

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED or department) will hold a public rulemaking hearing on November 16, 2018. The hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505. The purpose of the rulemaking hearing is to take public comment regarding proposed amendments to **5.100.6 NMAC, REGISTRATION UNDER THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ACT.**

Amendments:

5.100.6.3 NMAC, STATUTORY AUTHORITY

5.100.6.6 NMAC, OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

5.100.6.7 NMAC, DEFINITIONS

5.100.6.16 NMAC, RECORD MAINTENANCE AND RETENTION POLICY

5.100.6.19 NMAC, APPLICABLE FEES

Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to update the definition of physical presence and to provide a more comprehensive list of activities that trigger a postsecondary institution to have a physical presence under the Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act. The proposed amendment also provides a more comprehensive list of activities that do not trigger a physical presence in New Mexico. Definitions have been updated to provide additional clarity. Grammatical and stylistic changes have been made throughout. Institutional records maintenance and retention policy requirements have been modified to include compliance with the laws of other oversight entities.

Summary of proposed changes:

Amendment to Section 5.100.6.3 NMAC adds additional statutory authority for the rule.

Amendments to Section 5.100.6.6 NMAC include a non-substantive change to comply with the Legislative Style Manual and the addition of listed activities that trigger a post-secondary institution to have a physical presence under the Post-Secondary Educational Institution Act. The proposed amendment also provides a list of activities that do not trigger a physical presence in New Mexico. The amendments include stylistic changes and insertion of additional language to further specify the types of institutions required to obtain registration.

Amendments to Section 5.100.6.7 NMAC update various definitions including the definition of “Physical Presence” in relation to the proposed new language regarding physical presence in Section 5.100.6.6 NMAC. Definition of “Registration” or “Registered” is modified for grammatical clarity. Language in the definition of “State Authorization” is updated to further clarify State Authorization is not an endorsement by NMHED and to include stylistic changes. The definition of “Post-secondary educational institution” adds the alternate term “post-secondary institution”, which has the same meaning. The definition of “Institution” has been inserted and additional stylistic and sequencing changes have been made within the section. Non-substantive change have been made to comply with the Legislative Style Manual.

Amendment to Section 5.100.6.16 NMAC modifies the institutional records maintenance and retention policy requirements to include compliance with the laws of other oversight entities.

Amendment to Section 5.100.6.19 NMAC includes stylistic changes.

Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments: The proposed rule is available at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100. The proposed rule is also posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/> under the “Events” section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us or (505) 476-8411.

A public hearing will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at NMHED on November 16, 2018. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may appear and testify. **Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us. Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2018.** Please note that any written comments received will become part of the rulemaking record, be posted to the New Mexico Sunshine Portal, and be accessible to the public. If submitting written comments by email, please indicate in the subject line the number and section of each rule(s) for which you are providing comments. Oral comments will also be accepted at the rule hearing, subject to time limitations.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in Section 9-25-1 et seq. NMSA 1978, Section 21-1-26 NMSA 1978 and Section 21-23-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.

Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact (505) 476-8411 or email HigherEd.Info@state.nm.us ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.