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Trailing nexus

With WAC 458-20-193, the Department of Revenue has announced that nexus continues for the remainder of that calendar year when one of the following nexus standards is met and the following calendar year. This applies to all taxes reported on the excise tax return, including retail sales tax. The additional calendar year is also known as "trailing nexus." (RCW 82.04.220(2).)

Nexus standards

There are two different nexus standards, with trailing nexus applying to both:

- For businesses engaged in apportionable activities (WAC 458-20-19401(2)(a)) or sales subject to wholesaling B&O tax under RCW 82.04.257 or RCW 82.04.270, the minimum nexus thresholds of RCW 82.04.067(1-5) apply.
- For other business activities, nexus is based on the business having a physical presence in Washington (RCW 82.04.067(6)).

Effective date

The one-year trailing nexus is effective as of June 1, 2010, for all taxes reported on the excise tax return.

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