

Comparison of Job Modification, Stay at Work, and Preferred Worker Benefits



Question	Job Modification www.Lni.wa.gov/JobModification Per Job/Work Site	Stay at Work www.Lni.wa.gov/StayAtWork Per Claim	Preferred Worker www.Lni.wa.gov/PreferredWorker Per Certification Period
Benefit overview	\$5,000 for tools, equipment, training, and alterations to worksite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$2,500 for tools and equipment. ■ \$1,000 for tuition, books, training materials. ■ \$400 for special clothing. ■ Up to \$10,000 for up to 66 days within one consecutive 24-month period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$2,500 for tools and equipment. ■ \$400 for special clothing. ■ Up to \$10,000 for up to 66 days within one consecutive 24-month period. ■ 10 percent of wages or \$10,000 after 12 months continuous employment, whichever is less. ■ Reduced worker premiums.
What types of jobs qualify?	Job of injury, modified-duty/transitional job, new job, employer of injury, new employer, self-employment.	Transitional or modified-duty job and only with the employer of injury.	Job with lasting employment that is significantly different than the job of injury. Self-employment not eligible.
Is pre-approval required?	Yes, using the <i>Job Modification Assistance Application</i> (F245-346-000): www.Lni.wa.gov/go/F245-346-000 .	No – Equipment must be purchased after the approved job is offered to the worker.	Yes – For the job. No – Equipment must be purchased after the approved job is offered to worker.
Is the cost of a private consultation covered?	Yes, for State Fund claims.	No	No
How are the eligibility criteria similar?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Request is related to the accepted condition(s) on the claim. ■ Items needed are specific to the worker’s restrictions. 		
Is the worker required to be off work to qualify?	Yes. The worker, at some point in the claim, is off work with time-loss and/or loss of earning power benefits paid or eligible to be off work and was kept on salary by employer.	No. Worker must be medically certified as unable to do the job of injury even if they have not actually missed any work.	No. Worker must be medically certified as unable to do the job of injury even if they have not actually missed any work.
Funding source?	Second Injury Fund	Stay at Work Fund	Second Injury Fund
Available to self-insured employers?	Yes, as a reimbursement.	No	Yes, if hiring a preferred worker certified under a State Fund claim.
Are competitive bids required?	Yes. One bid is needed. If the cost of a single item is over \$2,500, two bids are required.	No	No
How are tools and equipment purchased?	Either purchased from a company with an L&I provider number or worker/employer may seek reimbursement.	Purchased by the employer. Employer seeks reimbursement.	Purchased by the employer. Employer seeks reimbursement.
Is an ownership agreement form required?	Yes. The worker and employer agree who will be the owner of the equipment upon successful return to work.	No. The employer will own the equipment, tools, and training material. The worker owns the clothing.	No. The employer will own the equipment and tools. The worker owns the clothing.
Can all three benefits be accessed?	Yes		