



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103P (May 2009)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Permanent Rule Only**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:**

The department is amending WAC 388-444-0075 "What are the penalties if I quit a job or reduce my work effort without good cause?" in order to reduce the penalty period for applying for Basic Food from sixty days to thirty days after voluntarily quitting a job or reducing work effort without good cause.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed: None  
 Amended: WAC 388-444-0075  
 Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.04.510, 7 CFR 273.7

**Other authority:**

DSHS incorporates regulations from federal agencies, exercises state options, and implements approved waivers and demonstration projects by adopting administrative rules for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administered as the Washington Basic Food Program. DSHS adopts rules for cash assistance conforming to Federal regulations under title 45 CFR, title IV-A of the Social Security Act, title 74 RCW and the approved TANF State plan.

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 16-18-061 on September 1, 2016 (date).  
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Date adopted:**

October 19, 2016

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**DATE: October 19, 2016**

**TIME: 3:25 PM**

**WSR 16-22-004**

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

**WAC 388-444-0075 What are the penalties if ~~((I))~~ you quit a job or reduce ~~((my))~~ your work effort without good cause?** (1) If you have applied for basic food and have voluntarily quit a job or reduced your work effort as defined under WAC 388-444-0065 without good cause within ~~((sixty))~~ thirty days before applying for basic food, we will deny your application and ~~((you must have))~~ impose a penalty period as described under subsection (3) of this section from the date of your application.

(2) If you already receive basic food and ~~((you))~~ quit your job or reduce your work effort without good cause, we will send you a letter notifying you that you will be disqualified from basic food. The disqualification in subsection (3) of this section begins the first of the month following ~~((the))~~ our notice of adverse action.

(3) You are disqualified for the following minimum periods of time and until the conditions in subsection (4) of this section are met:

(a) For the first quit or reduction of work effort, one benefit month;

(b) For the second quit or reduction of work effort, three benefit months; and

(c) For the third or subsequent quit or reduction of work effort, six benefit months.

(4) You may reestablish eligibility after serving the disqualification period if you comply with the work requirements under WAC 388-444-0005 and are otherwise eligible.

(5) If you become exempt from work registration under WAC 388-444-0010, we will end your disqualification for a job quit or reduction of work effort ~~((unless you are exempt because you are applying for or receiving unemployment compensation (UC), or participating in an employment and training program under TANF))~~.

(6) If you are exempt or requalify due to participation in unemployment compensation (UC) or temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), you must meet the work requirements in these programs to remain eligible for basic food.

(7) If you are disqualified, and move from the assistance unit, and join another assistance unit, we will continue to treat you as an ineligible member of the new assistance unit for the remainder of the disqualification period.