

**WAC 262-03-070 Debarment and disqualification procedures. (1)**

Within thirty days of receipt of notice of temporary disqualification, of a proposal to debar, or of an order of debarment, a respondent may submit to the commission, in person or in writing, personally or through a representative, any information or argument in opposition to debarment and/or disqualification. This information may dispute the debarment and disqualification officer's formal, written findings of substantial and material noncompliance, identify any remedial measure or mitigating factors, or both.

(2) If, within thirty days of receipt of the information submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the commission or its designee(s) determine that there is a dispute regarding one or more material facts, the commission will appoint a hearing officer to hold a hearing in accordance with WAC 262-03-080 and authorize the hearing officer to grant appropriate relief upon review. Such hearing will take place within ninety days of the receipt of the information submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and the respondent will receive no less than seven days' advance written notice indicating the time and place for the hearing.

(3) If, within twenty days of receipt of the information submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the commission or its designee(s) determine that there is no dispute regarding any material facts, the commission or its designee(s) will issue a written order without appointing a hearing officer and without holding a hearing on the matter. The order will include a brief statement of the commission or its designee(s) reasons for the determination and a statement of the availability of hearings and appeals procedures and time limits pursuant to WAC 262-03-080 and 262-03-090.

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