

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 May 16, 2018. The hearing will begin at 1:00 p.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 repeal of **5.55.3 NMAC, TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION**.

Purpose:

The proposed repeal of 5.55.3 NMAC to accommodate for changes to Section 21-1B-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 (Post-Secondary Education Articulation Act) that occurred during the 2017 regular New Mexico legislative session. Whereas by statute the department is charged with oversight of a statewide common course numbering system, a statewide general education curriculum, and statewide meta-majors and transfer modules, the department proposes to repeal 5.55.3 NMAC and has proposed new rule 5.55.5 NMAC to address regulation of the statewide common course numbering system, new rule 5.55.6 NMAC to address regulation of the statewide general education curriculum, and new rule 5.55.7 NMAC to address regulation of the statewide system of meta-majors and transfer modules.

Summary of the proposed changes:

The proposed repeal of 5.55.3 NMAC in order to create new parts. The regulations previously addressed in 5.55.3 NMAC have been separated by subject matter and regulations have been proposed in three new separate rules: 5.55.5 NMAC to address regulation of the statewide common course numbering system, new rule 5.55.6 NMAC to address regulation of the statewide general education curriculum, and new rule 5.55.7 NMAC to address regulation of the statewide system of meta-majors and transfer modules.

Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments: The proposed statement of repeal is available at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100. The proposed statement of repeal is also posted on the NMHED website at <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/> under the "Recent Posting" section. To request that a copy of the statement of repeal be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact core.competencies@state.nm.us or 505-476-8407.

A public hearing will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at NMHED on May 16, 2018. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule change may appear and testify. **Interested persons may submit written comments to the department at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or core.competencies@state.nm.us. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 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 21-1B-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 and Section 9-25-8 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 505-476-8407 or email core.competencies@state.nm.us within ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.