

WAC 192-200-040 Who is eligible to participate in the self-employment assistance program? (1) **Eligibility.** To be eligible for the self-employment assistance program, you must:

(a) Be otherwise eligible for regular unemployment benefits and:

(i) Have been identified by the department as likely to exhaust regular unemployment benefits using the profiling model established under RCW 50.20.011 and WAC 192-180-060; or

(ii) Eligible for commissioner approved training as provided in WAC 192-200-020; and

(b) Enroll and satisfactorily participate in a self-employment assistance program approved by the commissioner.

(2) **Likely to exhaust.** The department will use the following process to identify claimants who are likely to exhaust for purposes of the self-employment assistance program:

(a) Assign profile scores to individuals with a claim ending during the most recent federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) using the model described in WAC 192-180-060.

(b) Find the number of these claimants who actually exhausted regular unemployment benefits and determine their percentage of the entire profiled population.

(c) The result will determine the percentile of profiled scores that will be identified as likely to exhaust. For example, assume during the most recent federal fiscal year, fifteen percent of profiled claimants actually exhaust benefits. This means the eighty-fifth percentile of profile scores will be used to identify claimants who are likely to exhaust.

(d) Determine the lowest score assigned to claimants within this group.

(e) Claimants with that score or higher who file new claims during the following calendar year will be notified by the department they are potentially eligible for the self-employment assistance program.

(3) **Satisfactory participation.** The department will consider you to be satisfactorily participating if you are making satisfactory progress as defined in WAC 192-200-030 (1)(c).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040. WSR 13-02-008, § 192-200-040, filed 12/19/12, effective 1/19/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.20.010, 50.20.250(7) and 50.20.012. WSR 07-23-129, § 192-200-040, filed 11/21/07, effective 1/1/08.]