

WAC 357-52-115 How may a party request that a hearing be continued? (1) Any party to a hearing may make a written motion to the board to continue a hearing for good cause. The motion must state the specific reason(s) and the period of time for which a continuance is necessary.

(2) Any party desiring a continuance must first orally contact the opposing party to determine whether agreement to a continuance can be reached. The requesting party is responsible for filing a written motion for continuance with the board. The motion must include the reason(s) for the request, the opposing party's response to the request, and a date certain for the hearing on which both parties and the board are available.

(3) The motion for continuance must be filed with the board and the opposing party at least fourteen calendar days before the scheduled hearing date. The board must review the motion, decide whether or not to grant the continuance, and notify the parties of the decision within three working days of receipt of the motion.

(4) In unusual circumstances or emergency situations, and only where the reason(s) for the continuance could not have been foreseen, the board may allow a motion for continuance with less than fourteen calendar day's notice.

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