

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (“Department” or “NMDWS”) hereby gives notice that the Department will conduct a public hearing in in the conference room of the Human Rights Bureau located at 1596 Pacheco Street Suite 103 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505 on December 16, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The public comment hearing will also be conducted virtually.

Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/98590263928?pwd=NE5vN2lxYnRVZXdDUmM1ZHhpdK9Ndz09>

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input and public comment on the amendments proposed to the current NMAC 11.3.300. On April 24, 2020, an emergency rule was implemented which provided that during a state or federal declaration of emergency, NMDWS may waive the work search requirements for unemployment compensation eligibility until the emergency declaration is lifted. The emergency rule will automatically expire unless made a permanent part of the rule. This amendment proposes to make section 11.3.300.320 a permanent part of the regulation.

Under NMSA 1978, §9-26-4, the Workforce Solutions Department is responsible for the administration of the workforce technology division and the workforce transition services division. The Department is therefore responsible for the administration of the Unemployment Compensation Law pursuant to NMSA 1978 §51-1-1 et seq.

The purpose of the amendment is to make the emergency rule under 11.3.300.320 NMAC a permanent part of the regulation.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit written comments to the State of New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, 401 Broadway NE, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N.M., 87103, attention Andrea Christman. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 15, 2020. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed online at <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/> or obtained by calling Andrea Christman at (505) 841-8478 or sending an email to Andrea.Christman@state.nm.us. The proposed rules will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting are asked to contact Ms. Christman as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.