WAC 357-19-400 May an employer convert a nonpermanent appointment to a probationary or trial service appointment? (1) When an employer uses a competitive process to make a nonpermanent appointment to fill a position in the absence of a permanent employee or fill a position nonpermanently due to the impending or actual layoff of a permanent employee(s), the employer may change the status of the appointment to probationary or (if the employee held permanent status prior to the nonpermanent appointment) to trial service if:
   (a) The permanent employee does not return to the position or the layoff action has been implemented; and
   (b) The employer needs to fill the position permanently.

(2) When an employer uses a veterans placement program to fill a nonpermanent position for any reason listed in WAC 357-19-360, the employer may change the status of the appointment to probationary or to trial service.

(3) At the discretion of the appointing authority, time spent in the nonpermanent appointment may count towards the probationary or trial service period for the permanent position.