

**WAC 480-62-125 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

**"Class I railroad company"** means a railroad company having annual operating revenues of (~~(\$250 million)~~) \$250,000,000 or more;

**"Class II railroad company"** means a railroad company having annual operating revenue of less than (~~(\$250 million)~~) \$250,000,000, but more than (~~(\$20 million)~~) \$20,000,000; and

**"Class III railroad company"** means a railroad company having annual operating revenues of (~~(\$20 million)~~) \$20,000,000 or less.

**"Commission"** means the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

**"Contract crew transportation company"** means any person, organization, company or other entity that operates one or more contract crew transportation vehicles.

**"Contract crew transportation vehicle"** means every motor vehicle designed to transport (~~(fifteen)~~) 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver, that is owned, leased, operated, or maintained by a person contracting with a railroad company or its agents, contractors, subcontractors, vendors, subvendors, secondary vendors, or subcarriers and used primarily to provide railroad crew transportation.

**"Department of labor and industries"** means the Washington state department of labor and industries.

**"Department of transportation"** means the Washington state department of transportation.

**"On track equipment"** means self-propelled equipment, other than locomotives, that can be operated on railroad tracks.

**"Passenger carrying vehicle"** means those buses, vans, trucks, and cars owned, operated, and maintained by a railroad company primarily used to transport railroad employees, other than in the cab of such vehicles, and are designed primarily for operation on roads which may or may not be equipped with retractable flanged wheels for operation on railroad tracks.

**"Railroad"** means every permanent road with a line of rails fixed to ties providing a track for cars or equipment drawn by locomotives or operated by any type of power, including interurban and suburban electric railroads, for the public use of conveying persons or property for hire, with all bridges, ferries, tunnels, equipment, switches, spurs, sidings, tracks, stations, and terminal facilities of every kind, used, operated, controlled, managed, or owned by or in connection therewith. Unless otherwise provided by rule, the term "railroad" does not include logging and industrial railroads, or street railways operating within the limits of any incorporated city or town.

**"Railroad company"** means every corporation, company, partnership, association, joint stock association, or person, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court, and any common carrier owning, operating, controlling or managing any railroad or any cars or other equipment used on, or in connection with the railroad within this state.

**"Railroad police officer"** means a peace officer who is commissioned in his or her state of legal residence or state of employment by a railroad company to enforce state laws for the protection of railroad property, personnel, passengers and/or cargo.

"**Remote-control area**" means any place remote-control operations are conducted on a railroad.

"**Remote-control operations**" means (~~controlling~~) control of the movement of locomotives through the use of radio transmitter and receiver systems by persons not physically located at the controls within the confines of a locomotive cab.

"**Remote-control zone**" means a designated restricted access area (~~where access is restricted~~) in which remote-control operations may occur under alternative point protection procedures.

"**State**" means the state of Washington.

## NEW SECTION

**WAC 480-62-255 Minimum crew size on certain trains.** (1) For the purpose of this section, unless the language or context indicates that a different meaning is clearly intended, the following definitions apply:

"Class I" means a railroad carrier designated as a class I railroad by the United States surface transportation board and its subsidiaries or is owned and operated by entities whose combined total railroad operational ownership and controlling interest meets the United States surface transportation board designation as a class I railroad carrier.

"Class III" means a railroad carrier designated as a class III railroad by the United States surface transportation board.

"Crewmember" has the same meaning as "operating craft employee" as defined in this section.

"Operating craft employee" means a person employed by a railroad carrier and identified as train or yard crew as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 218.5.

"Other railroad carrier" means a railroad carrier that is not a class I carrier.

"Railroad carrier" means a carrier of persons or property upon vehicles, other than streetcars, operated upon stationary rails, the route of which is principally outside incorporated cities and towns. "Railroad carrier" includes any officers and agents of the railroad carrier.

(2) Any person, corporation, company, or officer of the court operating any railroad, railway, or any part of any railroad or railway, in the state as a common carrier of freight or passengers shall operate and manage all trains and switching assignments over its road with no less than two crewmembers.

(3) The minimum crew size requirement of subsection (2) of this section does not apply to: (a) Class III railroad carriers operating on their roads while at a speed of 25 miles per hour or less; (b) other railroad carriers in possession of an effective automatic waiver issued under subsection (4) of this section; or (c) one person remote control operations in compliance with 49 C.F.R. Parts 218 and 229, and any other applicable regulations regarding remote control operations.

(4) Other railroad carriers operating in the state on or after June 11, 2020, receive an automatic waiver of the minimum train crew size requirements of subsection (2) of this section that shall remain in effect until the commission terminates the effectiveness of such a waiver by order.

(5) The commission may order railroad carriers to increase the number of railroad employees, to require additional crewmembers, or direct the placement of additional crewmembers if the commission determines that the increase is necessary to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public, passengers, or railroad employees, to prevent harm to the environment or to address site specific safety or security hazards. In issuing any order to increase the number of railroad employees, the commission may consider, but is not limited to, the factors found in RCW 81.40.025 (4) (b).

(6) Any railroad carrier in violation of this section may be subject to fines of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each offense, as determined by the commission through order. In the event of a serious injury or fatality the commission may impose fines exceeding \$100,000 per offense.