

**CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)
Vocational Rehabilitation**

Chapter 296-19A WAC, Vocational Rehabilitation

The date of adoption for this rule: November 19, 2024

The effective date for this rule: January 1, 2025

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to implement the requirements of Substitute House Bill 2127, Chapter 90, Laws of 2024. This rulemaking updates Chapter 296-19A WAC to correct RCW subsection references, update benefit amounts for job modification and prejob accommodations, and to clarify the ability of vocational counselors to help workers access skill enhancement training and how these skills are reported.

2. Differences between the rule as adopted and the proposed rule:

There are no differences between the adopted rule and the proposed rule.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking began October 2, 2024, and ended November 12, 2024. A public hearing was held on November 12, 2024, in-person and by Zoom.

Fifteen people other than L&I staff attended the hearing, but did not give testimony.

We received no written comments.