

WAC 192-180-025 Job search reviews. (1) **What is a job search review (JSR)?** The JSR is a review of your job search activities by the department. At a minimum, the department will review your job search documentation, your ability to work, availability for work, and your efforts to find work. The department may also promote an active search for work by directing you to resources that will assist you with your job search efforts.

(2) **Will my job search activities be reviewed?** Yes, you must provide your job search log to the department when requested. The department will review your log, review your eligibility for benefits as required by RCW 50.20.010 (1)(c), and, when appropriate, provide feedback on areas in which your job search can be improved.

(3) **How many weeks will be reviewed?** The department will review at least one week of your job search documentation at the initial JSR.

(a) If the documentation shows you met the job search requirements for that week, no further action will be taken at that time except as provided in WAC 192-180-020(2). You may be scheduled for another JSR at a later date.

(b) If the documentation shows that you substantially complied with the job search requirements, you will not be scheduled for an all weeks JSR. However, your benefits may be denied for that week and the department will issue you a work search directive explaining how your job search efforts or documentation of those efforts must be modified.

(c) If the job search documentation fails to show that you substantially complied with the job search requirements, the department will reschedule you for a second JSR in which your job search for all weeks claimed will be reviewed.

(4) **What happens if I do not participate in the initial JSR?** If you fail to participate in the initial JSR, the department will determine if your failure is excused or unexcused.

(a) If you have an excused absence, the department will reschedule you for a JSR of one week of your job search documentation.

You may be excused from participating in the initial JSR only for good cause:

(i) Your illness or disability or that of a member of your immediate family that prevents you from participating. "Illness" includes a request from a medical professional, local health official, or the Secretary of Health to be isolated or quarantined as a consequence of a disease that is the subject of a public health emergency, even if you or your immediate family member have not been actually diagnosed with a disease that is the subject of a public health emergency;

(ii) Your employment or presence at a job interview scheduled with an employer;

(iii) Natural disaster or similar acts of nature; or

(iv) Factors specific to your situation which would prevent a reasonably prudent person in similar circumstances from participating.

(b) If you have an unexcused absence, the department will:

(i) Schedule you for a JSR of your job search activities for all weeks claimed; and

(ii) Deny your benefits for the week of the initial JSR unless you can show good cause for not participating. (See WAC 192-180-030.)

(5) **What does "all weeks" mean?** For purposes of this section, "all weeks" means the latest of the following:

(a) Weeks claimed since you filed your application for benefits; or

(b) Weeks claimed since your last all weeks JSR.

(6) Will the department verify my identity at the JSR interview?

Yes, you must be prepared to provide the department with sufficient information to verify your identity.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.04.030, 50.20.010, 50.20.010 (1)(a), (1)(e) and (1)(c), 50.20.050 (1)(b)(ii) and (2)(b)(ii), and (3), 50.20.240, 50.20.044, 50.22.155 (2)(d), (2)(b)(iv), (2)(b)(i) and (ii), 50.12.220(6), 50.60.030, 50.29.021 (3)(a)(iii), and (5), 50.20.160, 50.20.170, 50.20.190, and 50.20.100. WSR 22-13-007, § 192-180-025, filed 6/2/22, effective 7/3/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040. WSR 17-01-051, § 192-180-025, filed 12/13/16, effective 1/13/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, and 50.20.010. WSR 10-11-046, § 192-180-025, filed 5/12/10, effective 6/12/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040. WSR 07-22-055, § 192-180-025, filed 11/1/07, effective 12/2/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010, 50.12.040, 50.12.042. WSR 05-01-076, § 192-180-025, filed 12/9/04, effective 1/9/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 50.12.010 and 50.12.040. WSR 99-13-002, § 192-180-025, filed 6/3/99, effective 7/4/99.]