



## DITCHRIDER/CANAL MAINTENANCE Job Posting Winchester Watermaster Section

April 6, 2026

**Job Summary:**

The position of **Ditchrider/Canal Maintenance #37** is currently open in the **Winchester** Watermaster Section. This full-time, year-round position is responsible for the timely delivery and regulation of irrigation water to water-users on an assigned route and perform canal maintenance tasks as assigned.

**Position Qualifications:**

- High school diploma, GED or comparable education required
- All positions within the District require a valid Washington State driver’s license with insurable MVR (Motor Vehicle Record), negative pre-employment drug test and extensive background investigation
- Class A CDL License with Hazardous Material & Tanker endorsement or ability to obtain such within 270 calendar days of employment
- Public Pesticide License with Weed & Aquatic Irrigation endorsements or ability to obtain such within 270 calendar days of employment
- Must reside, or be willing to relocate, to within 20 miles of any edge of the ride (approx. Rd 5 NW & Division to Rd 2 & Rd D NE). District housing is available to rent for this Ditchride.

**Position Requirements:**

- Position is deemed safety-sensitive, therefore subject to pre-employment drug testing, including THC, per RCW 49.44.240. Also subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) random drug testing
- Must be available to work Monday-Saturday during the water season (March-October)

**Desirable Skills & Abilities:**

- Ability to develop good relationships with the public as well as co-workers
- Basic working knowledge of carpentry/construction principles, and of water systems
- Ability to operate tools and heavy equipment
- Ability to keep accurate records

**Compensation:** Bargaining wage schedule Group 1 (Step 1 \$27.16/hr; additional steps per CBA); medical/dental/vision, basic life, AD&D, and long-term disability insurance per CBA; paid holidays per CBA; paid vacation and sick leave per CBA; WA State Public Employees Retirement System (PERS); deferred compensation match; seasonal commute in District vehicle fringe benefit for employees assigned a ditchride during the water season.



**Application and complete job description are available by contacting:**

**QCBID Website:** <https://www.qcbid.org/employment>  
**Online Application:** <https://webcorp.com/apply/QCBID/>  
**Email:** [humanresources@qcbid.org](mailto:humanresources@qcbid.org)

**CURRENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES MAY SUBMIT AN INTERNAL TRANSFER APPLICATION**

**POSITION CLOSES: 4:00pm, Friday, April 17, 2026**

**THIS ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATES IN E-VERIFY**

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## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job Title:</b>	Ditchrider/Canal Maintenance
<b>Department:</b>	O&M
<b>Section:</b>	Varies
<b>Reports to:</b>	Sectional Watermaster
<b>FLSA Status:</b>	Non-Exempt
<b>Union:</b>	Yes
<b>Safety Sensitive:</b>	Yes
<b>Updated:</b>	June 29, 2023
<b>Supersedes:</b>	June 15, 2021

### Job Summary

The position of Ditchrider/Canal Maintenance is a full-time, year-round position responsible for the timely delivery and regulation of irrigation water to water-users on an assigned route and performing canal maintenance tasks. The position may be based out of the Adco, Winchester, Quincy, George, Royal or Blythe Watermaster section. Normal working hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm. Saturday duty is required during the water season (March-October).

### Essential Job Functions, Duties & Responsibilities

*To perform the job successfully each essential function of the job must be performed satisfactorily. The following essential functions are activities that, if not performed, would significantly and fundamentally alter the position.*

- Deliver and regulate irrigation water within tolerances allowed
- Visit each running turnout daily during irrigation season; maintain a time schedule for water users
- Receive daily water orders and maintain legible and accurate ditchride books
- Perform daily maintenance work on assigned ride during water season including but not limited to:
  - Keep ditch ride pickup clean and all flammables secured
  - Pull, tie and replace checkboards as needed
  - Maintain all locks and chains on ditch ride
  - Burn and/or remove debris on racks, walkways and on ditch rides
  - Replace, shovel and/or clean flower and divider boxes
  - Replace bent or bad weir blades
  - Replace and/or repair O & M Signs as needed
  - Shovel out and/or repair turnouts as needed
  - Paint re-lift pumps, pumping plants, railings, etc.
  - Communicate problems and concerns on ride to supervisor on a daily basis
  - Fix or replace staff gauges, walk decks, weed racks, weed fences (catch basins)
  - Control weeds using burning, spraying and sterilization on ditch ride and turn outs
- Perform construction building and repair work to District buildings, canal systems, structures, turnouts and/or gates as assigned
- Maintain and clean major and minor pump plants
- Perform concrete form building and pouring of concrete for District projects
- Operate light and heavy construction equipment upon training and as needed
- Remove debris from behind radial gates
- Compile and submit annual crop census data
- Maintain a communicative working relationship with supervisors, co-workers & farmers
- Maintain attendance
- Perform related duties and responsibilities as required

- Secondary function: other duties as assigned

### **Supervisory Responsibilities**

None

### **Job Specifications**

*The following job specifications are representative of the knowledge, skills, abilities, education and experience required to successfully perform the duties of this position.*

### **Education/Certifications/Licenses**

- High School diploma, GED or comparable education desired
- Washington State Public Pesticide Operators License with a Right-of-Way and Aquatic Irrigation endorsements, or ability to obtain within 270 calendar days of employment
- Washington State Class A Commercial Driver License (CDL) with Hazardous Material and Tanker endorsements, or ability to obtain with 270 calendar days; must maintain an insurable driving record

### **Experience**

- General construction and maintenance experience preferred
- Irrigation background desired

### **Knowledge/Skills/Abilities**

- Ability to operate hand tools and heavy equipment required
- Ability to maintain assigned ditchride and schedule; keep accurate, legible records required
- Ability to cope well under pressure
- Ability to operate a smart phone and use applications applicable to ditchriding and canal maintenance (i.e.: Storm, Assura, etc.)

### **Other**

- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies
- Must display a positive attitude; promote teamwork
- Effective English oral and written communication skills
- Self-motivated; ability to start and complete projects and tasks with minimal supervision
- Must promote and follow all District safety policies
- Use strong reasoning skills and take responsibility for self in work environment
- Must pass extensive background check and pre-employment drug screen as a condition of employment
- Safety Sensitive position is subject to random, post-accident, and reasonable suspicion drug testing
- Must work Monday – Saturday during the water season (March-October)
- As applicable, must meet living requirements of the position or be willing to relocate

### **Working Conditions**

*This position will expose the worker to environmental conditions found both indoors in an office setting, and outdoors.*

- Will frequently be exposed to extreme temperature, weather and environmental conditions
- May frequently be exposed to hazards such as water, rotating blades, electrical current, working at heights, etc.
- Will frequently be exposed to dust, dirt, fumes, vapors and other pollutants
- Will frequently be exposed to loud environments and vibration from power tools and equipment
- May frequently be exposed to or in proximity of caustic chemicals and/or solvents
- May occasionally be exposed to heights, darkened, cramped and/or confined spaces
- Will frequently be exposed to inherent hazards such as slipping, tripping, falling, vehicle accidents, etc.

## **Physical Demands**

*The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

- Must be able to sit, stand, walk, bend/stoop, twist, reach, talk, and hear frequently and for long periods
- Must be able to crouch, kneel and crawl frequently
- Must be able to lift and move up to 50 lbs. frequently and up to 100 lbs. occasionally
- Must be able to grip, grasp, and handle objects frequently
- Must have manual dexterity to operate a motor vehicle, various tools, equipment and machinery
- Must be able to communicate clearly, both orally and in writing
- Must be able to navigate over and through a multitude of surfaces (i.e.: cement surfaces, dirt, gravel, grass, steep banks, etc.)
- Must be able to drive in all weather conditions

## **Compensation**

**Wage:** Group 1, Collective Bargaining Agreement Appendix A

### **Benefits:**

- Medical/Dental Insurance, including Vision and Prescription Drug coverage effective first of month following date of hire, with choice of
  - Preferred Provider Plan (PPO), or
  - High Deductible Healthcare Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account (HSA)
- District paid basic life insurance, AD&D and long-term disability insurance effective first of month following date of hire
  - Voluntary life and AD&D insurance available
- Paid Sick Leave (accrual begins date of hire, eligible to use 90-days after date of hire)
- Paid Annual Leave (accrual begins after introductory period is complete, minimum 180 days-maximum 270 days)
- Paid Holidays (eligible 30-days after date of hire)
- Washington State Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)
- Washington State Deferred Compensation Program (DCP) match

This is a year-round, full time position. Typical working hours during the non-irrigation season are Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm. Weekend, night stand-by and emergency call-out duty are required during the irrigation season (approximately March - October). Additional hours, adjustment to work schedule, and travel outside the District to attend trainings may be required.

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# Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District

1720 Central Avenue S • PO Box 188  
 Quincy, WA 98848  
 Phone (509) 787-3591 • Fax (509) 787-3719 fax



<b>Application Date</b>	Month	Day	Year	<b>Position applied for</b> (list specific position)	This application is for: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Summer
<b>Name</b>	Last			First	M.I.
<b>Physical Address</b>	Street or PO Box			City/State	Zip Code
<b>Mailing Address</b> (if different than physical address)	Street or PO Box			City/State	Zip Code
<b>Telephone</b>	Best Contact Number			Message Number	
<b>Email Address</b>					
What section(s) are you willing to work in? <input type="checkbox"/> ADCO <input type="checkbox"/> Winchester <input type="checkbox"/> Quincy <input type="checkbox"/> George <input type="checkbox"/> Royal <input type="checkbox"/> Blythe <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters					
What hours/days are you available to work?				When would you be available to begin work?	
Have you previously been employed by QCBID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (IF YES, GIVE DATES)				Have you previously applied to QCBID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (IF YES, GIVE DATES)	
Are you related to any current QCBID employee(s) (spouse, parents, children, siblings, step-relatives, and in-laws)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
If yes, indicate name of individual & relationship:					
Are you at least 18 years of age? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				Are you legally eligible to work in the United States? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO QCBID participates in E-verify.	
How did you hear about this position?				Specify Source: (Name of newspaper, website, employee, etc.)	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Referral from current QCBID Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Website/Online Job Board <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-in <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

## EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING RECORD

Give your complete educational history below. For any position, proof of education may be requested for employment.

<b>High School</b>	Name of School	City & State	Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> G.E.D.		
<b>Vocational School</b>	Name of School	City & State	Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Graduation Date or Last year attended _____
Major		Minor	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma		
<b>College</b>	Name of School	City & State	Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Graduation Date or Last year attended _____
Major		Minor	Degree(s)		
<b>Other Courses / Certifications Completed</b>	Name and Addresses of School/Institute				
Course and/or Certification Title			Certificate or Diploma: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Date Completed
<b>Other Courses / Certifications Completed</b>	Name and Addresses of School/Institute				
Course and/or Certification Title			Certificate or Diploma: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Date Completed

## LICENSE INFORMATION

Do you have a valid Washington State Driver's License?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Driver's License number:
Do you have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, type of endorsements:
Do you have any Department of Motor Vehicle imposed restrictions on your driving privileges?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Driver's license expiration date:
Do you have a Public Pesticide Operators License?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, type of endorsements:

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD

List employment for the past **10 years or 3 employers, whichever is greater** (use additional pages if necessary). Begin with most recent and include self-employment and military service. This application must be filled out completely for employment consideration.

**WE MAY CONDUCT REFERENCE CHECKS DIRECTLY FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION**

<b>Employer Name</b>		Phone	<b>Employment Dates</b>	
			From	To
Address (Street and Mailing)			Month/Year	Month/Year
City	State	Zip	<b>Reason for Leaving</b>	
Job Title	Immediate Supervisor		<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTARY <input type="checkbox"/> DISCHARGED	
<b>Primary Responsibilities</b>				

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City	State	Zip	<b>Reason for Leaving</b>	
Job Title	Immediate Supervisor		<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTARY <input type="checkbox"/> DISCHARGED	
<b>Primary Responsibilities</b>				



# JOB APPLICATION AGREEMENT

*Read carefully before signing*

I hereby give Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District and their recruitment agent the right to make a thorough investigation of my present and/or past employment, personal background, work history, criminal record and credit history (if applicable to the position). I release from all liability all persons, companies, and corporations supplying such information. I indemnify and hold harmless Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District and their recruitment agent against any liability, which might result from making such investigation. I understand that any false answer or statements on this form or on other required documents may result in denial of employment or discharge.

Additionally, I understand that nothing contained in this employment application or in the granting of an interview is intended to create an employment contract between Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District and myself for any term of employment or employment benefit or procedure. No promises regarding employment have been made to me and I understand that no such promise or guarantee is binding upon Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

I agree that should an offer of employment be extended to me, this offer will be contingent on completing a pre-employment drug test, a physical examination (if required for the position), criminal background check and a current employer reference. I recognize that a final offer of employment is contingent upon satisfactory results of the above. I understand, also, that I am required to abide by all rules and regulations of the District, as permitted by law.

This certifies that this application was completed by me and that all entries on it and information in it are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge that Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District participates in E-Verify.

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*Applicant Signature*

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*Date*

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*Applicant Name (Please Print)*

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**FOR EMPLOYMENT**

**FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT DISCLOSURE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CONSUMER REPORTS**

Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District may request consumer reports, as defined by the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, on you from a consumer reporting agency in connection with your employment application and for employment purposes. A consumer report is a compilation of information that might affect your employability. These reports may contain information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. The reports may also contain information about you relating to your criminal history, credit history, driving and/or motor vehicle records, education or employment history, or other background checks.

**THE SCREENING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY AN OUTSIDE AGENCY:**

**AcraNet**  
521 W Maxwell Ave  
Spokane WA 99201  
(800) 304-1249

**Applicant Acknowledgement of Disclosure:**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit A-4 Notice for Applicant/Employee

### 'Authorization' to Obtain an Investigative Consumer Report for Employment or Other Legitimate Permissible Purposes

The undersigned applicant/employee is hereby notified that Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District may obtain an investigative consumer report for employment purposes through ACRA Net. Such report may include information as to character, general reputation, history of criminal convictions, employment, education, professional license, credit and/or driver's record history. Applicant/employee acknowledges that he/she is herein informed of his/her right to request within a reasonable period of time after receiving this notice, a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation requested.

Such disclosure will be mailed or otherwise delivered to applicant within five days from the date of the applicant/employee's request for disclosure or such report was first requested by employer, whichever is the later. Applicant/employee further authorizes the above named company to obtain an investigative consumer report through ACRA Net for employment purposes at this time or anytime during the applicant/employee's tenure with employer.

I (Applicant/employee) am currently a resident of the state of California, Oklahoma or Minnesota: **Yes**  **No**

**If yes**, by state statute, I may receive a free copy of the report being prepared in association with this employment screening investigation and a copy of my corresponding rights as a consumer. These documents will be mailed to me at the address indicated on this authorization form within 24 hours of completion. Please provide me a copy of my credit report as indicated above

**Print Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden/Former Name/Alias** (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other States of Residency** (last 10 years): \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(In order for factual information to be obtained & reported, your date of birth and social security number are requested. This information is used solely for verification purposes in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.)

**Driver's License Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State of Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Check box indicates this position requires an employment credit report due to law, fiduciary responsibilities or access to cash, valuables or sensitive consumer records. Signature acknowledges acceptance of this requirement.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The above information and attached exhibits are presented to assist you in compliance with the revised federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. They represent our understanding and interpretation of the amendments which became effective September 30, 1997 and November 2, 1998. ACRA Net Incorporated does not intend for this information and the related attachments to be construed as legal advice. We urge all subscribers to review their procedures and documents with their respective legal counsel.

*Para información en español, visite [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.*

## **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer

reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for an explanation of dispute procedures.

- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- The following FCRA right applies with respect to nationwide consumer reporting agencies:

#### **CONSUMERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A SECURITY FREEZE**

**You have a right to place a “security freeze” on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization.** The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is

placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:**

<b>TYPE OF BUSINESS:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>
<p>1. a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates</p> <p>b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:</p>	<p>a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552</p> <p>b. Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357</p>
<p>2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:</p> <p>a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks</p> <p>b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act.</p> <p>c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations</p> <p>d. Federal Credit Unions</p>	<p>a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group P.O. Box 53570 Houston, TX 77052</p> <p>b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480</p> <p>c. Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection National Center for Consumer and Depositor Assistance Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11 Kansas City, MO 64106</p> <p>d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Financial Protection 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314</p>
<p>3. Air carriers</p>	<p>Assistant General Counsel for Office of Aviation Protection Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590</p>
<p>4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board</p>	<p>Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423</p>
<p>5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921</p>	<p>Nearest Packers and Stockyards Division Regional Office</p>
<p>6. Small Business Investment Companies</p>	<p>Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street SW, Suite 8200 Washington, DC 20416</p>
<p>7. Brokers and Dealers</p>	<p>Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549</p>
<p>8. Institutions that are members of the Farm Credit System</p>	<p>Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090</p>
<p>9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above</p>	<p>Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357</p>

## NOTICE – BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

### WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENTS

**Washington State Residents or Employees** – this summary of the provisions of the Washington State Fair Credit Reporting Act (WFCRA) is being provided to you pursuant to state law. The WFCRA is designed to promote accuracy, fairness, consumer confidentiality and the proper use of credit data by each consumer reporting agency (CRA) in accordance with the requirements of the WFCRA.

The WFCRA is modeled after, and generally provides the same rights as, the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) (15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*) A summary of your rights under the FCRA is available at [http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf).

The complete text of the WFCRA RCW 19.182, can be obtained from the Washington Code Revisers Office, P.O. Box 40551, Olympia, WA 98504, or online at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=19.182&full=true%20-%2019.182.070>. One significant distinction between the FCRA and the WFCRA is that in Washington, an employer may not obtain a consumer report that indicates the consumer's credit worthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity, unless (1) the information is substantially job related and the employer's reason(s) for using the information are disclosed in writing, or (2) the information is required by law.

The following is a summary of your major rights under the WFCRA:

- **You will be required to provide proper identification before reviewing your consumer file.** Proper identification may include your Social Security number. You may request to review your file at any time. A CRA will make disclosures of your file available to you during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. File disclosures may be done in person or by telephone, if you have made a written request and pay the toll charge, as applicable, or by any other reasonable means. A CRA will provide trained personnel to explain to you any information in your consumer report. Upon request, and proper identification, you may be permitted to bring one additional person with you to review your consumer file. If the CRA provides you with a credit score, the agency will also provide you with an explanation for that credit score.
- **You have a right to know what is in your file.** Upon proper identification, you may request and obtain all the information about you in the CRA's files, although medical information may be withheld, and instead will be disclosed to a health care provider of your choice. Your health care provider may disclose your medical information to you directly. Your file disclosure will include all items of information the CRA maintains about you, including sources of information (except sources acquired solely for use in an investigative report). The file will also identify each person who procured your consumer report for employment purposes during the two-year period preceding your request, or any person who procured your report for any other purpose within the six-months prior to your

request. When applicable, a record of inquiries the CRA received identifying you in a credit transaction that was not initiated by you in the six-months prior to your file disclosure request. Each of these records will include the name of the person or trade name of the business that sought your consumer file, and upon your request, their respective addresses.

- **You are entitled to one free consumer report every 12 months, upon request.** In many cases, your file disclosure will be free. You may be charged a limited fee for a second or subsequent report requested by you during a 12 month period. You will also not be charged for:
  - a consumer report if a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your report;
  - the reinvestigation of information you dispute; or
  - corrected reports resulting from the deletion of inaccurate or unverifiable information.
- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** If a person takes an adverse action against you that is based, in whole or in part, on information contained in a consumer report, that person must tell you (usually, through a written notice), and must give you the name, address, and telephone number of the CRA that provided the information.
- **You have a right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and you notify the CRA directly of the dispute, the CRA will reinvestigate without charge and record the current status of the disputed information before the end of thirty business days, unless your dispute is frivolous. Upon completion of the reinvestigation, within five business days of the CRA's decision, the agency will provide you notice in writing or through another authorized means, of the results of the reinvestigation. If the CRA determines that your dispute is frivolous the agency will inform you of that determination, along with its reasons, and your rights under the WFCRA within five business days.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Upon completion of the reinvestigation, if the information you disputed is found to be inaccurate or cannot be verified, the CRA must delete the information and notify you of the correction. Information that has been found to be inaccurate will not be reinserted into your consumer file, unless the furnisher of the information verifies the accuracy and completeness of that information. In such circumstances, you will be notified, within thirty business days that the information is being reinserted into your file. If the reinvestigation does not resolve your dispute, you may file with the CRA a brief statement (that may be limited to 100 words) setting forth the nature of your dispute. The statement will be placed in your consumer file and in any subsequent report containing the information you disputed.
- **You have the right to request that users of your consumer report be notified of any disputed information they previously received within the statutory time frame.** After certain disputed information has been deleted or you have filed a statement of dispute, you

may request that the CRA provides notification of that deleted item or item of dispute to any person you designate who has, within two years received your consumer report for employment purposes, or who has within six months received your report for any other purpose, if the furnished report contained the deleted or disputed information.

- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a CRA may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than ten years old.
- **You have the right to advanced disclosure of any fees.** Any charges for file disclosures or other requested actions to be taken by the CRA must be disclosed to you before the information is provided or the action is taken.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A CRA may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, court or government agency, or in accordance with your written instructions.
- **You must be notified if reports are provided to employers.** A CRA may not give out information about you to employers without your knowledge. A potential employer must make a clear and conspicuous disclosure in writing to you or obtain your consent before obtaining a report. A current employer may not receive a report unless it has given you written notice that reports may be used for employment purposes.
- **You must be notified in writing if a person seeks an investigative consumer report about you.** An investigative consumer report may include information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. Within a reasonable period of time after receiving such notice, you may request, in writing, a disclosure as to the nature and scope of the investigation requested—which will be delivered to you within five days of your request.
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** You may elect not to receive unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance by using the CRA’s notification system to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- **You may place a security freeze on your credit report.** Under certain circumstances, you may request that a security freeze be placed on your credit report to prevent it from being shared with potential creditors or insurance companies when making determinations related to your eligibility for credit.
- **You may be able to block information resulting from identity theft from appearing on your credit report.** If you are a victim of identity theft, certain CRAs must permanently block misinformation resulting from that theft from appearing on your credit report. You must provide the CRA with a copy of a police report as evidence of your claim before it can place the block on your report.

- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a CRA, a user of consumer reports, or a furnisher of information to a CRA violates the WFCRA, and you have a legal basis for a claim under the WFCRA, you may be able to bring a legal action in court to assert your rights under the WFCRA. The applicable statute of limitations is specified in Wash. Stat. § 19.182.120—which is generally two years from the date the cause of action accrued. Consumers who prevail on claims to enforce the WCFRA may obtain actual damages, monetary penalties, reasonable attorneys’ fees, costs, and other relief.

For questions or concerns regarding the WFCRA, please contact:

Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000  
Seattle, Washington 98104-3188  
Phone 1-800-551-4636 or (206) 464-6684  
Statewide Toll-Free TDD: 800-833-6388

Any complaints by consumers under state law may be directed to:

The Attorney General’s Office via U.S. Mail or Online.  
Information and forms related to filing a consumer complaint can be found at:  
<http://www.atg.wa.gov/FileAComplaint.aspx>  
Additional information about consumer issues can be found at:  
<http://www.atg.wa.gov/consumer-issues>