender;
- (h) If the facility is experiencing altered/modified operational status;
- (i) To determine restitution costs.

(2) Continuances shall be for no longer than necessary, and shall not exceed twenty business days, unless approved by the superintendent.

(3) Hearings for offenders on escape status, in court-ordered custody, in transit to a facility in another jurisdiction, or otherwise unavailable may be continued for not more than twenty business days after their return to department custody.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 72.01.090, 72.65.100, and 72.09.130. WSR 15-20-011, § 137-28-305, filed 9/24/15, effective 1/8/16.]