

NEW SECTION

WAC 357-16-197 Must an employer require an eligible candidate to provide proof of being fully vaccinated? After a conditional offer of employment is made, an employer must require an eligible candidate to provide proof of being fully vaccinated or to request an exemption due to a disability and/or medical condition or if the requirement conflicts with an eligible candidate's sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance. If a requested exemption is granted, an employer must determine whether or not the eligible candidate can be reasonably accommodated. If the employer determines an eligible candidate can be accommodated in accordance with state and federal laws, the eligible candidate may be considered for employment. If the employer cannot provide an accommodation and the eligible candidate does not provide proof of being fully vaccinated, the employer may not consider the eligible candidate for employment.

This section applies to executive and small cabinet agencies as defined in Directive 22-13.1, issued August 5, 2022, by the governor. Higher education employers, independent agencies, boards, councils, commissions, and separately elected officials may require an eligible candidate to meet the requirements of this section.