

WAC 434-261-114 Definitions. As used in this rule, unless stated otherwise:

(1) "Audit board" means a team of two people assigned to review voter choices on ballots selected for audit.

(2) "Ballot comparison audit" means a type of risk-limiting audit in which the audit board examines and reports voter markings for a designated contest (or contests) on randomly selected ballots, then compares them to the corresponding cast vote records until the audit results reflect with a strong amount of certainty that the reported tabulation outcome is correct.

(3) "Ballot manifest" means a document that indicates how the ballots are organized and stored, including identification of each batch of ballots by the voting system batch number, as well as the number of ballots in each batch.

(4) "Ballot polling audit" means a type of risk-limiting audit in which the audit board examines and reports voter markings for a designated contest on ballots selected randomly until the audit results reflect with a strong amount of certainty that the reported tabulation outcome is correct.

(5) "Cast vote record" or "CVR" means a record of all voter markings produced by a single voter on a ballot card, presented in electronic form, and is defined as a ballot in accordance with RCW 29A.04.008.

(6) "Random seed" means a number string consisting of at least 20 digits, with each digit selected in order by sequential rolls of a 10-sided die.

(7) "Reported tabulation outcome" means the presumed winning and losing candidates or voting choices of a ballot contest as reflected in preliminary results.

(8) "Unofficial results" means the tabulation results produced by the voting system at a specific point in time that will be used for comparison during the audit process.

(9) "Risk limit" means the largest statistical probability that an incorrect reported tabulation outcome is not detected in a risk-limiting audit.

(10) "Risk-limiting audit" or "RLA" means a post-election audit of votes on paper ballots and voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) records that makes use of statistical principles and methods, is designed to limit the risk of certifying an incorrect election outcome, and is conducted in accordance with RCW 29A.60.185.

(11) "Risk-limiting audit tool" or "RLA tool" means the software and user interfaces provided by the secretary of state in order to conduct the risk-limiting audit.

(12) "Target contest" means a contest selected by the secretary of state or county auditor for a risk-limiting audit that will determine whether the risk limit has been met.

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