



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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

**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 388-492-0070 "How are my WASHCAP food benefits calculated?" to clarify language to align with the requirements of the Washington combined application project (WASHCAP).

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

New: None

Repealed: None

Amended: WAC 388-492-0070

Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090

**Other authority:** 7 C.F.R. § 282.1

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

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 18-21-142 on October 19, 2018 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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**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:**

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 on 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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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:**

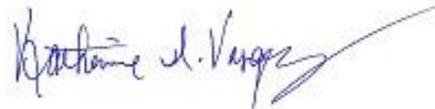
Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___

**Date Adopted:** January 3, 2019

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**Signature:**



**WAC 388-492-0070 How are my WASHCAP food benefits calculated?**

We calculate your Washington state combined application project (WASHCAP) food benefits as follows:

- (1) We begin with your gross income.
- (2) We subtract the current standard deduction for one person under WAC 388-450-0185 from your gross income to get your countable income.
- (3) We figure your shelter cost based on information we receive from the Social Security Administration (SSA) unless you report a change as described under WAC 388-492-0080.
  - (a) If you pay more than three hundred twenty dollars (~~or more~~) a month for shelter, we use four hundred twenty-five dollars as your shelter cost.
  - (b) If you pay (~~less than~~) three hundred twenty dollars or less a month for shelter, we use two hundred ten dollars as your shelter cost.
  - (c) We add the current standard utility allowance under WAC 388-450-0195 to the shelter cost we use under either (a) or (b) of this subsection to determine your total shelter cost.
- (4) We figure your shelter deduction by subtracting one half of your countable income from your total shelter cost under subsection (3)(c) of this section.
- (5) We figure your net income by subtracting your shelter deduction from your countable income and rounding the resulting figure up from fifty cents and down from forty-nine cents to the nearest whole dollar.
- (6) We figure your WASHCAP food benefits (allotment) by:
  - (a) Multiplying your net income by thirty percent and rounding up to the next whole dollar; and
  - (b) Subtracting the result from the maximum allotment under WAC 388-478-0060.
- (7) If you are eligible for WASHCAP, you will get at least the minimum monthly benefit for basic food under WAC 388-412-0015.