

**WAC 308-19-030 Definitions.** (1) Words and terms used in these rules shall have the same meaning as each has under chapter 18.185 RCW unless otherwise clearly provided in these rules, or the context in which they are used in these rules clearly indicates that they be given some other meaning. Also see RCW 18.185.010 for other definitions.

(2) "Principal partner" means the partner who is the qualified agent of a bail bond agency and who exercises operational control over the agency.

(3) "Bail bond" means the contract between the defendant, the surety and/or the court to insure the appearance of the accused before the court(s) at such time as the court may direct. These bonds may require annual renewal.

(4) "Property bond agent" means a surety that posts security in the form of personal or real estate for compensation to assure the appearance of a defendant.

(5) "Surety" as it relates to bail bonds, means the depositor/owner of cash if a cash bail bond, the property owner(s) if a property bond, the insurance company if a corporate surety bond, that guarantees performance of the bail bond contract for compensation.

(6) "Principal/defendant" means the accused, for whom a bail bond may be obtained.

(7) "Exonerate" means the discharging of the bail bond by the court.

(8) "Indemnitor" means the person placing security with an agency/agent, to secure the agency against loss for the release of a defendant(s) on a bail bond.

(9) "Clients" means defendants and indemnitors.

(10) "Affidavit" means a written statement made under oath as provided in RCW 10.19.160.

(11) "Indemnity agreement" means the contract signed by the indemnitor that states the obligations the indemnitor(s) is/are assuming.

(12) "Collateral receipt" means an accurate description of the security given to an indemnitor by the receiving agency's agent, in its fiduciary capacity, listing all collateral given as security for a bail bond and held by the agency/agent until the bail bond is exonerated by the court or a forfeiture occurs. The receipt shall name the owner of the collateral, the defendant, and the bond number, and specify the terms for redemption of the collateral including any fees charged for storage.

(13) "Surrender form" means the form used to return to custody a defendant for violation of bond conditions, and the indemnitor's withdrawal from a bail bond with an affidavit in accordance with RCW 10.19.160, or a letter of forfeiture from a court in accordance to the bail contract.

(14) "Letter of forfeiture" means a notice in varied forms, sent to a bail bond agency/branch office, advising the agency/branch office that a defendant who has secured a bail bond with that agency has failed to appear on a given date in a given court in accordance with RCW 10.19.090. The court has made a demand for the surrender of the defendant, or payment of the face amount of the bond by a given date.

(15) "Letter of demand" means any form of notice to the indemnitor/defendant that the collateral placed in trust has come under jeopardy because of a failure to appear or violation of bail.

(16) "Corporate surety bail bonds" means a bail bond contract that is guaranteed by a domestic, foreign or alien insurance company

which has been qualified to transact surety insurance business in Washington state by the insurance commissioner.

(17) "Build-up fund" (also known as "BUF fund" or "escrow fund" or "trust fund") means that percentage of money obtained from collected premiums paid by the agent to the corporate surety company for the purpose of indemnifying the corporate surety from loss caused by the agent.

(18) "Endorsement" means that a bail bond agent or bail bond qualified agent licensee has met all licensing requirements for a bail bond recovery agent license and is authorized to perform the duties of both a bail bond agent and a bail bond recovery agent. Such licenses shall be issued by the department and will clearly state the dual purpose of the license.

(19) "Forced entry" means physical entry into a dwelling without the occupant's knowledge or consent for the purpose of apprehending a defendant subject to a bond.

(20) "Credentialed trainer" means an individual who has been certified by a state or national association to provide training to industry members based upon formal training and industry knowledge.

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