

**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 the conference room of the Human Rights Bureau located at 1596 Pacheco Street, Suite 103 in Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 on August 9, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The public comment hearing will also be conducted virtually.

Participants may join the zoom call by going to:

<https://zoom.us/j/96319539893?pwd=RnYrbjh0UjJYcHNvM1ZDZ0YxSFpLUT09>

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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 proposed amendment adds language to the work search requirement in section 11.3.300.320 NMAC to clarify that the work search requirement may only be waived by the secretary up to the extent permissible by federal law.

Interested individuals may testify at the public hearing or submit written comments to 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 August 6, 2021. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed at <http://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](mailto: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.