

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Public Hearing

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the following proposed rulemaking on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501:

- Repeal and replace of **6.60.6 NMAC, Continuing Licensure for Licensed Educator in New Mexico**;
- Amendment to **6.60.7 NMAC, Educator Licensure Application Fee**
- Repeal and replace of **6.69.4 NMAC, Performance Evaluation System Requirements for Teachers**; and
- Repeal and replace of **6.69.5 NMAC, Performance Evaluation System Requirements for Librarian-Teachers**

The location of the public hearing is subject to change due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. Continuous updates on hearing changes will be provided on the PED website. The PED will give a verbal summary statement, on record, at the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed rulemaking. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three minutes to make a statement concerning the proposed rulemaking. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

Explanation of Purpose of Proposed Rulemaking

The purpose of the proposed rulemaking is to establish an educator licensure advancement pathway that phases out the professional development dossier and implements an advancement program comprising a series of five micro-credentials – classroom environment, multi-layered system of supports, assessment literacy, culturally and linguistically responsive instruction, and family engagement – that align with the department-approved educator evaluation system, Elevate NM.

Summary of Text by Proposed Rule

6.60.6 NMAC, Continuing Licensure for Licensed Educator in New Mexico. The proposed repeal and replace of this rule adds definitions, establishes requirements for advancement of educator licensure, and makes technical changes for concision. The proposed rule would also attempt to equalize certain licensure requirements for in-state-teachers and out-of-state teachers.

6.60.7 NMAC, Educator Licensure Application Fee. The proposed repeal and replace of this rule adds the fee educators would be required to pay for the educator licensure advancement program and makes technical changes for concision.

6.69.4 NMAC, Performance Evaluation System Requirements for Teachers. The proposed repeal and replace of this rule adds definitions, addresses technical requirements for advancement between level 1 and level 2 educator licensure, and makes technical changes for concision.

6.69.5 NMAC, Performance Evaluation System Requirements for Librarian-Teachers. The proposed repeal and replace of this rule adds definitions, addresses technical requirements for advancement between level 1 and level 2 librarian-teacher licensure, and makes technical changes for concision.

Statutory Authorizations by Proposed Rule

6.60.6 NMAC, Continuing Licensure for Licensed Educator in New Mexico. Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-2-8.1, and 22-10A-3 NMSA 1978

6.60.7 NMAC, Educator Licensure Application Fee. Sections 22-2-1, 22-8-44, and 22-10A-3 NMSA 1978

6.69.4 NMAC, Performance Evaluation System Requirements for Teachers. Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-2-8.1, and 22-10A-3 NMSA 1978

6.69.5 NMAC, Performance Evaluation System Requirements for Librarian-Teachers. Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, and 22-10A-3 NMSA 1978

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

Public Comment

Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail, e-mail, or fax.

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Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period is from Tuesday, November 29, 2022, to Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision of the proposed rulemaking at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from Gregory Frostad at (505) 470-5752 during regular business hours or may be accessed through the PED Policy and Legislative Affairs webpage titled, "Proposed Rules," at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Gregory Frostad at (505) 470-5752 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.