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Summary

Updated Worker Clarification under [WAC 388-470-0070](#) to align the increase in allowable assets in [2SHB 1447](#).

See below for edited text:

How Vehicles Count Toward the Resource Limit for Cash and Food

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Purpose:

WAC 388-470-0070 How vehicles are counted toward the resource limit for cash assistance.

- Clarifying Information

WAC 388-470-0075 How is my vehicle counted for the Washington Basic Food program?

- Clarifying Information and Worker Responsibilities

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-470-0070

1. To be considered a vehicle, the transportation device must have a motor. If it does-n~~'~~ot have a motor, it~~'~~is considered personal property.
2. To determine the fair market value of a vehicle, check the current value as listed in the Kelley Blue Book @-at <https://www.kbb.com/>or ~~N. A. D. A. guides @JD Power~~ at <https://www.jdpower.com/cars>. The amount owed on the vehicle is subtracted from the value to determine the amount of equity the person has in the vehicle. The equity value amount of the vehicle is the countable resource ~~amount~~is the equity value.
3. The entire value of one vehicle, used by the assistance unit as a means of transportation, is excluded.
- ~~2.4.~~If a client in the assistance unit has a physical disability, an additional vehicle they use for transportation can be excluded
- ~~3.5.~~Even though motor homes are generally considered vehicles, we do-n~~'~~ot treat them like vehicles for cash assistance. We treat motor homes the same way we treat real property. See WAC 388-470-0045 for how to treat real property.
- 4.6. To determine if a vehicle should be considered a motor home, use this definition:

A motor home is a vehicle that~~'~~is designed to provide temporary living ~~quarters accommodations~~ for recreational, camping, or travel use. It~~'~~is built on or permanently attached to a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis, or on a chassis cab or van, that~~'~~is an integral part of the completed vehicle.
