



EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

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(Implements RCW 34.05.353)
EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY

Agency: Department of Revenue

Title of rule and other identifying information:

- WAC 458-18-220 *Refunds – Rate of interest*
- WAC 458-30-262 *Agricultural land valuation – Interest rate – Property tax component*
- WAC 458-30-590 *Rate of inflation – Publication – Interest rate – Calculation*

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The Department proposes to amend:

- WAC 458-18-220 to provide the rate of interest for treasury bill auction year 2015, which is to be used when refunding property taxes paid in 2016, as required by RCW 84.69.100.
- WAC 458-30-262 to provide the interest rate and property tax component to be used when valuing classified farm and agricultural land during the 2016 assessment year, as required by RCW 84.34.065.
- WAC 458-30-590 to provide the rate of inflation used in calculating interest for deferred special benefit assessments of land removed or withdrawn during 2016, as required by RCW 84.34.310.

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Reasons supporting proposal: The Department is required by statute to annually adopt these rules to provide the information identified above.

Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW 84.34.360, 84.34.065, 84.34.141, and 84.69.100

Statute being implemented: RCW 84.34.055, 84.34.065, 84.34.141, 84.34.310, 84.34.360, 84.68.030, and 84.69.100.

Is rule necessary because of a:

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| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-01-166, filed 12/23/14, effective 1/1/15)

WAC 458-18-220 Refunds—Rate of interest. The following rates of interest shall apply on refunds of taxes made pursuant to RCW 84.69.010 through 84.69.090 in accordance with RCW 84.69.100. The following rates shall also apply to judgments entered in favor of the plaintiff pursuant to RCW 84.68.030. The interest rate is derived from the equivalent coupon issue yield of the average bill rate for twenty-six week treasury bills as determined at the first bill market auction conducted after June 30th of the calendar year preceding the date the taxes were paid. The rate thus determined shall be applied to the amount of the judgment or the amount of the refund, until paid:

Year tax paid	Auction Year	Rate
1984	1983	9.29%
1985	1984	11.27%
1986	1985	7.36%
1987	1986	6.11%
1988	1987	5.95%
1989	1988	7.04%
1990	1989	8.05%
1991	1990	8.01%
1992	1991	5.98%
1993	1992	3.42%
1994	1993	3.19%
1995	1994	4.92%
1996	1995	5.71%
1997	1996	5.22%
1998	1997	5.14%
1999	1998	5.06%
2000	1999	4.96%
2001	2000	5.98%
2002	2001	3.50%
2003	2002	1.73%
2004	2003	0.95%
2005	2004	1.73%
2006	2005	3.33%
2007	2006	5.09%
2008	2007	4.81%
2009	2008	2.14%
2010	2009	0.29%
2011	2010	0.21%
2012	2011	0.08%
2013	2012	0.15%
2014	2013	0.085%
2015	2014	0.060%
<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>0.085%</u>

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-01-166, filed 12/23/14, effective 1/1/15)

WAC 458-30-262 Agricultural land valuation—Interest rate—Property tax component. For assessment year (~~(2015)~~) 2016, the interest rate and the property tax component that are to be used to value classified farm and agricultural lands are as follows:

- (1) The interest rate is (~~(4.45)~~) 4.46 percent; and
- (2) The property tax component for each county is:

COUNTY	PERCENT	COUNTY	PERCENT
Adams	((1.26)) <u>1.27</u>	Lewis	((1.11)) <u>1.13</u>
Asotin	((1.21)) <u>1.18</u>	Lincoln	((1.17)) <u>1.19</u>
Benton	1.17	Mason	1.15
Chelan	((1.10)) <u>1.11</u>	Okanogan	((1.04)) <u>1.06</u>
Clallam	((1.12)) <u>1.08</u>	Pacific	((1.32)) <u>1.38</u>
Clark	((1.38)) <u>1.29</u>	Pend Oreille	((0.90)) <u>0.91</u>
Columbia	((1.11)) <u>1.13</u>	Pierce	1.52
Cowlitz	((1.24)) <u>1.23</u>	San Juan	((0.68)) <u>0.69</u>
Douglas	((1.15)) <u>1.14</u>	Skagit	((1.21)) <u>1.23</u>
Ferry	((0.95)) <u>0.97</u>	Skamania	((1.03)) <u>1.07</u>
Franklin	((1.29)) <u>1.26</u>	Snohomish	((1.24)) <u>1.21</u>
Garfield	((0.93)) <u>0.99</u>	Spokane	1.38
Grant	((1.33)) <u>1.29</u>	Stevens	((0.98)) <u>0.97</u>
Grays Harbor	((1.27)) <u>1.31</u>	Thurston	((1.31)) <u>1.30</u>
Island	((0.95)) <u>0.93</u>	Wahkiakum	((0.94)) <u>0.98</u>
Jefferson	((1.02)) <u>1.01</u>	Walla Walla	((1.33)) <u>1.32</u>
King	((1.16)) <u>1.06</u>	Whatcom	((1.16)) <u>1.14</u>
Kitsap	((1.24)) <u>1.20</u>	Whitman	1.42
Kittitas	((0.98)) <u>0.99</u>	Yakima	((1.26)) <u>1.22</u>
Klickitat	((0.95)) <u>0.98</u>		

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WAC 458-30-590 Rate of inflation—Publication—Interest rate—Calculation. (1) **Introduction.** This ~~((section))~~ rule sets forth the rates of inflation discussed in WAC 458-30-550. It also explains the department of revenue's obligation to annually publish a rate of inflation and the manner in which this rate is determined.

(2) **General duty of department—Basis for inflation rate.** Each year the department determines and publishes a rule establishing an annual rate of inflation. This rate of inflation is used in computing the interest that is assessed when farm and agricultural or timber land, which are exempt from special benefit assessments, is withdrawn or removed from current use classification.

(a) The rate of inflation is based upon the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures calculated by the United States Department of Commerce. This rate is used to calculate the rate of interest collected on exempt special benefit assessments.

(b) The rate is published by December 31st of each year and applies to all withdrawals or removals from farm and agricultural or timber land classification that occur the following year.

(3) **Assessment of rate of interest.** An owner of classified farm and agricultural or timber land is liable for interest on the exempt special benefit assessment. Interest accrues from the date the local improvement district is created until the land is withdrawn or removed from classification. Interest accrues and is assessed in accordance with WAC 458-30-550.

(a) Interest is assessed only for the time (years and months) the land remains classified under RCW 84.34.020 (2) or (3).

(b) If the classified land is exempt from the special benefit assessment for more than one year, the annual inflation rates are used to calculate an average rate of interest. This average is determined by adding the inflation rate for each year the classified land was exempt from the special benefit assessment after the local improvement district was created. The sum of the inflation rates is then divided by the number of years involved to determine the applicable rate of interest.

(c) **Example.** A local improvement district for a domestic water supply system was created in January 1990 and the owner used the statutory exemption provided in RCW 84.34.320. On July 1, 1997, the land was removed from the farm and agricultural classification. An average interest rate was calculated using the inflation rates for 1990 through 1997. The owner was then notified of the amount of previously exempt special benefit assessment, plus the average interest rate.

(4) **Rates of inflation.** The rates of inflation used to calculate the interest as required by WAC 458-30-550 are as follows:

YEAR	PERCENT	YEAR	PERCENT
1976	5.6	1977	6.5
1978	7.6	1979	11.3
1980	13.5	1981	10.3
1982	6.2	1983	3.2
1984	4.3	1985	3.5
1986	1.9	1987	3.7
1988	4.1	1989	4.8

This rule draft is being proposed under an expedited rule-making process that does not require the agency to hold public hearings. Under no circumstances is this proposed rule to be used as a basis for determining tax liability or eligibility for a tax deduction, exemption, or credit.

YEAR	PERCENT	YEAR	PERCENT
1990	5.4	1991	4.2
1992	3.3	1993	2.7
1994	2.2	1995	2.3
1996	2.2	1997	2.1
1998	0.85	1999	1.42
2000	2.61	2001	1.89
2002	1.16	2003	1.84
2004	2.39	2005	2.54
2006	3.42	2007	2.08
2008	4.527	2009	-0.85 (negative)
2010	1.539	2011	2.755
2012	1.295	2013	1.314
2014	1.591	<u>2015</u>	<u>0.251</u>

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