



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

## CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: April 29, 2020

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

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify)

**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 creating WAC 388-434-0015, Extension of certification periods and waiver of eligibility reviews and mid-certification reviews during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This emergency rule adoption supports ongoing access to public assistance and provides administrative flexibility, allowing extension of certification periods and waiver of eligibility reviews and mid-certification reviews, during this time of economic hardship resulting from the public health crisis created by the Coronavirus.

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

New: WAC 388-434-0015  
 Repealed: None  
 Amended: None  
 Suspended: None

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

**Other authority:**

**EMERGENCY RULE**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

**Reasons for this finding:** Emergency adoption of this rule protects the health, safety, and general welfare of Washington residents by supporting ongoing access to public assistance.

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted using:**

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

<b>Date Adopted:</b> April 29, 2020	<b>Signature:</b> 
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NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-434-0015 Extension of certification periods and waiver of eligibility reviews and mid-certification reviews during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

(1) Eligibility review requirements under WAC 388-434-0005 and mid-certification review requirements under WAC 388-418-0011 are waived during April, May, and June 2020 for the following programs:

- (a) Temporary assistance for needy families;
- (b) State family assistance;
- (c) Aged, blind or disabled cash assistance;
- (d) Housing and essential needs referral; and
- (e) Working family support.

(2) If your working family support certification period ends in April, May, or June 2020, your certification period will automatically be extended by six months.

(3) You are still required to report changes under WAC 388-418-0005.

(4) The department will review and act upon any new information received from clients during this time.