

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 December 10, 2024. The hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be held via Microsoft Teams and in person at the New Mexico Higher Education Department. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment regarding proposed adoption of a new rule **5.9.2 NMAC, WORKFORCE TRAINING ECONOMIC SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAM.**

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Purpose:

The Department proposes adoption of new rule 5.9.2 NMAC. The new proposed rule establishes regulations and procedures for the Workforce Training Economic Support Pilot Program created by H.B.303, 56th Leg., 1st Sess. (N.M. 2024). The objective of the pilot program is to provide fixed monthly stipends to students in adult education programs who are also participating in integrated education and training (IET) programs. The purpose of the stipends is to support completion of the IET programs by reducing financial barriers to completion and to assist in the transition to employment in the occupation or occupational cluster addressed by the IET program.

Summary of proposed rule:

The proposed rule lays out the various duties of the Department. The rule includes the requirements for participant eligibility, the priority programs and fields for the IET programs to be selected by the Department, participant agreement provisions, continuing eligibility criteria, program limits, conditions regarding potential suspension of the program and Department reporting requirements.

Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments: The proposed rule is posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at <https://hed.nm.gov/> under the “Data, Reports and Rules” section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov or (505)476-8411.

A public hearing will be held on December 10, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams and in person at the NMHED Office located at **2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505**. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may participate. Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov. **Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 2024.** Please note that any written or verbal 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 9-25-14 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@hed.nm.gov ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.