WAC 192-700-015 How is employer size determined for employment protection? (1) Employment protection applies to employees who work for an employer with fifty or more employees in employment is available to employees as provided in RCW 50A.35.010.

- (2) For the purpose of employment protection RCW 50A.35.010(6)(a)(i), employers are considered to have fifty or more the required number of employees when:
- (a) The employer has fifty or more the required number of employees or more working employed each work day for twenty or more calendar workweeks; and
- (b) The twenty calendar workweeks occur in the current calendar year or occurred in the preceding calendar year.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, any employee whose name appears on the employer's payroll will be considered employed. Employees on paid or unpaid leave, including leave taken under Title 50A RCW, leave taken under the federal family and medical leave act, leaves of absence, disciplinary suspension, etc., are counted as long as the employer has a reasonable expectation that the employee will later return to

active employment. If there is no employer/employee relationship (as when an employee is laid off, whether temporarily or permanently) such individual is not counted.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 50A.04.215. WSR 19-16-081, § 192-700-015, filed 7/31/19, effective 8/31/19.]