

**WAC 415-110-010 Definitions.** All definitions in RCW 41.35.010 and WAC 415-02-030 apply to terms used in this chapter. Other terms relevant to the administration of chapter 41.35 RCW are defined in this chapter.

(1) **Annual leave** means leave provided by an employer for the purpose of taking regularly scheduled work time off with pay. Annual leave does not include leave for illness, personal business if in addition to and different than vacation leave, or other paid time off from work. However, if an employer authorizes only one type of leave to provide paid leave for vacation and illness as well as any other excused absence from work, such leave will be considered annual leave for purposes of RCW 41.50.150.

(2) **Normally** as used in the definition of eligible position under RCW 41.35.010 means a position is eligible if it is expected to require at least five months of 70 or more hours of compensated service each month during each of two consecutive years. Once a position is determined to be eligible, it will continue to be eligible if it requires at least five months of 70 or more hours of compensated service during at least one year in any two-year period.

(3) **Project position** means a position, established by an employer, that has a specific goal and end date.

(4) **Report** means an employer's reporting of an employee's hours of service, compensation and contributions to the department on the monthly transmittal report.

(5) **Reportable compensation** means compensation earnable as that term is defined in RCW 41.35.010.

(6) **System acronyms** used in this chapter are defined as follows:

(a) "PERS" means the public employees' retirement system.

(b) "SERS" means the school employees' retirement system.

(c) "TRS" means the teachers' retirement system.

(7) **Year** means any 12 consecutive month period established and applied consistently by an employer to evaluate the eligibility of a specific position. The term may include, but is not limited to, a school year, calendar year, or fiscal year.

Example: An employer has used the 12 consecutive month period from September 1st to August 31st to evaluate the eligibility of positions. When the employer hires a new employee to fill an existing position, the employer must continue to use the September 1st through August 31st period to define a year for the position.

Example: If the same employer in the above example hires a person to work in a project position beginning in November, the employer will use the 12-month period beginning in November to evaluate the eligibility of the new position. The employer must consistently apply this 12-month period to evaluate the eligibility of this position.

(8) **School year** for Plan 2 and 3 members means the 12-month period from September 1st of one year to August 31st of the following year.

(9) **Substitute employee** includes any classified employee who is employed as a substitute for an absent employee or working in an ineligible position.

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