**WAC 392-121-261 Definition—Total eligible credits.** As used in this chapter, "total eligible credits" means the total number of credits determined as follows:

1. For an employee whose highest degree is a bachelor's degree, sum:
   a. Academic and in-service credits; and
   b. Nondegree credits, determined pursuant to WAC 392-121-259 and reported on Report S-275 prior to the awarding of the bachelor's degree for vocational/career and technical education instructors who obtain a bachelor's degree while employed in the state of Washington as a nondegree vocational/career and technical education instructor.

2. For an employee whose highest degree is a master's degree, sum:
   a. Academic and in-service credits in excess of forty-five earned after the awarding or conferring of the bachelor's degree and prior to the awarding or conferring of the master's degree; and
   b. Academic and in-service credits earned after the awarding or conferring of the master's degree.

3. For a nondegree employee, sum only nondegree credits.