

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (“Department” or “NMDWS”) hereby gives notice that the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding proposed amendments to NMAC 9.1.1 (Administrative Procedures for the Human Rights Bureau) at the Leo Griego Auditorium located in the State Personnel Office (Willie Ortiz Building) at 2600 Cerrillos Road in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505 on September 6, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Summary: The proposed amendment updates language to conform with the 2023 legislative changes in the Human Rights Act to include removing gender specific language and the term “handicap”. The amendment also proposes procedural changes to the complaint process and the administrative hearing process to include adding clarifications to due dates, methods of correspondence, and electronic communications.

Under NMSA 1978 §§28-1-1 to 28-1-14 and 28-23-1 through 28-23-6, the Department is the agency responsible for the Human Rights Bureau.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit written comments to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N.M., 87103, attention Andrea Christman prior to the hearing for consideration. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted via email to andrea.christman@dws.nm.gov. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on September 5, 2023.

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 rule 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.