WAC 253-02-020  Rules of interpretation.  (1) All adjectives and
adverbs, including but not limited to the words "adequate," "ap-
proved," "qualified," "reasonable," "reputable," "satisfactory," "suf-
ficiently," and "suitable," as used in this title to qualify a person,
procedure, process or otherwise shall be as determined by the authori-
ty or its designee.

(2) Where the word "shall" is used in this title, the subject
rule or action to which the word relates is mandatory.

(3) Where the word "should" is used in this title, it indicates
suggestion or recommendation but not a requirement.

(4) Where the word "may" is used in this title, the action or
rule to which the word relates is permissive or discretionary.

(5) Words importing the singular number may also be applied to
the plural of persons and things; words importing the plural may be
applied to the singular; and words importing the masculine gender or
relating to a man may also be extended to the feminine gender and be
considered to relate equally to a woman.

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