



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103P (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Permanent Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) 4/1/15 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The current mortality tables used to determine the funding needs for injured workers who are totally permanently disabled and for survivors of fatally injured workers are over 30 years old. These tables need to be updated for life expectancy and gender.

The pension discount rate is the interest rate used to account for the time value of money when evaluating the present value of future pension payments. The current pension discount rate of 6.5 percent is too high given market rates of long-term Treasury bonds, which are considered by the actuaries for establishing discount rates. The department has worked with the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee (WCAC) to develop a plan that would reduce the pension discount rate from the current 6.5 percent to 6.4 percent and continue to adjust annually, through 2022, until it reaches 4.5 percent.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: N/A
Amended: N/A
Suspended: N/A

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 51.04.020, RCW 51.44.070(1), RCW 51.44.080

Other authority :

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 14-23-063 on 11/18/14 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting: NA

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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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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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	_____