R35. Administrative Services, Records Committee.
R35-1. State Records Committee Appeal Hearing Procedures.
R35-1-1. Scheduling Committee Meetings.

(1) The Executive Secretary shall respond in writing to the notice of appeal within 3 business days.

(2) Two weeks prior to the Committee meeting or appeal hearing the Executive Secretary shall send a notice of the meeting to at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographic jurisdiction.

(3) One week prior to the Committee meeting or appeal hearing the Executive Secretary shall post a notice of the meeting indicating the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting at the building where the meeting is to be held and at the Utah State Archives.

R35-1-2. Procedures for Appeal Hearings.

(1) The meeting shall be called to order by the Committee Chair.

(2) Opening statements will be presented by the petitioner and the governmental entity. Each party shall be allowed five minutes to present their opening statements before the Committee.

(3) Testimony shall be presented by the petitioner and the governmental entity. Each party shall be allowed thirty minutes to present testimony and evidence and to call witnesses.

(4) Witnesses providing testimony shall be sworn in by the Committee Chair.

(5) Questioning of the evidence presented and the witnesses by Committee members shall be permitted.

(6) The Committee may view documents in camera.

(7) Third party presentations shall be permitted. At the conclusion of the testimony presented, the Committee Chair shall ask for statements from any third party. Third party presentations shall be limited to ten minutes.

(8) Closing arguments may be presented by the petitioner and the governmental entity. Each party shall be allowed five minutes to present a closing argument and make rebuttal statements.

(9) Committee deliberations.

(a) Following deliberations, a motion to grant in whole or part or to deny the petitioner's request shall be made by a member. Following discussion of the motion, the Chair shall call for the question. The motion shall serve as the basis for the Committee Decision and Order. The Committee shall vote and make public the decision of the Committee during the hearing.

(10) Adjournment.

(a) The Committee may adjourn, reschedule, continue, or reopen a hearing on the motion of a member.

(11) Ex Parte Communication between the Parties and the Committee Members.

(a) Except as expressly authorized by law, there shall be no communication between the parties and the members of the Committee concerning the subject matter of the appeal before the hearing or prior to the issuance of a final Decision And Order. Any other oral or written communication from the parties to the members of the Committee, or from the members of the Committee to the parties, shall be directed to the Executive Secretary for transmittal.

(12) Electronic participation at meetings. The following provisions govern any meeting at which one or more members of the Committee or a party appears telephonically or electronically pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-7.8.

(a) The anchor location is the physical location from which the electronic meeting originates or from which the participants are connected. The anchor location, unless otherwise designated in the notice, shall be at the offices of the Division of State Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.

(b) If one or more members of the Committee or a party may participate electronically or telephonically, public notices of the meeting shall so indicate. In addition, the notice shall specify the anchor location where the members of the Committee not participating electronically or telephonically will be meeting and where interested persons and the public may attend and monitor the open portions of the meeting.

(c) When notice is given of the possibility of a member of the Committee appearing electronically or telephonically, any member of the Committee may do so and shall be counted as present for purposes of a quorum and may fully participate and vote on any matter coming before the Committee. At the commencement of the meeting, or at such time as any member of the Committee initially appears electronically or telephonically, the Chair shall identify for the record all those who are appearing telephonically or electronically. Votes by members of the Committee who are not at the physical location of the meeting shall be confirmed by the Chair.

R35-1-3. Issuing the Committee Decision and Order.

(1) The Decision and Order shall be signed by the Committee Chair and distributed by the Executive Secretary within three business days after the hearing. Copies of the Decision and Order will be distributed to the petitioner, the governmental entity and all other interested parties. The original order shall be maintained by the Executive Secretary. A copy of the order shall be made available for public access at the Utah State Archives website.

R35-1-4. Committee Minutes.

(1) All meetings of the Committee shall be recorded. Access to the audio recordings shall be provided by the Executive Secretary at the Utah State Archives, Research Center.

(2) Written minutes of the meetings and appeal hearings shall be maintained by the Executive Secretary. A copy of the approved minutes shall be made available for public access at the Utah State Archives.

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R81. Alcoholic Beverage Control, Administration.
R81-1. Scope, Definitions, and General Provisions.
R81-1-1. Scope and Effective Date.

These rules are adopted pursuant to Section 32A-1-107(1), and shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. These rules shall govern the department and all licensees and permittees of the commission.

R81-1-2. Definitions.

Definitions of terms in the Act are used in these rules, except where the context of the terms in these rules clearly indicates a different meaning.

(1) "ACT" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, Title 32A.

(2) "BAR" means a service structure maintained on a licensed premises to furnish glasses, ice and setups and to mix and serve liquor and to serve beer.

(3) "COMMISSION" means the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

(4) "COUNTER" means a level surface on which patrons consume food.

(5) "DECISION OFFICER" means a person who has been appointed by the commission or the director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to preside over the prehearing phase of all disciplinary actions, and, in all cases not requiring an evidentiary hearing.

(6) "DEPARTMENT" or "DABC" means the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

(7) "DIRECTOR" means the director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

(8) "DISCIPLINARY ACTION" means the process by which violations of the Act and these rules are charged and adjudicated, and by which administrative penalties are imposed.

(9) "DISPENSING SYSTEM" means a dispensing system or device which dispenses liquor in controlled quantities not exceeding one ounce and has a meter which counts the number of pours served.

(10) "GUEST ROOM" means a space normally utilized by a natural person for occupancy, usually a traveler who lodges at an inn.

(11) "HEARING OFFICER" or "PRESIDING OFFICER" means a person who has been appointed by the commission or the director to preside over evidentiary hearings in disciplinary actions, and who is authorized to issue written findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to the commission for final action.

(12) "LETTER OF ADMONISHMENT" is a written warning issued by a decision officer to a respondent who is alleged to have violated the Act or these rules.

(13) "MANAGER" means a person chosen or appointed to manage, direct, or administer the affairs of another person, corporation, or company.

(14) "MEMBER" means an individual who regularly pays dues to a private club. Member does not include any corporation or other business enterprise or association, or any other group or association.

(15) "POINT OF SALE" means that portion of a package agency, restaurant, limited restaurant, airport lounge, on-premise banquet premises, private club, on-premise beer retailer, single event permitted area, temporary special event beer permitted area, or public service special use permitted area that has been designated by the department as an alcoholic beverage selling area. It also means that portion of an establishment that sells beer for off-premise consumption where the beer is displayed or offered for sale.

(16) "REASONABLE" means ordinary and usual thinking, speaking, or acting, which is fit and appropriate to the end in view.

(17) "RESPONDENT" means a department licensee, or permittee, or employee or agent of a licensee or permittee, or other entity against whom a letter of admonishment or notice of agency action is directed.

(18) "STAFF" or "authorized staff member" means a person duly authorized by the director of the department to perform a particular act.

(19) "UTAH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAWS" means any Utah statutes, commission rules and municipal and county ordinances relating to the manufacture, possession, transportation, distribution, sale, supply, wholesale, warehousing, and furnishing of alcoholic beverages.

(20) "VIOLATION REPORT" means a written report from any law enforcement agency or authorized department staff member alleging a violation of the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control Act or rules of the commission by a department licensee, or permittee, or employee or agent of a licensee or permittee or other entity.

(21) "WARNING SIGN" means a sign no smaller than six inches high by twelve inches wide, with print no smaller than one half inch bold letters and clearly readable, stating: "Warning: Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a serious crime that is prosecuted aggressively in Utah."

R81-1-3. General Policies.

(1) Official State Label.

Pursuant to Section 32A-1-109(6)(m), the department shall affix an official state label to every container of liquor that is at least 187 ml sold in the state, and to every box containing containers of liquor under 187 ml in size. Removal of the label is prohibited.

(2) Labeling.

No licensee or permittee shall sell or deliver any alcoholic beverage in containers not marked, branded or labeled in conformity with regulations enacted by the agencies of the United States government pertaining to labeling and advertising.

(3) Manner of Paying Fees.

Payment of all fees for licenses or permits, or renewals thereof, shall be made in legal tender of the United States of America, certified check, bank draft, cashier's check, United States post office money order, or personal check.

(4) Copy of Commission Rules.

Copies of the commission rules shall be available at the department's office, 1625 South 900 West, P. O. Box 30408, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0408 for an administrative cost of $20 per copy.

(5) Interest Assessment on Delinquent Accounts.

The department may assess the legal rate of interest provided in Sections 15-1-1 through -4 for any debt or obligation owed to the department by a licensee, permittee, package agent, or any other person.

(6) Returned Checks.

The department will assess a $20 charge for any check payable to the department returned for the following reasons:

(a) Insufficient Funds;

(b) Refer to Maker; and

(c) Account Closed.

Receipt of a check payable to the department which is returned by the bank for any of these reasons may result in the immediate suspension of the license, permit, or operation of the package agency of the person tendering the check until legal tender of the United States of America, certified check, bank draft, cashier's check, or United States post office money order is received at the department offices, 1625 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, plus the $20 returned check charge. Failure to make good the returned check and pay the $20 returned check charge within thirty days after the license, permit, or operation of the package agency is suspended, is grounds for revocation of the license or permit, or termination of the package agency contract, and the forfeiture of the licensee's, permittee's, or

package agent's bond.

(7) Disposition of unsaleable merchandise.

The department, after determining that certain alcoholic products are distressed or unsaleable, but consumable, may make those alcoholic products available to the Utah Department of Public Safety for education or training purposes.

All merchandise made available to the Utah Department of Public Safety must be accounted for as directed by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

R81-1-4. Employees.

The department is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

R81-1-5. Notice of Public Hearings and Meetings.

Notice of all department meetings and public hearings, other than disciplinary hearings, shall be done in the following manner:

(1) The public notice shall specify the date, time, agenda, and location of each hearing or meeting.

(2) In the case of public meetings, notice shall be made as provided in Section 52-4-6.

(3) In the case of hearings, other than disciplinary hearings, public notice shall be made not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(4) The procedure for posting public notice and the definition of public meeting for purposes of these rules, shall be the same as provided in Section 52-4-6.

R81-1-6. Violation Schedule.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to Sections 32A-1-107(1)(c)(i), 32A-1-107(1)(e), 32A-1-107(4)(b), 32A-1-119(6) and (7). These provisions authorize the commission to establish criteria and procedures for imposing sanctions against licensees and permittees and their officers, employees and agents who violate statutes and commission rules relating to alcoholic beverages. The commission may revoke or suspend the licenses or permits, and may impose a fine against a licensee or permittee in addition to or in lieu of a suspension. The commission also may impose a fine against an officer, employee or agent of a licensee or permittee. Violations are adjudicated under procedures contained in Section 32A-1-119 and disciplinary hearing Section R81-1-7.

(2) General Purpose. This rule establishes a schedule setting forth a range of penalties which may be imposed by the commission for violations of the alcoholic beverage laws. It shall be used by department decision officers in processing violations, and by presiding officers in charging violations, in assisting parties in settlement negotiations, and in recommending penalties for violations. The schedule shall be used by the commission in rendering its final decisions as to appropriate penalties for violations.

(3) Application of Rule.

(a) This rule governs violations committed by all commission licensees and permittees and their officers, employees and agents except single event permittees. Violations by single event permittees and their employees and agents are processed under Section 32A-7-106.

(b) This rule does not apply to situations where a licensee or permittee fails to maintain the minimum qualifications provided by law for holding a license or permit. These might include failure to maintain a bond or insurance, or a conviction for a criminal offense that disqualifies the licensee or permittee from holding the license or permit. These are fundamental licensing and permitting requirements and failure to maintain them may result in immediate suspension or forfeiture of the license or permit. Thus, they are not processed in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Title 63, Chapter 46b or Section R81-1-7. They are administered by issuance of an order to show cause requiring the licensee or permittee to provide the commission with proof of qualification to maintain their license or permit.

(c) If a licensee or permittee has not received a letter of admonishment, as defined in Sections R81-1-2 and R81-1-7(2)(b), or been found by the commission to be in violation of Utah statutes or commission rules for a period of 36 consecutive months, its violation record shall be expunged for purposes of determining future penalties sought. The expungement period shall run from the date the last offense was finally adjudicated by the commission.

(d) In addition to the penalty classifications contained in this rule, the commission may:

(i) upon revocation of a license or permit, take action to forfeit the bond of any licensee or permittee;

(ii) prohibit an officer, employee or agent of a licensee or permittee from serving, selling, distributing, manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing, or handling alcoholic beverages in the course of employment with any commission licensee or permittee for a period determined by the commission;

(iii) order the removal of a manufacturer's, supplier's or importer's products from the department's sales list and a suspension of the department's purchase of those products for a period determined by the commission if the manufacturer, supplier, or importer directly committed the violation, or solicited, requested, commanded encouraged, or intentionally aided another to engage in the violation.

(iv) require a licensee to have a written responsible alcohol service plan as provided in R81-1-24.

(e) When the commission imposes a fine or administrative costs, it shall establish a date on which the payment is due. Failure of a licensee or permittee or its officer, employee or agent to make payment on or before that date shall result in the immediate suspension of the license or permit or the suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent to serve, sell, distribute, manufacture, wholesale, warehouse or handle alcoholic beverages with any licensee or permittee until payment is made. Failure of a licensee or permittee to pay a fine or administrative costs within 30 days of the initial date established by the commission shall result in the issuance of an order to show cause why the license or permit should not be revoked and the licensee's or permittee's compliance bond forfeited. The commission shall consider the order to show cause at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(f) Violations of any local ordinance are handled by each individual local jurisdiction.

(4) Penalty Schedule. The department and commission shall follow these penalty range guidelines:

(a) Minor Violations. Violations of this category are lesser in nature and relate to basic compliance with the laws and rules. If not corrected, they are sufficient cause for action. Penalty range: Verbal warning from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) to revocation of the license or permit and/or up to a $25,000 fine. A record of any letter of admonishment shall be included in the licensee's or permittee's and the officer=s, employee's or agent's violation file at the department to establish a violation history.

(i) First occurrence involving a minor violation: the penalty shall range from a verbal warning from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s), which is documented to a letter of admonishment to the licensee or permittee and the officer, employee or agent involved. Law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall notify management of the licensee or permittee when verbal warnings are given.

(ii) Second occurrence of the same type of minor violation: a written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department. The penalty shall range from a $100 to $500 fine for the licensee or permittee, and a letter of admonishment to a $25 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iii) Third occurrence of the same type of minor violation: a one to five day suspension of the license or permit and employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $200 to $500 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $50 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iv) More than three minor violations regardless of type: a six day suspension to revocation of the license or permit and a six to ten day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $500 to $25,000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $75 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(v) If more than one violation is charged during the same investigation, the penalty shall be the sum of the days of suspension and/or the monetary penalties for each of the charges in their respective categories. If other minor violations are discovered during the same investigation, a verbal warning shall be given for each violation on a first occurrence. If the same type of violation is reported more than once during the same investigation, the violations shall be charged as a single occurrence.

(b) Moderate Violations. Violations of this category demonstrate a general disregard for the laws or rules. Although the gravity of the acts are not viewed in the same light as in the serious and grave categories, they are still sufficient cause for action. Penalty range: Written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department on the first occurrence. The penalty shall range from a letter of admonishment to revocation of the license or permit and/or up to a $25,000 fine.

(i) First occurrence involving a moderate violation: a written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department. The penalty shall range from a letter of admonishment to a $1000 fine for the licensee or permittee, and a letter of admonishment to a $50 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(ii) Second occurrence of the same type of moderate violation: a three to ten day suspension of the license or permit and a three to ten day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $500 to $1000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $75 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iii) Third occurrence of the same type of moderate violation: a ten to 20 day suspension of the license or permit and a ten to 20 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $1000 to $2000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $100 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iv) More than three moderate violations regardless of type: a 15 day suspension to revocation of the license or permit and a 15 to 30 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $2000 to $25,000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $150 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(v) If more than one violation is charged during the same investigation, the penalty shall be the sum of the days of suspension and/or the sum of the monetary penalties for each of the charges in their respective categories.

(vi) If the same type of violation is reported more than once during the same investigation, the violations shall be charged as a single occurrence.

(c) Serious Violations. Violations of this category directly or indirectly affect or potentially affect the public safety, health and welfare, and involve minors. Penalty range: Written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department on the first occurrence. The penalty shall range from a five day suspension to revocation of the license or permit and/or up to a $25,000 fine.

(i) First occurrence involving a serious violation: written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department. The penalty shall range from a five to 30 day suspension of the license or permit and a five to 30 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $500 to $3000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $100 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(ii) Second occurrence of the same type of serious violation: a ten to 90 day suspension of the license or permit and a ten to 90 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $1000 to $9000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $150 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iii) More than two occurrences of any type of serious violation: a 15 day suspension to revocation of the license or permit and a 15 to 120 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $9000 to $25,000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $500 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iv) If more than one violation is charged during the same investigation, the penalty shall be the sum of the days of suspension and/or the sum of the monetary penalties for each of the charges in their respective categories.

(v) If the same type of violation is reported more than once during the same investigation, the violations shall be charged as a single occurrence.

(d) Grave Violations. Violations of this category pose or potentially pose, a grave risk to public safety, health and welfare, or may involve lewd acts prohibited by title 32A, fraud, deceit, willful concealment or misrepresentation of the facts, exclusion of competitors' products, unlawful tied house trade practices, commercial bribery, interfering or refusing to cooperate with authorized officials in the discharge of their duties, unlawful importations, or industry supplying liquor to persons other than the department and military installations. Penalty range: Written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department on the first occurrence. The penalty shall range from a ten day suspension to revocation of the license or permit and/or up to a $25,000 fine.

(i) First occurrence involving a grave violation: written investigation report from law enforcement or department compliance officer(s) shall be forwarded to the department. The penalty shall range from a ten day suspension to revocation of the license or permit and a 10 to 120 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent, and/or a $1000 to $25,000 fine to the licensee or permittee and up to a $300 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(ii) More than one occurrence of any type of grave violation: a fifteen day suspension to revocation of the license or permit, and a 15 to 180 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent and/or up to a $500 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

(iii) If more than one violation is charged during the same investigation, the penalty shall be the sum of the days of suspension and/or the sum of the monetary penalties for each of the charges in their respective categories.

(iv) If the same type of violation is reported more than once during the same investigation, the violations shall be charged as a single occurrence.

(e) The following table summarizes the penalty ranges contained in this section of the rule for licensees and permittees.

TABLE

Violation Degree and Frequency	Warning Verbal/Written	Fine $ Amount	Suspension Revoke License No. of Days

Minor		
1st	X	X
2nd	100 to	500
3rd	200 to	500
Over 3	500 to	25,000
Moderate		
1st	X to	1,000
2nd	500 to	1,000
3rd	1,000 to	2,000
Over 3	2,000 to	25,000
Serious		
1st	500 to	3,000
2nd	1,000 to	9,000
Over 2	9,000 to	25,000
Grave		
1st	1,000 to	25,000
Over 1		

Minor	
1st	
2nd	
3rd	1 to 5
Over 3	6 to X
Moderate	
1st	
2nd	3 to 10
3rd	10 to 20
Over 3	15 to X
Serious	
1st	5 to 30
2nd	10 to 90
Over 2	15 to X
Grave	
1st	10 to X
Over 1	15 to X

(f) The following table summarizes the penalty ranges contained in this section of the rule for officers, employees or agents of licensees and permittees.

TABLE

Violation Degree and Frequency	Warning Verbal	Warning Written	Fine $ Amount	Suspension No. of Days
Minor				
1st	X	X		
2nd		X	to 25	
3rd			to 50	1 to 5
Over 3			to 75	6 to 10
Moderate				
1st		X	to 50	
2nd			to 75	3 to 10
3rd			to 100	10 to 20
Over 3			to 150	15 to 30
Serious				
1st			to 100	5 to 30
2nd			to 150	10 to 90
Over 2			to 500	15 to 120
Grave				
1st			to 300	10 to 120
Over 1			to 500	15 to 180

(5) Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances. The commission and presiding officers may adjust penalties within penalty ranges based upon aggravating or mitigating circumstances. Examples of mitigating circumstances are: no prior violation history, good faith effort to prevent a violation, existence of written policies governing employee conduct, and extraordinary cooperation in the violation investigation that shows the licensee or permittee and the officer, employee or agent of the licensee or permittee accepts responsibility. Examples of aggravating circumstances are: prior warnings about compliance problems, prior violation history, lack of written policies governing employee conduct, multiple violations during the course of the investigation, efforts to conceal a violation, intentional nature of the violation, the violation involved more than one patron or employee, the violation involved a minor and, if so, the age of the minor, and whether the violation resulted in injury or death.

(6) Violation Grid. A violation grid describing each violation of the alcoholic beverage control laws, the statutory and rule reference, and the degree of seriousness of each violation is available for public inspection in the department's administrative office. A copy will be provided upon request at reproduction cost. It is entitled "Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Violation Grid" and is incorporated by reference as part of this rule.

R81-1-7. Disciplinary Hearings.

(1) General Provisions.

(a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 32A-1-107(1)(c)(i) and shall govern the procedure for disciplinary actions under the jurisdiction of the commission. Package agencies are expressly excluded from the provisions of this rule, and are be governed by the terms of the package agency contract.

(b) Liberal Construction. Provisions of this rule shall be liberally construed to secure just, speedy and economical determination of all issues presented in any disciplinary action.

(c) Emergency Adjudication Proceedings. The department or commission may issue an order on an emergency basis without complying with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 63-46b-20.

(d) Utah Administrative Procedures Act. Proceedings under this rule shall be in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46b, Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA), and Sections 32A-1-119 and -120.

(e) Penalties. This rule shall govern the imposition of any penalty against a commission licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, an officer, employee or agent of a licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, and a manufacturer, supplier or importer whose products are listed in this state. Penalties may include a letter of admonishment, imposition of a fine, the suspension or revocation of a commission license, permit, or certificate of approval, the requirement that a licensee have a written responsible alcohol service plan as provided in R81-1-24, the assessment of costs of action, an order prohibiting an officer, employee or agent of a licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, from serving, selling, distributing, manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing, or handling alcoholic beverages in the course of employment with any commission licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder for a period determined by the commission, the forfeiture of bonds, an order removing a manufacturer's, supplier's or importer's products from the department's sales list and a suspension of the department's purchase of those products for a period determined by the commission, and an order removing the products of a certificate of approval holder from the state approved sales list, and a suspension of the purchase of the products in the state. Department administrative costs are the hourly pay rate plus benefits of each department employee involved in processing and conducting the adjudicative proceedings on the violation, an hourly charge for department overhead costs, the amount billed the department by an independent contractor for services rendered in conjunction with an adjudicative proceeding, and any additional extraordinary or incidental costs incurred by the department. The commission may also assess additional costs if a respondent fails to appear before the commission at the final stage of the adjudicative process. Department overhead costs are calculated by taking the previous year's total department expenditures less staff payroll charges expended on violations, dividing it by the previous year's total staff hours spent on violations, and multiplying this by a rate derived by taking the previous year's total staff payroll spent on violations to the previous year's total payroll of all office employees. The overhead cost figure shall be recalculated at the beginning of each fiscal year.

(f) Perjured Statements. Any person who makes any false or perjured statement in the course of a disciplinary action is subject to criminal prosecution under Section 32A-12-304.

(g) Service. Service of any document shall be satisfied by service personally or by certified mail upon any respondent, or upon any officer or manager of a corporate or limited liability company respondent, or upon an attorney for a respondent, or by service personally or by certified mail to the last known address of the respondent or any of the following:

(i) Service personally or by certified mail upon any employee working in the respondent's premises; or

(ii) Posting of the document or a notice of certified mail upon a respondent's premises; or

(iii) Actual notice. Proof of service shall be satisfied by a receipt of service signed by the person served or by a certificate of service signed by the person served, or by certificate of service signed by the server, or by verification of posting on the respondent's premises.

(h) Filing of Pleadings or Documents. Filing by a respondent of any pleading or document shall be satisfied by timely delivery to the department office, 1625 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, or by timely delivery to P. O. Box 30408, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0408.

(i) Representation. A respondent who is not a corporation or limited liability company may represent himself in any disciplinary action, or may be represented by an agent duly authorized by the respondent in writing, or by an attorney. A corporate or limited liability company respondent may be represented by a member of the governing board of the corporation or manager of the limited liability company, or by a person duly authorized and appointed by the respondent in writing to represent the governing board of the corporation or manager of the limited liability company, or by an attorney.

(j) Presiding Officers. The commission or the director may appoint presiding officers to receive evidence in disciplinary actions, and to submit to the commission orders containing written findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for commission action.

(i) If fairness to the respondent is not compromised, the commission or director may substitute one presiding officer for another during any proceeding.

(ii) A person who acts as a presiding officer at one phase of a proceeding need not continue as presiding officer through all phases of a proceeding.

(iii) Nothing precludes the commission from acting as presiding officer over all or any portion of an adjudication proceeding.

(iv) At any time during an adjudicative proceeding the presiding officer may hold a conference with the department and the respondent to:

(A) encourage settlement;

(B) clarify issues;

(C) simplify the evidence; or

(D) expedite the proceedings.

(k) Definitions. The definitions found in Sections 32A-1-105 and Title 63, Chapter 46b apply to this rule.

(l) Computation of Time. The time within which any act shall be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last day, unless the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or state or federal holiday, in which case the next business day shall count as the last day.

(m) Default.

(i) The presiding officer may enter an order of default against a respondent if the respondent in an adjudicative proceeding fails to attend or participate in the proceeding.

(ii) The order shall include a statement of the grounds for default, and shall be mailed to the respondent and the department.

(iii) A defaulted respondent may seek to have the default order set aside according to procedures outlined in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(iv) After issuing the order of default, the commission or presiding officer shall conduct any further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudicative proceeding without the participation of the respondent in default and shall determine all issues in the adjudicative proceeding, including those affecting the defaulting respondent.

(2) Pre-adjudication Proceedings.

(a) Staff Screening. Upon receipt of a violation report, a decision officer of the compliance section of the department shall review the report, and the alleged violator's violation history, and in accordance with R81-1-6, determine the range of penalties which may be assessed should the alleged violator be found guilty of the alleged violation.

(b) Letters of Admonishment. Because letters of admonishment are not "state agency actions" under Section 63-46b-1(1)(a), no adjudicative proceedings are required in processing them, and they shall be handled in accordance with the following procedures:

(i) If the decision officer of the department determines that the alleged violation does not warrant an administrative fine, or suspension or revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval, or action against an officer, employee or agent of a licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, or against a manufacturer, supplier or importer of products listed in this state, a letter of admonishment may be sent to the respondent.

(ii) A letter of admonishment shall set forth in clear and concise terms:

(A) The case number assigned to the action;

(B) The name of the respondent;

(C) The alleged violation, together with sufficient facts to put a respondent on notice of the alleged violations and the name of the agency or staff member making the report;

(D) Notice that a letter of admonishment may be considered as a part of the respondent's violation history in assessing appropriate penalties in future disciplinary actions against the respondent; and

(E) Notice that a rebuttal is permitted under these rules within ten days of service of the letter of admonishment.

(F) Notice that the letter of admonishment is subject to the approval of the commission.

(iii) A copy of the law enforcement agency or staff report shall accompany the letter of admonishment. The decision officer shall delete from the report any information that might compromise the identity of a confidential informant or undercover agent.

(iv) A respondent may file a written rebuttal with the department within ten days of service of the letter of admonishment. The rebuttal shall be signed by the respondent, or by the respondent's authorized agent or attorney, and shall set forth in clear and concise terms:

(A) The case number assigned to the action;

(B) The name of the respondent;

(C) Any facts in defense or mitigation of the alleged violation, and a brief summary of any attached evidence. The rebuttal may be accompanied by supporting documents, exhibits, or signed statements.

(v) If the decision officer is satisfied, upon receipt of a rebuttal, that the letter of admonishment was not well taken, it may be withdrawn and the letter and rebuttal shall be expunged from the respondent's file. Letters of admonishment so withdrawn shall not be considered as a part of the respondent's violation history. If no rebuttal is received, or if the decision officer determines after receiving a rebuttal that the letter of admonishment is justified, the matter shall be submitted to the commission for final approval. Upon commission approval, the letter of admonishment, together with any written rebuttal, shall be placed in the respondent's department file and may be considered as part of the respondent's violation history in assessing appropriate penalties in future disciplinary actions against the respondent. If the commission rejects the letter of admonishment, it may either direct the decision officer to dismiss the matter, or may direct that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced seeking a more severe penalty.

(vi) At any time prior to the commission's final approval of a letter of admonishment, a respondent may request that the matter be processed under the adjudicative proceeding process.

(c) Designation of Informal Adjudicative Proceedings.

(i) All adjudicative proceedings conducted under this rule

are hereby designated as informal proceedings.

(ii) If the decision officer determines that the alleged violation warrants commencement of adjudicative proceedings, the matter shall be referred to a presiding officer who shall commence informal adjudication proceedings.

(3) The Informal Process.

(a) Notice of agency action.

(i) Upon referral of a violation report from the decision officer for commencement of informal adjudicative proceedings, the presiding officer shall issue and sign a written "notice of agency action" which shall set forth in clear and concise terms:

(A) The names and mailing addresses of all respondents and other persons to whom notice is being given by the presiding officer, and the name, title, and mailing address of any attorney or employee who has been designated to appear for the department;

(B) The department's case number;

(C) The name of the adjudicative proceeding, "DABC vs. ";

(D) The date that the notice of agency action was mailed;

(E) A statement that the adjudicative proceeding is to be conducted informally according to the provisions of this rule and Sections 63-46b-4 and -5, and that an informal hearing will be held where the respondent and department shall be permitted to testify, present evidence and comment on the issues;

(F) The date, time and place of any prehearing conference with the presiding officer;

(G) The date, time and place of the scheduled informal hearing;

(H) A statement that a respondent who fails to attend or participate in the hearing may be held in default;

(I) A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the adjudicative proceeding is to be maintained;

(J) A statement of the purpose of the adjudicative proceeding and questions to be decided including:

(I) the alleged violation, together with sufficient facts to put the respondent on notice of the alleged violation and the name of the agency or department staff member making the violation report;

(II) the penalty sought, which may include assessment of costs under Section 32A-1-119(5)(c) if the respondent is found guilty of the alleged violation, and forfeiture of any compliance bond on final revocation under Section 32A-1-119(5)(d) if revocation is sought in the complaint;

(K) Any violation history of the respondent which may be considered in assessing an appropriate penalty should the respondent be found guilty of the alleged violation; and

(L) The name, title, mailing address, and telephone number of the presiding officer.

(ii) A copy of the law enforcement agency or staff report shall accompany the notice of agency action. The presiding officer shall delete from the report any information that might compromise the identity of a confidential informant or undercover agent.

(iii) The notice of agency action and any subsequent pleading in the case shall be retained in the respondent's department file.

(iv) The notice of agency action shall be mailed to each respondent, any attorney representing the department, and, if applicable, any law enforcement agency that referred the alleged violation to the department.

(v) The presiding officer may permit or require pleadings in addition to the notice of agency action. All additional pleadings shall be filed with the presiding officer, with copies sent by mail to each respondent and to the department.

(vi) Amendment to Pleading. The presiding officer may, upon motion of the respondent or department made at or before the hearing, allow any pleading to be amended or corrected. Defects which do not substantially prejudice a respondent or the department shall be disregarded.

(vii) Signing of Pleading. Pleadings shall be signed by the department or respondent, or their authorized attorney or representative, and shall show the signer's address and telephone number. The signature shall be deemed to be a certification by the signer that he has read the pleading and that he has taken reasonable measures to assure its truth.

(b) The Prehearing Conference.

(i) The presiding officer may hold a prehearing conference with the respondent and the department to encourage settlement, clarify issues, simplify the evidence, or expedite the proceedings.

(ii) All or part of any adjudicative proceeding may be stayed at any time by a written settlement agreement signed by the department and respondent or their authorized attorney or representative, and by the presiding officer. The stay shall take effect immediately upon the signing of the settlement agreement, and shall remain in effect until the settlement agreement is approved or rejected by the commission. No further action shall be required with respect to any action or issue so stayed until the commission has acted on the settlement agreement.

(iii) A settlement agreement approved by the commission shall constitute a final resolution of all issues agreed upon in the settlement. No further proceedings shall be required for any issue settled. The approved settlement shall take effect by its own terms and shall be binding upon the respondent and the department. Any breach of a settlement agreement by a respondent may be treated as a separate violation and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. Additional sanctions stipulated in the settlement agreement may also be imposed.

(iv) If the settlement agreement is rejected by the commission, the action shall proceed in the same posture as if the settlement agreement had not been reached, except that all time limits shall have been stayed for the period between the signing of the agreement and the commission rejection of the settlement agreement.

(c) The Informal Hearing.

(i) The respondent and department shall be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing at least ten days in advance of the hearing. Notice may appear in the notice of agency action, or may appear in a separate notice issued by the presiding officer. Continuances of scheduled hearings are not favored, but may be granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown. Failure by a respondent to appear at the hearing after notice has been given shall be grounds for default and shall waive both the right to contest the allegations, and the right to the hearing. The presiding officer shall proceed to prepare and serve on respondent an order pursuant to R81-1-7(3)(d).

(ii) All hearings shall be presided over by the presiding officer.

(iii) The respondent named in the notice of agency action and the department shall be permitted to testify, present evidence, and comment on the issues. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply, however, the presiding officer:

(A) may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious;

(B) shall exclude evidence privileged in the courts of Utah;

(C) shall recognize presumptions and inferences recognized by law;

(D) may receive documentary evidence in the form of a copy or excerpt if the copy or excerpt contains all the pertinent portions of the original document;

(E) may take official notice of any facts that could be judicially noticed under the Utah Rules of Evidence, of the record of other proceedings before the commission, and of technical or scientific facts within the commission's specialized

knowledge;

(F) may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay; and

(G) may use his experience, technical competence, and specialized knowledge to evaluate the evidence.

(iv) All testimony shall be under oath.

(v) Discovery is prohibited.

(vi) Subpoenas and orders to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of evidence shall be issued by the presiding officer when requested by a respondent or the department, or may be issued by the presiding officer on his own motion.

(vii) A respondent shall have access to information contained in the department's files and to material gathered in the investigation of respondent to the extent permitted by law.

(viii) Intervention is prohibited.

(ix) The hearing shall be open to the public, provided that the presiding officer may order the hearing closed upon a written finding that the public interest in an open meeting is clearly outweighed by factors enumerated in the closure order. The presiding officer may take appropriate measures necessary to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

(x) Record of Hearing. The presiding officer shall cause an official record of the hearing to be made, at the department's expense, as follows:

(A) The record of the proceedings may be made by means of a tape recorder or other recording device at the department's expense.

(B) The record may also be made by means of a certified shorthand reporter employed by the department or by a party desiring to employ a certified shorthand reporter at its own cost in the event that the department chooses not to employ a reporter. If a party employs a certified shorthand reporter, the original transcript of the hearing shall be filed with the department. Those desiring a copy of the certified shorthand reporter's transcript may purchase it from the reporter.

(C) Any respondent, at his own expense, may have a person approved by the department, prepare a transcript of the hearing, subject to any restrictions that the department is permitted by statute to impose to protect confidential information disclosed at the hearing. Whenever a transcript or tape recording of a hearing is made, it will be available at the department for use by the respondent, but the original transcript or tape recording may not be withdrawn.

(D) The department shall retain the record of the evidentiary hearing for a minimum of one year from the date of the hearing, or until the completion of any court proceeding on the matter.

(xi) The presiding officer may grant continuances or recesses as necessary.

(xii) Order of presentation. Unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer at the hearing, the order of procedure and presentation of evidence will be as follows: (1) department; (2) respondent; (3) rebuttal by department.

(xiii) Time limits. The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits for the presentations described above.

(xiv) Continuances of the hearing. Any hearing may be continued to a time and date certain announced at the hearing, which shall not require any new notification. The continuance of the hearing may be made upon motion of a respondent or the department indicating good cause why a continuance is necessary. The continuance of the hearing may also be made upon the motion of the presiding officer when in the public interest.

(xv) Oral Argument and Briefs. Upon the conclusion of the taking of evidence, the presiding officer may, in his discretion, permit a respondent and the department to make oral arguments or submit additional briefs or memoranda upon a schedule to be designated by the presiding officer.

(d) Disposition.

(i) Presiding Officer's Order; Objections.

(A) Within a reasonable time after the close of the hearing, the presiding officer shall issue a signed order in writing that includes the following:

(I) the decision;

(II) the reasons for the decision;

(III) findings of facts;

(IV) conclusions of law;

(V) recommendations for final commission action;

(VI) notice that a respondent or the department having objections to the presiding officer's order may file written objections with the presiding officer within ten days of service of the order, setting forth the particulars in which the report is alleged to be unfair, inaccurate, incomplete, unreasonable, unlawful or not supported by the evidence.

(B) The order shall be based on the facts appearing in the department's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the informal hearing. Any finding of fact that was contested may not be based solely on hearsay evidence. The findings of fact shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence. The order shall not recommend a penalty more severe than that sought in the notice of agency action.

(C) A copy of the presiding officer's order shall be promptly mailed to the respondent and the department.

(D) The presiding officer shall wait ten days from service of his order for written objections, if any. The presiding officer may then amend or supplement his findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to reflect those objections which have merit or which are not disputed.

(E) Upon expiration of the time for filing written objections, the order of the presiding officer and any written objections timely filed, shall be submitted to the commission for final consideration.

(ii) Commission Action.

(A) Upon expiration of the time for filing objections, the order shall be placed on the next available agenda of a regular commission meeting for consideration by the commission. Copies of the order, together with any objections filed shall be forwarded to the commission, and the commission shall finally decide the matter on the basis of the order and any objections submitted.

(B) The commission shall be deemed a substitute presiding officer for this final stage of the informal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Sections 63-46b-2(1)(h)(ii)(iii). This stage is not considered a "review of an order by an agency or a superior agency" under Sections 63-46b-12 and -13.

(C) No additional evidence shall be presented to the commission. The commission may, at its discretion, permit the respondent and department to present oral presentations.

(D) After the commission has reached a final decision, it shall issue a signed, written order pursuant to Section 32A-1-119(5) and 63-46b-5(1)(i), containing:

(I) the decision;

(II) the reasons for the decision;

(III) findings of fact;

(IV) conclusions of law;

(V) action ordered by the commission and effective date of the action taken;

(VI) notice of the right to seek judicial review of the order within 30 days from the date of its issuance in the district court in accordance with Sections 63-46b-14, -15, -17, and -18, and 32A-1-119 and -120.

(E) The commission may adopt in whole or in part, any portion(s) of the initial presiding officer's order.

(F) The order shall be based on the facts appearing in the department's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the informal hearing.

(G) The order shall not impose a penalty more severe than

that sought in the notice of agency action.

(H) A copy of the commission's order shall be promptly mailed to the respondent and the department.

(e) Judicial Review.

(i) Any petition for judicial review of the commission's final order must be filed within thirty days from the date the order is issued.

(ii) Appeals from informal adjudicative proceedings shall be to the district court in accordance with Sections 63-46b-15, -17, and -18, and 32A-1-119 and -120.

R81-1-8. Consent Calendar Procedures.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to the commission's authority to establish procedures for suspending or revoking permits, licenses, and package agencies under 32A-1-107(1)(b) and (e), and the commission's authority to adjudicate violations of Title 32A.

(2) Purpose. This rule establishes a consent calendar procedure for handling letters of admonishment issued and settlement agreements proposed pursuant to R81-1-7 that meet the following criteria:

(a) Uncontested letters of admonishment where no written objections have been received from the respondent; and

(b) Settlement agreements except those where the respondent is allowed to present further argument to the commission under the terms of the settlement agreement.

(3) Application of the Rule.

(a) A consent calendar may be utilized by the commission at their meetings to expedite the handling of letters of admonishment and settlement agreements that meet the criteria of Section (2).

(b) Consent calendar items shall be briefly summarized by department staff or the assistant attorney general assigned to the department. The summary shall describe the nature of the violations and the penalties sought.

(c)(i) The commission shall be furnished in advance of the meeting a copy of each letter of admonishment and settlement agreement on the consent calendar and any documents essential for the commission to make an informed decision on the matter.

(ii) If the case involves anything unusual or out of the ordinary, it shall be highlighted on the letter of admonishment or settlement agreement and shall be noted by the department staff person or assistant attorney general during the summary of the case.

(iii) Settlement agreements on the consent calendar shall include specific proposed dates for the suspension of any license or permit, and for payment of any fines or administrative costs.

(d) If the case involves a serious or grave violation as defined in R81-1-6, the licensee or permittee, absent good cause, shall be in attendance at the commission meeting. The licensee or permittee shall be present not to make a presentation, but to respond to any questions from the commission. Individual employees of a licensee or permittee are not required to be in attendance at the commission meeting.

(e) Any commissioner may have an item removed from the consent calendar if the commissioner feels that further inquiry is necessary before reaching a final decision. In the event a commissioner elects to remove an item from the consent calendar, and the licensee or permittee is not in attendance, the matter may be rescheduled for the next regular commission meeting. Otherwise, the action recommended by department staff or the assistant attorney general presenting the matter shall be approved by unanimous consent of the commission.

(f) All consent calendar items shall be approved in a single motion at the conclusion of the presentation of the summary.

(g) All fines and administrative costs shall be paid on or before the day of the commission meeting unless otherwise provided by order of the commission.

R81-1-9. Liquor Dispensing Systems.

A licensee may not install or use any system for the automated mixing or dispensing of spirituous liquor unless the dispensing system has been approved by the department.

(1) Minimum requirements. The department will only approve a dispensing system which:

(a) dispenses spirituous liquor in calibrated quantities not to exceed one ounce; and

(b) has a meter which counts the number of pours dispensed.

The margin of error of the system for a one ounce pour size cannot exceed 1/16 of an ounce or two milliliters.

(2) Types of systems. Dispensing systems may be of various types including: gun, stationary head, tower, insertable spout, ring activator or similar method.

(3) Method of approval.

(a) Suppliers. Companies which manufacture, distribute, sell, or supply dispensing systems must first have their product approved by the department prior to use by any liquor licensee in the state. They shall complete the "Supplier Application for Dispensing System Approval" form provided by the department, which includes: the name, model number, manufacturer and supplier of the product; the type and method of dispensing, calibrating, and metering; the degree or tolerance of error, and a verification of compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

(b) Licensees. Before any dispensing system is put into use by a licensee, the licensee shall complete the "Licensee Application for Dispensing System Approval" form provided by the department. The department shall maintain a list of approved products and shall only authorize installation of a product previously approved by the department as provided in subsection (a). The licensee is thereafter responsible for verifying that the system, when initially installed, meets the specifications which have been supplied to the department by the manufacturer. Once installed, the licensee shall maintain the dispensing system to ensure that it continues to meet the manufacturer's specifications. Failure to maintain the system may be grounds for suspension or revocation of the licensee's liquor license.

(c) Removal from approved list. In the event the system does not meet the specifications as represented by the manufacturer, the licensee shall immediately notify the department. The department shall investigate the situation to determine whether the product should be deleted from the approved list.

(4) Operational restrictions.

(a) The system must be calibrated to pour a quantity of spirituous liquor not to exceed one ounce.

(b) Voluntary consent is given that representatives of the department, State Bureau of Investigation, or any law enforcement officer shall have access to any system for inspection or testing purposes. A licensee shall furnish to the representatives, upon request, samples of the alcoholic products dispensed through any system for verification and analysis.

(c) Spirituous liquor bottles in use with a dispensing system at the dispensing location must be affixed to the dispensing system by the licensee. Spirituous liquor bottles in use with a remote dispensing system must be in a locked storage area. Any other primary spirituous liquor not in service must remain unopened. There shall be no opened primary spirituous liquor bottles at a dispensing location that are not affixed to an approved dispensing device. This rule does not prohibit the presence of opened containers of wine for use as provided by law.

(d) The dispensing system and spirituous liquor bottles attached to the system must be locked or secured in such a place and manner as to preclude the dispensing of spirituous liquor at times when liquor sales are not authorized by law.

(e) All dispensing systems and devices must

(i) avoid an in-series hookup which would permit the contents of liquor bottles to flow from bottle to bottle before reaching the dispensing spigot or nozzle;

(ii) not dispense from or utilize containers other than original liquor bottles; and

(iii) prohibit the intermixing of different kinds of products or brands in the liquor bottles from which they are being dispensed.

(f) Pursuant to federal law, all liquor dispensed through a dispensing system shall be from its original container, and there shall be no re-use or refilling of liquor bottles with any substance whatsoever. The commission adopts federal regulations 27 CFR 194 and 26 USCA Section 5301 and incorporates them by reference.

(g) Each licensee shall keep daily records for each dispensing outlet as follows:

(i) brands of liquor dispensed through the dispensing system;

(ii) beginning and ending meter readings by brand or sales price level and the number of portions dispensed through the dispensing system;

(iii) number of portions sold by brand or sales price level; and

(iv) a comparison of the number of portions dispensed to the number of portions sold including an explanation of any variances by brand or sales price level.

(v) These records must be made available for inspection and audit by the department or law enforcement.

(h) This rule does not prohibit the sale of pitchers of mixed drinks as long as the pitcher contains no more than one ounce of primary spirituous liquor per person to which the pitcher is served.

(i) Licensees shall display in a prominent place on the premises a list of the types and brand names of spirituous liquor being served through its dispensing system. This requirement may be satisfied either by printing the list on an alcoholic beverage menu or by wall posting or both.

(j) A licensee or his employee shall not:

(i) sell or serve any brand of spirituous liquor not identical to that ordered by the patron; or

(ii) misrepresent the brand of any spirituous liquor contained in any drink sold or offered for sale.

(k) All dispensing systems and devices must conform to federal, state, and local health and sanitation requirements. Where considered necessary, the department may:

(i) require the alteration or removal of any system,

(ii) require the licensee to clean, disinfect, or otherwise improve the sanitary conditions of any system.

R81-1-10. Wine Dispensing.

(1) Each licensee shall keep daily records that compare the number of portions of wine by the glass dispensed to the number of portions sold. These records shall indicate:

(a) the brands of each wine dispensed by the glass;

(b) the portion size, not to exceed five ounces per portion, and the number of portions dispensed by the glass of each wine by brand and sales price level;

(c) the portion size and number of portions sold by the glass of each wine by brand and sales price level; and

(d) a comparison of the number of portions dispensed to the number of portions sold including an explanation of any variances.

These records must be made available for inspection and audit by the department or law enforcement.

R81-1-11. Multiple-Licensed Facility Storage and Service.

(1) For the purposes of this rule:

(a) "premises" as defined in Section 32A-1-105(40) shall include the location of any licensed restaurant, limited restaurant, club, or on-premise beer retailer facility or facilities operated or managed by the same person or entity that are located within the same building or complex. Multiple licensed facilities shall be termed "qualified premises" as used in this rule.

(b) the terms "sell", "sale", "to sell" as defined in Section 32A-1-105(54) shall not apply to a cost allocation of alcoholic beverages as used in this rule.

(c) "cost allocation" means an apportionment of the as purchased cost of the alcoholic beverage product based on the amount dispensed in each outlet as reconciled by the record keeping requirements of this rule.

(d) "remote storage alcoholic beverage dispensing system" means a dispensing system where the alcoholic product is stored in a single centralized location, and may have separate dispensing heads at different locations, and is capable of accounting for the amount of alcoholic product dispensed to each location.

(2) Where qualified premises have consumption areas in reasonable proximity to each other, the dispensing of alcoholic beverages may be made from the alcoholic beverage inventory of an outlet in one licensed location to patrons in either consumption area of the qualified premises subject to the following requirements:

(a) for liquor and wine dispensing, daily dispensing records as required in R81-1-9 and R81-1-10 must also show the amount of alcoholic beverage products dispensed to each licensed location;

(b) for beer dispensing, daily records must be kept in a form acceptable to the department that show the amount of beer dispensed to each outlet;

(c) point of sale control systems must be implemented that will record the amounts of each alcoholic beverage product sold in each location. Sales records and dispensing records must be balanced daily;

(d) cost allocation of the alcoholic beverage product cost must be made for each location on at least a monthly basis. Allocations must be able to be supported by the record keeping requirements of Section 32A-4-106, 32A-4-307, 32A-5-107, or 32A-10-206;

(e) dispensing of alcoholic beverages to a licensed location may not be made on prohibited days or at prohibited hours pertinent to that license type;

(f) if separate inventories of liquor are maintained in one dispensing location, the storage area of each licensee's liquor must remain locked during the prohibited hours and days of sale for each license type;

(g) dispensing of alcoholic beverages to a licensed location may not be made in any manner prohibited by the statutory or regulatory operational restrictions of that license type;

(h) a licensee must obtain department approval before dispensing alcoholic beverages as described in this section. Applications for approval shall be in a form prescribed by the department and shall include a floor plan of all storage, dispensing, sales, service, and consumption areas involved.

(i) alcoholic beverages dispensed under this section may be delivered by servers from one outlet to the various approved consumption areas, or dispensed to each outlet through the use of a remote storage alcoholic beverage dispensing system.

(3) On qualified premises where each licensee maintains an inventory of alcoholic beverage products, the alcoholic beverages owned by each licensee may be stored in a common location in the building subject to the following guidelines:

(a) each licensee shall identify the common storage location when applying for or renewing their license, and shall receive department approval of the location;

(b) each licensee must be able to account for its ownership

of the alcoholic beverages stored in the common storage location by keeping records, balanced monthly, of expenditures for alcoholic beverages supported by items such as delivery tickets, invoices, receipted bills, canceled checks, petty cash vouchers; and

(c) the common storage area may be located on the premises of one of the licensed liquor establishments.

R81-1-12. Alcohol Training and Education Seminar.

(1) The alcohol training and education seminar, as described in Section 62A-15-401, shall be completed by every individual of every new and renewing licensee under title 32A who:

(a) is employed to sell or furnish alcoholic beverages to the public within the scope of his employment for consumption on the premises;

(b) is employed to manage or supervise the service of alcoholic beverages; or

(c) holds an ownership interest in an on-premise licensed establishment and performs the duties of a manager, supervisor, or server of alcoholic beverages.

(2) Persons described in subsection 1(a) and (b) must complete the training within 30 days of commencing employment. Persons described in subsection 1(c) must complete the training within 30 days of engaging in the duties described in subsection 1(a) and (b).

(3) Each licensee shall maintain current records on each individual indicating:

(a) date of hire, and

(b) date of completion of training.

(4) The seminar shall include the following subjects in the curriculum and training:

(a) alcohol as a drug and its effect on the body and behavior;

(b) recognizing the problem drinker;

(c) an overview of state alcohol laws;

(d) dealing with problem customers; and

(e) alternate means of transportation to get a customer safely home.

(5) Persons required to complete the seminar shall pay a fee to the seminar provider.

(6) The seminar is administered by the Division of Substance Abuse of the Utah Department of Human Services.

(7) Persons who are not in compliance with subsection (2) may not:

(a) serve or supervise the serving of alcoholic beverages to a customer for consumption on the premises of a licensee; or

(b) engage in any activity that would constitute managing operations at the premises of a licensee.

R81-1-13. Utah Government Records Access and Management Act.

(1) Purpose. To provide procedures for access to government records of the commission and the department.

(2) Authority. The authority for this rule is Sections 63-2-204, and 63-2-904 of the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA).

(3) Requests for Access. Requests for access to government records of the commission or the department should be written and made to the executive secretary of the commission or the records officer of the department, as the case may be, at the following address: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1625 South 900 West, P.O. Box 30408, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0408.

(4) Fees. A fee schedule for the direct and indirect costs of duplicating or compiling a record may be obtained from the commission and the department by contacting the appropriate official specified in paragraph (3) above. The department may require payment of past fees and future estimated fees before beginning to process a request if fees are expected to exceed $50 or if the requester has not paid fees from previous requests. Fees for duplication and compilation of a record may be waived under certain circumstances described in Section 63-2-203(4). Requests for this waiver of fees must be made to the appropriate official specified in paragraph (3) above.

(5) Requests for Access for Research Purposes. Access to private or controlled records for research purposes is allowed by Section 63-2-202(8). Requests for access to these records for research purposes may be made to the appropriate official specified in paragraph (3) above.

(6) Intellectual Property Rights. Whenever the commission or department determines that it owns an intellectual property right to a portion of its records, it may elect to duplicate and distribute, or control any materials, in accordance with the provisions of Section 63-2-201(10). Decisions affecting records covered by these rights will be made by the appropriate official specified in paragraph (3) above. Any questions regarding the duplication and distribution of materials should be addressed to that individual.

(7) Requests to Amend a Record. An individual may contest the accuracy or completeness of a document pertaining to him pursuant to Section 63-2-603. The request should be made to the appropriate official specified in paragraph (3) above.

(8) Time Periods Under GRAMA. The provisions of Rule 6 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply to calculate time periods specified in GRAMA.

R81-1-14. Americans With Disabilities Act Complaint Procedure.

(1) Authority and Purpose. This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 63-46a-3(3). The commission, pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107, July 1, 1992 Ed., adopts, defines, and publishes within this rule complaint procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints filed in accordance with Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, with the commission or the department.

(2) No qualified individual with a disability, by reason of disability, shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the commission, or department, or be subjected to discrimination by the commission or department.

(3) Definitions.

"ADA coordinator" means the commission's and department's coordinator or designee who has responsibility for investigating and providing prompt and equitable resolution of complaints filed by qualified individuals with disabilities.

"ADA State Coordinating Committee" means that committee with representatives designated by the directors of the following agencies: Office of Planning and Budget; Department of Human Resource Management; Division of Risk Management; Division of Facilities Construction Management; and Office of the Attorney General.

"Disability" means with respect to an individual with a disability, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual; a record of an impairment; or being regarded as having an impairment.

"Individual with a disability" means a person who has a disability which limits one of his major life activities and who meets the essential eligibility requirement for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by the commission or department, or who would otherwise be an eligible applicant for vacant positions with the commission or department, as well as those who are employees of the commission or department.

"Major life activities" means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing,

speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(4) Filing of Complaints.

(a) The complaint shall be filed in a timely manner to assure prompt, effective assessment and consideration of the facts, but no later than 60 days from the date of the alleged act of discrimination.

(b) The complaint shall be filed with the commission's and department's ADA coordinator in writing or in another accessible format suitable to the individual.

(c) Each complaint shall:

(i) include the individual's name and address;

(ii) include the nature and extent of the individual's disability;

(iii) describe the commission's or department's alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the commission or department of the nature and date of the alleged violation;

(iv) describe the action and accommodation desire; and

(v) be signed by the individual or by his legal representative.

(d) Complaints filed on behalf of classes or third parties shall describe or identify by name, if possible, the alleged victims of discrimination.

(5) Investigation of Complaint.

(a) The ADA coordinator shall conduct an investigation of each complaint received. The investigation shall be conducted to the extent necessary to assure all relevant facts are determined and documented. This may include gathering all information listed in paragraph (4)(c) of this rule if it is not made available by the individual.

(b) When conducting the investigation, the ADA coordinator may seek assistance from the commission's or department's legal, human resource, and budget staff in determining what action, if any, shall be taken on the complaint. Before making any decision that would involve an expenditure of funds which is not absorbable within the commission's or department's budget and would require appropriation authority; facility modifications; or reclassification or reallocation in grade, the ADA coordinator shall consult with the ADA State Coordinating Committee.

(6) Issuance of Decision.

(a) Within 15 working days after receiving the complaint, the ADA coordinator shall issue a decision outlining in writing or in another acceptable suitable format stating what action, if any, shall be taken on the complaint.

(b) If the coordinator is unable to reach a decision within the 15 working day period, he shall notify the individual with a disability in writing or by another acceptable, suitable format why the decision is being delayed and what additional time is needed to reach a decision.

(7) Appeals.

(a) The individual may appeal the decision of the ADA coordinator by filing an appeal within five working days from the receipt of the decision.

(b) Appeals involving the commission shall be filed in writing with the commission. Appeals involving the department shall be filed in writing with the department's executive director or a designee other than the ADA coordinator.

(c) The filing of an appeal shall be considered as authorization by the individual to allow review of all information, including information classified as private or controlled, by the commission, executive director, or designee.

(d) The appeal shall describe in sufficient detail why the ADA coordinator's decision is in error, is incomplete or ambiguous, is not supported by the evidence, or is otherwise improper.

(e) The commission, executive director, or designee, shall review the factual findings of the investigation and the individual's statement regarding the inappropriateness of the ADA coordinator's decision and arrive at an independent conclusion and recommendation. Additional investigations may be conducted if necessary to clarify questions of fact before arriving at an independent conclusion. Before making any decision that would involve an expenditure of funds which is not absorbable within the commission's or department's budget and would require appropriation authority; facility modifications; or reclassification or reallocation in grade, the commission, executive director, or designee shall also consult with the State ADA Coordinating Committee.

(f) The decision shall be issued within ten working days after receiving the appeal and shall be in writing or in another accessible suitable format to the individual.

(g) If the commission, executive director, or designee is unable to reach a decision within the ten working day period, the individual shall be notified in writing or by another acceptable, suitable format why the decision is being delayed and the additional time needed to reach a decision.

(8) Classification of records. The record of each complaint and appeal, and all written records produced or received as part of the action, shall be classified as protected as defined under Section 63-2-304 until the ADA coordinator, executive director, or their designees issue the decision, at which time any portions of the record which may pertain to the individual's medical condition shall remain classified as private as defined under Section 63-2-302, or controlled as defined in Section 63-2-303. All other information gathered as part of the complaint record shall be classified as private information. Only the written decision of the ADA coordinator, executive director, or designees shall be classified as public information.

(9) Relationship to other laws. This rule does not prohibit or limit the use of remedies available to individuals under the state Anti-Discrimination Complaint Procedures Section 67-19-32; the Federal ADA Complaint Procedures, 28 CFR 35.170, et seq.; or any other Utah or federal law that provides equal or greater protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

R81-1-15. Commission Declaratory Orders.

(1) Authority. As required by Section 63-46b-21, and as authorized by Section 32A-1-107, this rule provides the procedures for the submission, review, and disposition of petitions for commission declaratory orders on the applicability of statutes administered by the commission and department, rules promulgated by the commission, and orders issued by the commission.

(2) Petition Procedure.

(a) Any person or government agency directly affected by a statute administered by the commission, a rule promulgated by the commission, or an order issued by the commission may petition for a declaratory order.

(b) The petitioner shall file the petition with the commission's executive secretary.

(3) Petition Form. The petition shall:

(a) be clearly designated as a request for a declaratory order;

(b) identify the statute, rule, or order to be reviewed;

(c) describe the situation or circumstances giving rise to the need for the declaratory order, or in which applicability of the statute, rule, or order is to be reviewed;

(d) describe the reason or need for the applicability review;

(e) identify the person or agency directly affected by the statute, rule, or order;

(f) include an address and telephone number where the petitioner can be reached during regular work days; and

(g) be signed by the petitioner.

(4) Petition Review and Disposition.

(a) The commission shall:

(i) review and consider the petition;

(ii) prepare a declaratory order stating:
(A) the applicability or non-applicability of the statute, rule, or order at issue;
(B) the reasons for the applicability or non-applicability of the statute, rule, or order; and
(C) any requirements imposed on the department, the petitioner, or any person as a result of the declaratory order;
(iii) serve the petitioner with a copy of the order.
(b) The commission may:
(i) interview the petitioner;
(ii) hold an informal adjudicative hearing to gather information prior to making its determination;
(iii) hold a public information-gathering hearing on the petition;
(iv) consult with department staff, the Attorney General's Office, other government agencies, or the public; and
(v) take any other action necessary to provide the petition adequate review and due consideration.

R81-1-16. Disqualification Based Upon Conviction of Crime.
(1) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act generally disqualifies persons from being employees of the department, operating a package agency, holding a license or permit, or being employed in a managerial or supervisory capacity with a package agency, licensee or permittee if they have been convicted of:
(a) a felony under any federal or state law;
(b) any violation of any federal or state law or local ordinance concerning the sale, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, adulteration, or transportation of alcoholic beverages;
(c) any crime involving moral turpitude; or
(d) driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs on two or more occasions within the last five years.
(2) In the case of a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company the proscription under Subsection (1) applies if any of the following has been convicted of any offense described in Subsection (1):
(a) a partner;
(b) a managing agent;
(c) a manager;
(d) an officer;
(e) a director;
(f) a stockholder who holds at least 20% of the total issued and outstanding stock of the corporation; or
(g) a member who owns at least 20% of the limited liability company.
(3) As used in the Act and these rules:
(a) "convicted" or "conviction" means a determination of guilt by a judge or a jury, upon either a trial or entry of a plea, in any court, including a court not of record, that has not been reversed on appeal;
(b) "felony" means any crime punishable by a term of imprisonment in excess of one year; and
(c) a "crime involving moral turpitude" means a crime that involves actions done knowingly contrary to justice, honesty, or good morals. It is also described as a crime that is "malum in se" as opposed to "malum prohibitum" - actions that are immoral in themselves regardless of being punishable by law as opposed to actions that are wrong only since they are prohibited by statute. A crime of moral turpitude ordinarily involves an element of falsification or fraud or of harm or injury directed to another person or another's property. For purposes of this rule, crimes of moral turpitude may include crimes involving controlled substances, illegal drugs, and narcotics.

R81-1-17. Advertising.
(1) Authority and General Purpose. This rule is pursuant to Section 32A-12-401(4) which authorizes the commission to establish guidelines for the advertising of alcoholic beverages in this state except to the extent prohibited by Title 32A.
(2) Definitions.
(a) For purposes of this rule, "advertisement" or "advertising" includes any written or verbal statement, illustration, or depiction which is calculated to induce alcoholic beverage sales, whether it appears in a newspaper, magazine, trade booklet, menu, wine card, leaflet, circular, mailer, book insert, catalog, promotional material, sales pamphlet, or any written, printed, graphic, or other matter accompanying the container, representations made on cases, billboard, sign, or other public display, public transit card, other periodical literature, publication or in a radio or television broadcast, or in any other media; except that such term shall not include:
(i) labels on products; or
(ii) any editorial or other reading material (i.e., news release) in any periodical or publication or newspaper for the publication of which no money or valuable consideration is paid or promised, directly or indirectly, by any alcoholic beverage industry member or retailer, and which is not written by or at the direction of the industry member or retailer.
(b) For purposes of this rule, "minor" or "minors" shall mean persons under the age of 21 years.
(3) Application.
(a) This rule shall govern the regulation of advertising of alcoholic beverages sold within the state, except where the regulation of interstate electronic media advertising is preempted by federal law. This rule incorporates by reference the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 U.S.C. 205(f), and Subchapter A, Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, United States Department of the Treasury in 27 CFR 4, 5, 6 and 7 (1993 Edition). These provisions shall regulate the labeling and advertising of alcoholic beverages sold within this state, except where federal statutes and regulations are found to be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the statutes and rules of this state.
(b) 27 CFR Section 7.50 provides that federal laws apply only to the extent that the laws of a state impose similar requirements with respect to advertisements of malt beverages manufactured and sold or otherwise disposed of in the state. This rule, therefore, adopts and incorporates by reference federal laws, previously referenced in subparagraph (a), relating to the advertising of malt beverage products.
(4) Current statutes and rules restricting the advertising, display, or display of price lists of liquor products, as defined in 32A-1-105(28), by the department, state stores, or type 1, 2 or 3 package agencies as defined in R81-3-1, are applicable.
(5) All advertising of liquor and beer by manufacturers, suppliers, importers, local industry representatives, wholesalers, permittees, and licensed retailers of such products, and type 4 and 5 package agencies as defined in R81-3-1 shall comply with the advertising requirements listed in Section (6) of this rule.
(6) Advertising Requirements. Any advertising or advertisement authorized by this rule:
(a) May not violate any federal laws referenced in Subparagraph (3);
(b) May not contain any statement, design, device, or representation that is false or misleading;
(c) May not contain any statement, design, device, or representation that is obscene or indecent;
(d) May not refer to, portray or imply illegal conduct, illegal activity, abusive or violent relationships or situations, or anti-social behavior, except in the context of public service advertisements or announcements to educate and inform people of the dangers, hazards and risks associated with irresponsible drinking or drinking by persons under the age of 21 years;
(e) May not encourage over-consumption or intoxication, promote the intoxicating effects of alcohol consumption, or

overtly promote increased consumption of alcoholic products;

(f) May not advertise any unlawful discounting practice such as "happy hour", "two drinks for the price of one", "free alcohol", or "all you can drink for $...".

(g) May not encourage or condone drunk driving;

(h) May not depict the act of drinking;

(i) May not promote or encourage the sale to or use of alcohol by minors;

(j) May not be directed or appeal primarily to minors by:

(i) using any symbol, language, music, gesture, cartoon character, or childhood figure such as Santa Claus that primarily appeals to minors;

(ii) employing any entertainment figure or group that appeals primarily to minors;

(iii) placing advertising in magazines, newspapers, television programs, radio programs, or other media where most of the audience is reasonably expected to be minors, or placing advertising on the comic pages of magazines, newspapers, or other publications;

(iv) placing advertising in any school, college or university magazine, newspaper, program, television program, radio program, or other media, or sponsoring any school, college or university activity;

(v) using models or actors in the advertising that are or reasonably appear to be minors;

(vi) advertising at an event where most of the audience is reasonably expected to be minors; or

(vii) using alcoholic beverage identification, including logos, trademarks, or names on clothing, toys, games or game equipment, or other materials intended for use primarily by minors.

(k) May not portray use of alcohol by a person while that person is engaged in, or is immediately about to engage in, any activity that requires a high degree of alertness or physical coordination;

(l) May not contain claims or representations that individuals can obtain social, professional, educational, athletic, or financial success or status as a result of alcoholic beverage consumption, or claim or represent that individuals can solve social, personal, or physical problems as a result of such consumption;

(m) May not offer alcoholic beverages without charge;

(n) May not require the purchase, sale, or consumption of an alcoholic beverage in order to participate in any promotion, program, or other activity; and

(o) May provide information regarding product availability and price, and factual information regarding product qualities, but may not imply by use of appealing characters or life-enhancing images that consumption of the product will benefit the consumer's health, physical prowess, sexual prowess, athletic ability, social welfare, or capacity to enjoy life's activities.

(7) Violations. Any violation of this rule may result in the imposition of any administrative penalties authorized by 32A-1-119(5), (6) and (7), and may result in the imposition of the criminal penalty of a class B misdemeanor pursuant to 32A-12-104 and -401.

R81-1-19. Emergency Meetings.

(1) Purpose. The commission recognizes that there may be times when, due to the necessity of considering matters of an emergency or urgent nature, the public notice provisions of Utah Code Sections 52-4-6(1), (2) and (3) cannot be met. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-6(5), under such circumstances those notice requirements need not be followed but rather the "best notice practicable" shall be given.

(2) Authority. This rule is enacted under the authority of Sections 63-46a-3 and 32A-1-107.

(3) Procedure. The following procedure shall govern any emergency meeting:

(a) No emergency meeting shall be held unless an attempt has been made to notify all of the members of the commission of the proposed meeting and a majority of the convened commission votes in the affirmative to hold such an emergency meeting.

(b) Public notice of the emergency meeting shall be provided as soon as practicable and shall include at a minimum the following:

(i) Written posting of the agenda and notice at the offices of the department;

(ii) If members of the commission may appear electronically or telephonically, all such notices shall specify the anchor location for the meeting at which interested persons and members of the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting;

(iii) Notice to the commissioners shall advise how they may participate telephonically or electronically and be counted as present for all purposes, including the determination of a quorum.

(iv) Written, electronic or telephonic notice shall be provided to at least one newspaper of general circulation within the state and at least one local media correspondent.

(c) If one or more members of the commission appear electronically or telephonically, the procedures governing electronic meetings shall be followed, except for the notice requirements which shall be governed by these provisions.

(d) In convening the meeting and voting in the affirmative to hold such an emergency meeting, the commission shall affirmatively state and find what unforeseen circumstances have rendered it necessary for the commission to hold an emergency meeting to consider matters of an emergency or urgent nature such that the ordinary public notice of meetings provisions of Utah Code Section 52-4-6 could not be followed.

R81-1-20. Electronic Meetings.

(1) Purpose. Utah Code Section 52-4-7.8 requires any public body that convenes or conducts an electronic meeting to establish written procedures for such meetings. This rule establishes procedures for conducting commission meetings by electronic means.

(2) Authority. This rule is enacted under the authority of Sections 52-4-7.8, 63-46a-3 and 32A-1-107.

(3) Procedure. The following provisions govern any meeting at which one or more commissioners appear telephonically or electronically pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-7.8:

(a) If one or more members of the commission may participate electronically or telephonically, public notices of the meeting shall so indicate. In addition, the notice shall specify the anchor location where the members of the commission not participating electronically or telephonically will be meeting and where interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting.

(b) Notice of the meeting and the agenda shall be posted at the anchor location. Written or electronic notice shall also be provided to at least one newspaper of general circulation within the state and to a local media correspondent. These notices shall be provided at least 24 hours before the meetings.

(c) Notice of the possibility of an electronic meeting shall be given to the commissioners at least 24 hours before the meeting. In addition, the notice shall describe how a commissioner may participate in the meeting electronically or telephonically.

(d) When notice is given of the possibility of a commissioner appearing electronically or telephonically, any commissioner may do so and shall be counted as present for purposes of a quorum and may fully participate and vote on any matter coming before the commission. At the commencement of the meeting, or at such time as any commissioner initially

appears electronically or telephonically, the chair shall identify for the record all those who are appearing telephonically or electronically. Votes by members of the commission who are not at the physical location of the meeting shall be confirmed by the chair.

(e) The anchor location, unless otherwise designated in the notice, shall be at the offices of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1625 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, Utah. The anchor location is the physical location from which the electronic meeting originates or from which the participants are connected. In addition, the anchor location shall have space and facilities so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting.

R81-1-21. Beer Advertising in Event Venues.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to the commission's powers and duties as the plenary policymaking body on the subject of alcoholic beverage control under 32A-1-107, and its authority to establish guidelines for the advertising of alcoholic beverages under 32A-12-401(4).

(2) Purpose.

(a) This rule establishes a "safe harbor" from administrative action being taken against beer manufacturers and retailers under the circumstances and conditions below. This rule is necessary to allow certain advertising relations to occur even though they have the appearance of violating the "tied-house" provisions of 32A-12-603, but where the reasons and purposes for the "tied-house" provisions do not apply.

(b) "Tied-house" provisions have been enacted at both the federal and state level in response to historical forces and concerns. The thrust of the laws is to prevent two particular dangers: the ability and potential ability of large firms to dominate local markets through vertical and horizontal integration, and excessive sales of alcoholic beverages produced by overly aggressive marketing techniques. The principle method used to avoid these developments was the establishment of a triple-tiered distribution system and licensing scheme where separate and distinct business enterprises engaged in the production, handling, and final sale of alcoholic beverages. The laws also prohibited certain economic arrangements and agreements between each of the three tiers of the distribution system.

(c) Utah's "tied-house" and trade practice laws prohibit a beer industry member, directly or indirectly or through an affiliate, from inducing any beer retailer to purchase alcoholic beverages from the industry member to the exclusion in whole or in part of any of those products sold or offered for sale by other persons by furnishing the retailer signs, money or other things of value except to the extent allowed under 32A-12-603. The laws prohibit a beer industry member, directly or indirectly or through an affiliate, from paying or crediting a beer retailer for any advertising, display, or distribution service. 32A-12-603(5). This includes the purchase, by an industry member, of advertising on signs, scoreboards, programs, scorecards, and the like at ballparks, racetracks or stadiums, from the retail concessionaire. See 27 C.F.R. Sec. 6.53 as referenced in 32A-12-603(5)(a). The laws also prohibit an industry member from making payments for advertising to a retailer association or a display company where the resulting benefits flow to the individual retailers. 32A-12-603(3)(b)(i)(A).

(d) Throughout the state, there are a number of large facilities which put on or allow events to occur on their premises. This includes sports arenas, ballparks, raceways, fairgrounds, equestrian facilities and the like. These facilities have a recognized area of advertising for sale in connection with the events and which is standard for their events, e.g., fence signage at ballparks. Many of these facilities are or have associated with their on-premise beer retailer, either on an annual basis, or as a temporary event permit holder. The issue is thus raised as to the legality of the advertising of beer products as part of the general advertising where other items are advertised and the facility is or has within it an on-premise beer retailer.

(3) Application of the Rule. If the conditions listed below are met, the reasons and purposes behind the "tied-house" provisions restricting relations between manufacturers and retailers do no apply or are not significantly impacted. In addition, an event facility may be unduly restricted in its ability to sell advertising and be competitive. This is based upon the facility's primary purpose being other than the sale of food and beverages, that advertising is a normal and accepted part of the business of the facility and the events that occur at the facility, that beer advertisers would be on equal footing with other advertisers, and that there is little, if any, likelihood of the purchasing of advertising space or time either having an impact on the beer retailing decisions of the retailer or of allowing the manufacturer to obtain or assert control over the retailer. Therefore, if the following conditions are met, the sale of advertising space or time to a beer manufacturer for display at the facility does not constitute the payment to a retailer for advertising, display or distribution service, and does not otherwise constitute the furnishing of any signs, money, or other things of value to a retailer in violation of the "tied-house" provisions of 32A-12-603:

(a) The primary purpose of the facility is the hosting or putting on events, and not the sale or service of food and beverages, including alcoholic beverages;

(b) The retail licensee operates with a fixed seating capacity of more than 2,000 persons;

(c) The advertising space or time is purchased only in connection with events to be held on the premises, and not as point-of-sale advertising. The advertising space or time is not located near the beer concession area and does not reference the on-premise retailer or the availability of beer;

(d) Sales of event advertising space or time and retail beer sales are handled by different entities or divisions, that are separate and do not influence each other, and no preference in terms of beer sales or facilities are extended to a beer advertiser;

(e) The retail licensee serves other brands of malt beverages or beer than the brand manufactured or sold by the manufacturer purchasing advertising space or time. Unless demonstrated for sound business reasons unrelated to "tied-house" laws, the percentage of taps in a facility may not exceed by 10% the actual percentage of sales, by brand, in that facility or the community in the previous year;

(f) The advertising space or time is available to all types of advertisers, is not limited to any type of product, such as beer, is pursuant to an established rate card that sets forth the advertising rates equally available to any other industry member or (and at rates substantially similar for any) non-industry advertiser, and the advertising agreement does not provide for an exclusive right to an advertiser or a right to exclude other advertisers;

(g) The industry member may not share in the costs or contribute to the costs of the advertising or promotion of the beer retailer or the facility, or obtain or have any interest in the retailer or the facility; and

(h) The purchase of advertising space or time is by written agreement, a copy of which shall be provided to the department as a confidential business document, non-public, and only to be used for enforcement purposes, and the term of the agreement may not be for a period in excess of three years, including any right of renewal.

(4) This "safe harbor" is limited to its express terms, does not undermine or infringe upon general "tied-house" prohibitions, and shall be strictly construed against its applicability. This "safe harbor" also does not limit or abrogate any exception to "tied-house" prohibitions.

R81-1-22. Diplomatic Embassy Shipments and Purchases.

(1) Purpose. The Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations grant foreign diplomatic missions certain exemptions from federal, state and local taxes. The United States, by treaty, is a party to the Vienna Conventions, and is obligated under international law to grant these exemptions under these agreements to accredited diplomatic missions of those countries that grant the United States reciprocal privileges. These privileges include the purchase of alcoholic beverages duty and tax free subject to certain exceptions such as indirect taxes normally incorporated in the price of goods or services, and charges levied for specific services rendered to benefit the mission.

This rule establishes department guidelines for shipments and purchases of alcohol by a foreign diplomatic mission with an accredited embassy having full diplomatic privileges under the Vienna Conventions that establishes an embassy presence in the state of Utah (hereafter "accredited foreign diplomatic mission").

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) Shipments. An accredited foreign diplomatic mission that establishes an embassy presence in Utah may have or possess, for official diplomatic use, and not for sale or resale, alcoholic beverages that have not been purchased in the state of Utah. Such products may be shipped or transported into the state of Utah under the following conditions:

(i) The embassy must first obtain the approval of this department prior to shipping or transporting its alcoholic beverages into the state.

(ii) Alcoholic beverages shipped or transported into the state must clear U.S. Customs duty free.

(iii) The department shall affix the official state label to the alcoholic beverages.

(iv) The embassy shall pay the department an administrative handling fee of $1.00 per smallest unit (bottle, can, or keg). Payment of handling fees shall be made by the embassy using an official embassy check or embassy credit card.

(v) The alcoholic beverages may be used by the embassy only for official diplomatic functions, and may not be sold or resold.

(b) Purchases.

(i) Special Orders. An accredited foreign diplomatic mission that establishes an embassy presence in Utah may special order from the department alcoholic beverage products not presently sold in the state of Utah under the following procedures:

(A) The company or importer supplying the product must submit a price quotation to the department indicating the case price (in US dollars) for which it will sell the product to the state.

(B) The quoted case price must be reasonable (a minimum of $10.00 per case).

(C) The product will be marked up using the department=s standard pricing formula (less the state sales tax).

(D) Special orders must be placed by the embassy at least two months in advance to allow the department sufficient time to purchase and receive the product for the embassy.

(E) The product must be paid for by the embassy using an official embassy check or embassy credit card.

(F) The product may be used by the embassy only for official diplomatic functions, and may not be sold or resold.

(ii) Presently Available Merchandise. An accredited foreign diplomatic mission that establishes an embassy presence in Utah may purchase alcoholic beverages that are presently sold in the state of Utah under the following procedures:

(A) Alcoholic beverage product purchases, other than large quantity purchases, may be made by the embassy at any state store. The store shall deduct state sales tax from the purchase price.

(B) Large quantity purchase orders must be placed by the embassy at the department's licensee warehouse. The warehouse shall deduct state sales tax from the purchase price.

(C) The products must be paid for by the embassy using an official embassy check or embassy credit card.

(D) The product may be used by the embassy only for official diplomatic functions, and may not be sold or resold.

R81-1-23. Sales Restrictions on Products of Limited Availability.

(1) Purpose. Some alcoholic beverage products, especially wines, are of very limited availability from their manufacturers and suppliers to retailers including the department. When the department perceives that customer demand for these limited products may exceed the department=s current and future stock levels, the department, as a public agency, may place restrictions on their sales to ensure their fair distribution to all consumers. This also encourages manufacturers and suppliers to continue to provide their products to the department. This rule establishes the procedure for allocating products of limited availability.

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) The purchasing and wine divisions of the department shall identify those products that are of limited availability and designate them as "Limited /Allocated Status" ("L Status") items. The products shall be given a special "L Status" product code designation.

(b) "L Status" products on the department's price list, in stock, or on order, do not have to be sold on demand. Their sales to the general public and to licensees and permittees may be restricted. The purchasing and wine divisions of the department may issue system-wide restrictions directing the allocation of such products which may include placing limits on the number of bottles sold per customer.

(c) Signs noting this rule shall be posted in state stores and package agencies that carry "L Status" products.

R81-1-24. Responsible Alcohol Service Plan.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to the commission's powers and duties under 32A-1-107 to act as a general policymaking body on the subject of alcoholic beverage control; set policy by written rules that establish criteria and procedures for suspending or revoking licenses; and prescribe the conduct and management of any premises upon which alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, served, or stored.

(2) Purpose. This rule allows the commission to require a business licensed by the commission to sell, serve or store alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises that has been found by the commission to have violated any provision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act relating to the sale, service, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person, or to a person under the age of 21, to have a written Responsible Alcohol Service Plan.

(3) Definitions.

(a) "Commission" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

(c) "Intoxication" and "intoxicated" means a person who is actually, apparently, or obviously under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, a controlled substance, a substance having the property of releasing toxic vapors, or a combination of alcoholic beverages or said substances, to a degree that the person may endanger himself or another.

(d) "Licensed Business" is a person or business entity licensed by the commission to sell, serve, and store alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of the business.

(e) "Manager" means a person chosen or appointed to manage, direct, or administer the operations at a licensed business. A manager may also be a supervisor.

(f) "Responsible Alcohol Service Plan" or "Plan" means a written set of policies and procedures of a licensed business that outline measures that will be taken by the business to prevent employees of the licensed business from:

(i) over-serving alcoholic beverages to customers;

(ii) serving alcoholic beverages to customers who are actually, apparently, or obviously intoxicated; and

(iii) serving alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21.

(h) "Server" means an employee who actually makes available, serves to, or provides an alcoholic beverage to a customer for consumption on the business premises.

(i) "Supervisor" means an employee who, under the direction of a manager or owner, directs or has the responsibility to direct, transfer, or assign duties to employees who actually provide alcoholic beverages to customers on the premises of the business.

(4) Application of Rule.

(a)(i) The commission may direct that a licensed business that has been found by the commission to have violated any provision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act relating to the sale, service, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person, or to a person under the age of 21, submit to the department a Responsible Alcohol Service Plan.

(ii) The licensee thereafter shall maintain a Plan as a condition of continued licensing and relicensing by the commission.

(b) Any Plan at a minimum shall:

(i) outline the policies and procedures of the licensed business to:

(A) prevent over-service of alcohol;

(B) prevent service of alcohol to persons who are intoxicated;

(C) prevent service of alcohol to persons under the age of 21;

(D) provide alternate transportation options for problem customers; and

(E) deal with hostile customers;

(ii) require that all managers, supervisors, servers, security personnel, and others who are involved in the sale, service or furnishing of alcohol, agree to follow the policies and procedures of the Plan;

(iii) require adherence to the Plan as a condition of employment;

(iv) require a commitment by management to monitor employee compliance with the Plan;

(v) require periodic training sessions on the house policies and procedures in the Plan, and on the techniques of responsible service of alcohol taught in the Alcohol Training and Education Seminar required by 62A-15-401, such as:

(A) identifying legal forms of ID, checking ID, and recognizing fake ID;

(B) identifying persons under the age of 21;

(C) discussing the legal definition of intoxication;

(D) identifying behavioral signs of intoxication;

(E) discussing techniques for monitoring and controlling consumption such as:

(1) drink counting;

(2) slowing down alcohol service;

(3) offering food or nonalcoholic beverages; and

(4) cutting off alcohol service;

(F) discussing third party or "dram shop" liability for the unlawful service of alcohol to intoxicated persons and persons under the age of 21 as outlined in 32A-14a-101 through -105; and

(G) discussing the potential criminal, civil and administrative penalties for over-serving alcohol, selling, serving, or otherwise furnishing alcohol to persons who are intoxicated, or to persons who are under the age of 21.

(c) The licensed business may choose to include in the Plan incentives for those employees who deserve special recognition for their responsible service of alcohol.

(d) The Plan shall be available on the premises of the licensed business so as to be accessible to all employees of the licensed business who are involved in the sale, service or furnishing of alcohol.

(e) The Plan shall be available on the premises of the licensed business for inspection by representatives of the commission, department and by law enforcement officers.

(f) Any licensed business that fails to submit to the department a Plan as directed by the commission pursuant to Subsection (4)(a), or to have a Plan available for inspection as required by Subsection (4)(e), shall be subject to the immediate suspension or revocation of its current license, and shall not be granted a renewal of its license by the commission.

(g) The department, at the request of a licensed business, may provide assistance in the preparation of a Plan.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-55a. Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act Rules.
R156-55a-101. Title.

These rules shall be known as the "Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act Rules".

R156-55a-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55, as defined or used in these rules:

(1) "Employee", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(10)(a) and 58-55-102(12), means a person providing labor services in the construction trades for compensation who has federal and state taxes withheld and workers' compensation and unemployment insurance provided by the person's employer.

(2) "Incidental to the performance of his licensed craft or trade" as used in Subsection 58-55-102(32) means work which:

(a) can be safely and competently performed by the specialty contractor;

(b) arises from and is directly related to work performed in the licensed specialty classification; and

(c) is substantially less in scope and magnitude when compared to the work performed or to be performed by the specialty contractor in the licensed specialty classification.

(3) "Maintenance" means the repair, replacement and refinishing of any component of an existing structure; but, does not include alteration or modification to the existing weight-bearing structural components.

(4) "Mechanical", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(15) and 58-55-102(25) means the work which may be performed by a S350 HVAC Contractor under Subsection R156-55a-301(3).

(5) "Personal property" means, as it relates to Title 58, Chapter 56, factory built housing and modular construction, a structure which is titled by the Motor Vehicles Division, state of Utah, and taxed as personal property.

(6) "School" means a Utah school district, applied technology college, or accredited college.

(7) "Unprofessional conduct" defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55, is further defined in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(5) in Section R156-55a-501.

R156-55a-103. Authority.

These rules are adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 55.

R156-55a-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

R156-55a-301. License Classifications - Scope of Practice.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-301(2), the classifications of licensure are listed and described in this section. The construction trades or specialty contractor classifications listed are those determined to significantly impact the public health, safety, and welfare. A person who is practicing a construction trade or specialty contractor classification which is not listed is exempt from licensure in accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(9).

(2) Licenses shall be issued in the following primary classifications and subclassifications:

E100 - General Engineering Contractor. A General Engineering contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(19).

B100 - General Building Contractor. A General Building contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(18).

R100 - Residential and Small Commercial Contractor. A Residential and Small Commercial contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(28).

R101 - Residential and Small Commercial Non Structural Remodeling and Repair. Remodeling and repair to any existing structure built for support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind with the restriction that no change is made to the bearing portions of the existing structure, including footings, foundation and weight bearing walls; and the entire project is less than $25,000 in total cost.

R200 - Factory Built Housing Set Up Contractor. Set up or installation of manufactured housing on a temporary or permanent basis. The scope of the work permitted under this classification includes placement of the manufactured housing on a permanent or temporary foundation, securing the units together if required, securing the manufactured housing to the foundation, and connection of the utilities from the near proximity, such as a meter, to the manufactured housing unit and construction of foundations of less than four feet six inches in height. Work excluded from this classification includes site preparation or finishing, excavation of the ground in the area where a foundation is to be constructed, back filling and grading around the foundation, construction of foundations of more than four feet six inches in height and construction of utility services from the utility source to and including the meter or meters if required or if not required to the near proximity of the manufactured housing unit from which they are connected to the unit.

I101 - General Engineering Trades Instructor. A General Engineering Trades Instructor is a construction trades instructor authorized to teach the construction trades and is subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-102(19).

I102 - General Building Trades Instructor. A General Building Trades Instructor is a construction trades instructor authorized to teach the construction trades and is subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-102(18).

I103 - Electrical Trades Instructor. An Electrical Trades Instructor is a construction trades instructor authorized to teach the electrical trades and subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection R156-55a-301(S200).

I104 - Plumbing Trades Instructor. A Plumbing Trades Instructor is a construction trades instructor authorized to teach the plumbing trades and subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection R156-55a-301(S210).

I105 - Mechanical Trades Instructor. A Mechanical Trades Instructor is a construction trades instructor authorized to teach the mechanical trades and subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsection R156-55a-301(S350).

S200 - General Electrical Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of generators, transformers, conduits, raceways, panels, switch gear, electrical wires, fixtures, appliances, or apparatus which utilizes electrical energy.

S201 - Residential Electrical Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of services, disconnecting means, grounding devices, panels, conductors, load centers, lighting and plug circuits, appliances and fixtures in any residential unit, normally requiring non-metallic sheathed cable, including multiple units up to and including a four-plex, but excluding any work generally recognized in the industry as commercial or industrial.

S210 - General Plumbing Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of material and fixtures to create and maintain sanitary conditions in buildings, by providing a permanent means for a supply of safe and pure water, a means for the timely and complete removal from the premises of all used or contaminated water, fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, and provision of a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting, heating, and industrial purposes. Work permitted

under this classification shall include the furnishing of materials, fixtures and labor to extend service from a building out to the main water, sewer or gas pipeline.

S211 - Boiler Installation Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of fire-tube and water-tube power boilers and hot water heating boilers, including all fittings and piping, valves, gauges, pumps, radiators, converters, fuel oil tanks, fuel lines, chimney flues, heat insulation and all other devices, apparatus, and equipment related thereto.

S212 - Irrigation Sprinkling Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and/or installation of water distribution system for artificial watering or irrigation.

S213 - Industrial Piping Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of pipes and piping for the conveyance or transmission of steam, gases, chemicals, and other substances including excavating, trenching, and back-filling related to such work.

S214 - Water Conditioning Equipment Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of water conditioning equipment and only such pipe and fittings as are necessary for connecting the water conditioning equipment to the water supply system within the premises.

S215 - Solar Energy Systems Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of solar energy systems.

S216 - Residential Sewer Connection and Septic Tank Contractor. Construction of residential sewer lines including connection to the public sewer line, and excavation and grading related thereto. Excavation, installation and grading of residential septic tanks and their drainage.

S217 - Residential Plumbing Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of material and fixtures to create and maintain sanitary conditions in residential building, including multiple units up to and including a four-plex by providing a permanent means for a supply of safe and pure water, a means for the timely and complete removal from the premises of all used or contaminated water, fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, and provision of a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting and heating purposes. Work permitted under this classification shall include the furnishing of materials, fixtures and labor to extend service from a residential building out to the main water, sewer or gas pipeline. Excluded is any new construction and service work generally recognized in the industry as commercial or industrial.

S220 - Carpentry Contractor. Fabrication for structural and finish purposes in a structure or building using wood, wood products, metal studs, vinyl materials, or other wood/plastic/metal composites as is by custom and usage accepted in the building industry as carpentry.

S221 - Cabinet and Millwork Installation Contractor. On-site construction and/or installation of milled wood products.

S230 - Metal and Vinyl Siding Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of wood, aluminum, steel or vinyl sidings.

S231 - Raingutter Installation Contractor. On-site fabrication and/or installation of raingutters and drains, roof flashings, gravel stops and metal ridges.

S240 - Glass and Glazing Contractor. Fabrication, construction, installation, and/or removal of all types and sizes of glass, mirrors, substitutes for glass, glass-holding members, frames, hardware, and other incidental related work.

S250 - Insulation Contractor. Installation of any insulating media in buildings and structures for the sole purpose of temperature control, sound control or fireproofing, but shall not include mechanical insulation of pipes, ducts or conduits.

S260 - General Concrete Contractor. Fabrication, construction, mixing, batching, and/or installation of concrete and related concrete products along with the placing and setting of screeds for pavement for flatwork, the construction of forms, placing and erection of steel bars for reinforcing and application of plaster and other cement-related products.

S261 - Concrete Form Setting and Shoring Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of forms and shoring material; but, does not include the placement of concrete, finishing of concrete or embedded items such as metal reinforcement bars or mesh.

S262 - Gunnite and Pressure Grouting Contractor. Installation of a concrete product either injected or sprayed under pressure.

S263 - Cementatious Coating Systems Resurfacing and Sealing Contractor. Fabrication, construction, mixing, batching and installation of cementatious coating systems or sealants limited to the resurfacing or sealing of existing surfaces, including the preparation or patching of the surface to be covered or sealed.

S270 - General Drywall, Stucco and Plastering Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of drywall, gypsum, wallboard panels and assemblies. Preparation of drywall, stucco or plaster surfaces for suitable painting or finishing. Installation of light-weight metal, non-bearing wall partitions, ceiling grid systems, and ceiling tile or panel systems.

S271 - Plastering and Stucco Contractor. Application to surfaces of coatings made of stucco or plaster, including the preparation of the surface and the provision of a base. Exempted is the plastering of foundations.

S272 - Ceiling Grid Systems, Ceiling Tile and Panel Systems Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of wood, mineral, fiber, and other types of ceiling tile and panels and the grid systems required for placement.

S273 - Light-weight Metal and Non-bearing Wall Partitions Contractor. Fabrication and/or installation of light-weight metal and other non-bearing wall partitions.

S274 - Drywall Contractor. Fabrication, construction and installation of drywall, gypsum. wallboard panels and assemblies. Preparation of surfaces for suitable painting or finishing. Installation of lightweight metal, non-bearing wall partitions.

S280 - General Roofing Contractor. Application and/or installation of asphalt, pitch, tar, felt, flax, shakes, shingles, roof tile, slate, and any other material or materials, or any combination of any thereof which use and custom has established as usable for, or which are now used as, water-proof, weatherproof, or watertight seal or membranes for roofs and surfaces; and roof conversion.

S281 - Single Ply and Specialty Coating Contractor. Application of solutions of rubber, latex, or other materials or single-ply material to surfaces to prevent, hold, keep, and stop water, other liquids, derivatives, compounds, and solids from penetrating and passing such materials thereby gaining access to material or space beyond such waterproofing.

S282 - Build-up Roofing Contractor. Application of solutions of rubber, latex, asphalt, pitch, tar, or other materials in conjunction with the application of layers, felt, or other material to a roof or other surface.

S283 - Shingle and Shake Roofing Contractor. Application of shingles and shakes made of wood or any other material.

S284 - Tile Roofing Contractor. Application or installation of tile roofs including under layment material and sealing and reinforcement of weight bearing roof structures for the purpose of supporting the weight of the tile.

S285 - Metal Roofing Contractor. On-site fabrication and/or application of metal roofing materials.

S290 - General Masonry Contractor. Construction by cutting, and/or laying of all of the following brick, block, or forms: architectural, industrial, and refractory brick, all brick substitutes, clay and concrete blocks, terra-cotta, thin set or structural quarry tile, glazed structural tile, gypsum tile, glass

block, clay tile, copings, natural stone, plastic refractories, and castables and any incidental works as required in construction of the masonry work.

S291 - Stone Masonry Contractor. Construction using natural or artificial stone, either rough or cut and dressed, laid at random, with or without mortar.

S292 - Terrazzo Contractor. Construction by fabrication, grinding, and polishing of terrazzo by the setting of chips of marble, stone, or other material in an irregular pattern with the use of cement, polyester, epoxy or other common binders.

S293 - Marble, Tile and Ceramic Contractor. Preparation, fabrication, construction, and installation of artificial marble, burned clay tile, ceramic, encaustic, falence, quarry, semi-vitreous, and other tile, excluding hollow or structural partition tile.

S294 - Cultured Marble Contractor. Preparation, fabrication and installation of slab and sheet manmade synthetic products including cultured marble, onyx, granite, onice, corian and corian type products.

S300 - General Painting Contractor. Preparation of surface and/or the application of all paints, varnishes, shellacs, stains, waxes and other coatings or pigments.

S310 - Excavation and Grading Contractor. Moving of the earth's surface or placing earthen materials on the earth's surface, by use of hand or power machinery and tools, including explosives, in any operation of cut, fill, excavation, grading, trenching, backfilling, or combination thereof as they are generally practiced in the construction trade.

S320 - Steel Erection Contractor. Construction by fabrication, placing, and tying or welding of steel reinforcing bars or erecting structural steel shapes, plates of any profile, perimeter or cross-section that are used to reinforce concrete or as structural members, including riveting, welding, and rigging.

S321 - Steel Reinforcing Contractor. Fabricating, placing, tying, or mechanically welding of reinforcing bars of any profile that are used to reinforce concrete buildings or structures.

S322 - Metal Building Erection Contractor. Erection of pre-fabricated metal structures including concrete foundation and footings, grading, and surface preparation.

S323 - Structural Stud Erection Contractor. Fabrication and installation of metal structural studs and bearing walls.

S330 - Landscaping Contractor. Grading and preparing land for architectural, horticultural, and the decorative treatment, arrangement, and planting or gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, bushes, trees, and other decorative vegetation. Construction of pools, tanks, fountains, hot and green houses, retaining walls, patio areas when they are an incidental part of the prime contract, fences, walks, garden lighting of 50 volts or less, and sprinkler systems.

S340 - Sheet Metal Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of air handling and ventilating systems. All architectural sheet metal such as cornices, marquees, metal soffits, gutters, flashings, and skylights and skydomes including both plastic and fiberglass.

S350 - HVAC Contractor. Fabrication and installation of complete warm air heating and air conditioning systems, and complete ventilating systems.

S351 - Refrigerated Air Conditioning Contractor. Fabrication and installation of air conditioning ventilating systems to control air temperatures below 50 degrees.

S352 - Evaporative Cooling Contractor. Fabrication and installation of devices, machinery, and units to cool the air temperature employing evaporation of liquid.

S353 - Warm Air Heating Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of such sheet metal, gas piping, and furnace equipment as necessary for a complete warm air heating and ventilating system.

S360 - Refrigeration Contractor. Construction and/or installation of refrigeration equipment including, but not limited to, built-in refrigerators, refrigerated rooms, insulated refrigerated spaces and equipment related thereto; but, the scope of permitted work does not include the installation of gas fuel or electric power services other than connection of electrical devices to a junction box provided for that device and electrical control circuitry not exceeding 50 volts.

S370 - Fire Suppression Systems Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of fire protection systems using water, steam, gas, or chemicals. When a potable sanitary water supply system is used as the source of supply, connection to the water system must be accomplished by a licensed journeyman plumber. Excluded from this classification are persons engaged in the installation of fire suppression systems in hoods above cooking appliances.

S380 - Swimming Pool and Spa Contractor. On-site fabrication, construction and installation of swimming pools, spas, and tubs.

S390 - Sewer and Waste Water Pipeline Contractor. Construction of sewer lines, sewage disposal and sewage drain facilities including excavation and grading with respect thereto, and the construction of sewage disposal plants and appurtenances thereto.

S400 - Asphalt Paving Contractor. Construction of asphalt highways, roadways, driveways, parking lots or other asphalt surfaces, which will include but will not be limited to, asphalt overlay, chip seal, fog seal and rejuvenation, micro surfacing, plant mix sealcoat, slurry seal, and the removal of asphalt surfaces by milling. Also included is the excavation, grading, compacting and laying of fill or base-related thereto.

S410 - Pipeline and Conduit Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of pipes, conduit or cables for the conveyance and transmission from one station to another of such products as water, steam, gases, chemicals, slurries, data or communications. Included are the excavation, cabling, horizontal boring, grading, and backfilling necessary for construction of the system.

S420 - General Fencing and Guardrail Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of fences, guardrails, and barriers.

S421 - Residential Fencing Contractor. Fabrication and installation of residential fencing up to and including a height of six feet.

S430 - Metal Firebox and Fuel Burning Stove Installer. Fabrication, construction, and installation of metal fireboxes, fireplaces, and wood or coal-burning stoves.

S440 - Sign Installation Contractor. Installation of signs and graphic displays which require installation permits or permission as issued by state or local governmental jurisdictions. Signs and graphic displays shall include signs of all types, both lighted and unlighted, permanent highway marker signs, illuminated awnings, electronic message centers, sculptures or graphic representations including logos and trademarks intended to identify or advertise the user or his product, building trim or lighting with neon or decorative fixtures, or any other animated, moving or stationary device used for advertising or identification purposes. Signs and graphic displays must be fabricated, installed and erected in accordance with professionally engineered specifications and wiring in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

S441 - Non Electrical Outdoor Advertising Sign Contractor. Installation of signs and graphic displays which require installation permits or permission as issued by state and local governmental jurisdictions. Signs and graphics shall include outdoor advertising signs which do not have electrical lighting or other electrical requirements, and in accordance with professionally engineered specifications.

S450 - Mechanical Insulation Contractor. Fabrication, application and installation of insulation materials to pipes, ducts and conduits.

S460 - Wrecking and Demolition Contractor. The raising, cribbing, underpinning, moving, and removal of building and structures so that alterations, additions, repairs, and new sub-structures may be built.

S470 - Petroleum Systems Contractor. Installation of above and below ground petroleum and petro-chemical storage tanks, piping, dispensing equipment, monitoring equipment and associated petroleum and petro-chemical equipment including excavation, backfilling, concrete and asphalt.

S480 - Piers and Foundations Contractor. The excavation, drilling, compacting, pumping, sealing and other work necessary to construct, alter or repair piers, piles, footings and foundations placed in the earth's subsurface to prevent structural settling and to provide an adequate capacity to sustain or transmit the structural load to the soil or rock below.

S490 - Wood Flooring Contractor. Installation of wood flooring including prefinished and unfinished material, sanding, staining and finishing of new and existing wood flooring. Underlayments, non-structural subfloors and other incidental related work.

S491 - Laminate Floor Installation Contractor. Installation of laminate floors including underlayments, non-structural subfloors and other incidental related work, but does not include the installation of sold wood flooring.

S500 - Sports and Athletic Courts, Running Tracks, and Playground Installation Contractor. Installation of sports and athletic courts including but not limited to tennis courts, racquetball courts, handball courts, basketball courts, running tracks, playgrounds, or any combination. Includes nonstructural floor subsurfaces, nonstructural wall surfaces, perimeter walls and perimeter fencing.

R156-55a-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Examinations.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(c), an applicant for licensure as a contractor or a construction trades instructor shall pass the following examinations as a condition precedent to licensure as a contractor or a construction trades instructor:

(a) the Trade Classification Specific Examination; and

(b) the Utah Contractor Business - Law Examination.

(2) The passing score for each examination is 70%.

R156-55a-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Experience Requirements.

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(ii), the minimum experience requirement for each applicant or applicant's qualifier is established as follows:

(1) An applicant for contractor classification E100 General Engineering, B100 General Building, R100 Residential and Small Commercial Building shall have within the past 10 years a minimum of four years full-time related experience as an employee of a licensed or exempt contractor, two years of which shall be in a supervisory or managerial position under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt E100, B100 or R100 contractor, or its substantial equivalent if from another state. The supervisory experience shall be in the classification for which application is being made, or its substantial equivalent, or have been a qualifier for a licensed contractor under any construction classification for a minimum of four years. A person holding a four year bachelors degree or a two year associates degree in Construction Management may have one year supervisory or managerial experience credited towards the experience requirement.

(2) An applicant for contractor classifications S280 General Roofing, S290 General Masonry, S320 Steel Erection, S350 Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning, S360 Refrigeration and S370 Fire Suppression Systems shall have within the past 10 years a minimum of four years of full-time related experience as an employee of a licensed or exempt contractor.

(3) An applicant for contractor classifications not listed in Subsections (1) and (2) above shall have within the past 10 years a minimum of two years of full-time related experience as an employee of a licensed or exempt contractor.

(4) An applicant for construction trades instructor classifications shall have the same experience as required for the appropriate contractor, electrician, or plumber classification or classifications for the construction trade or trades they are instructing. Experience under a construction trades instructor classification is not qualifying experience for a contractors license.

R156-55a-302c. Qualifications for Licensure Requiring Licensure in a Prerequisite Classification.

(1) Each applicant for licensure as a I103 Electrical Trades Instructor shall also be licensed as either a journeyman or master electrician or a residential journeyman or residential master electrician.

(2) Each applicant for licensure as a I104 Plumbing Trades Instructor shall also be licensed as either a journeyman plumber or a residential journeyman plumber.

R156-55a-302d. Qualifications for Licensure - Proof of Insurance and Registrations.

In accordance with the provisions of Subsection 58-55-302(2)(b), an applicant who is approved for licensure shall submit proof of public liability insurance in coverage amounts of at least $100,000 for each incident and $300,000 in total.

R156-55a-302e. Additional Requirements for Construction Trades Instructor Classifications.

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(f), the following additional requirements for licensure are established:

(1) Any school that provides instruction to students by building houses for sale to the public is required to become a Utah licensed contractor with a B100 General Building Contractor or R100 Residential and Small Commercial Building Contractor classification or both.

(2) Any school that provides instruction to students by building houses for sale to the public is also required to be licensed in the appropriate instructor classification.

(a) Before being licensed in a construction trades instructor classification, the school shall submit the name of an individual person who acts as the qualifier in each of the construction trades instructor classifications in accordance with Section R156-55a-304. The applicant for licensure as a construction trades instructor shall:

(i) provide evidence that the qualifier has passed the required examinations established in Section R156-55a-302a; and

(ii) provide evidence that the qualifier meets the experience requirement established in Subsection R156-55a-302b(4).

(3) Each individual employed by a school licensed as a construction trades instructor and working with students on a job site shall meet any teacher certification, or other teacher requirements imposed by the school district or college, and be qualified to teach the construction trades instructor classification as determined by the qualifier.

R156-55a-303a. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 55 is established by rule in Section R156-1-308.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308.

(3) In accordance with Subsections 58-55-501(21) and 58-1-308(3)(b)(i), there is established a continuing education requirement for license renewal. Each licensee, or the licensee's qualifier, or an officer, director or supervising individual, as designated by the licensee, shall comply with the following continuing education requirements:

(a) complete three hours of core continuing education; and

(b) an additional three hours of continuing education.

R156-55a-303b. Continuing Education - Standards.

(1) Continuing education courses are not required to be submitted for approval by the Commission, but must meet the following criteria:

(a) content must be relevant to the practice of the construction trades and consistent with the laws and rules of this state;

(b) learning objectives must be reasonably and clearly stated;

(c) teaching methods must be clearly stated and appropriate;

(d) faculty must be qualified, both in experience and in teaching expertise;

(e) documentation of attendance must be provided; and

(f) all core education and professional education hours shall be clock hours.

(2) The three hour core education requirement shall include one or more of the following course content areas:

(a) construction codes;

(b) construction laws and rules; and

(c) construction practices.

(3) Credit for core education and professional education shall be recognized in accordance with the following. Hours shall be recognized for core education and professional education completed in blocks of time of not less than 50 minutes, in formally established classroom courses, seminars, lectures, conferences, training sessions or distance learning modules, which meet the criteria listed in Subsection (1) above and conducted by or under the sponsorship of:

(a) a recognized university or college;

(b) a state agency;

(c) a professional association, including:

(i) the Associated Builders and Contractors Association;

(ii) the Associated General Contractors Association;

(iii) the Utah Home Builders Association;

(iv) the Utah Mechanical Contractors Association; or

(d) other recognized education programs as approved by the Commission with the concurrence of the Director.

(4) Professional education shall not include courses in office and business skills, physical well-being and personal development, and meetings held in conjunction with the general business of the licensee.

(5) The continuing education requirement for electricians as established in Section R156-55b-304, which is completed by an electrical contractor, shall satisfy the continuing education requirement for contractors as established in Subsection 58-55-501(21) and implemented herein.

(6) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed core and other continuing education for a period of two years after the two year period to which the records pertain.

R156-55a-304. Construction Trades Instructor License Qualifiers.

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(f), the contractor license qualifier requirements in Section 58-55-304 shall also apply to construction trades instructors.

R156-55a-305. Compliance Agency Reporting of Sole Owner Building Permits Issued.

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(2), all compliance agencies that issue building permits to sole owners of property must submit information concerning each building permit issued in their jurisdiction within 30 days of the issuance, with the building permit number, date issued, name, address and phone number of the issuing compliance agency, sole owner's full name, home address, phone number, and subdivision and lot number of the building site, to a fax number, email address or written mailing address designated by the division.

R156-55a-306a. Financial Responsibility - Questionnaire and Aggregate Bonding Limit.

In accordance with Section 58-55-306, the following shall apply:

(1) An applicant may demonstrate financial responsibility by either submitting the questionnaire or by submitting proof of an aggregate bonding limit in a form acceptable to the division.

(2) Under no circumstances shall the aggregate bonding limit be less than $25,000.

R156-55a-306b. Financial Responsibility - Division Audit - Financial Statements.

(1) All financial statements shall cover a period of time ending no earlier than the last tax year.

(2) Financial statements prepared by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) shall be "audited", "reviewed", or "compiled" financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall include the CPA's report stating that the statements have been audited, reviewed or compiled.

(3) Division reviewed financial statements shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the division and shall include the following:

(a) the balance sheet;

(b) all schedules;

(c) a complete copy of the applicant's most recently filed federal income tax return;

(d) a copy of the applicant's bank or broker account statements; and

(e) an acceptable credit report for the applicant.

(4) An acceptable credit report is:

(a) dated within 30 days prior to the date the application is received by the division;

(b) free from erasures, alterations, modifications, omissions, or any other form of change which alters the full and complete information provided by the credit reporting agency;

(c) a report from:

(i) Trans Union, Experian, and Equifax national credit reporting agencies; or

(ii) National Association of Credit Managers (NACM); or

(iii) another local credit reporting agency that includes a report for each of the three national credit reporting agencies names in Subsection (i) above.

R156-55a-308a. Operating Standards for Schools or Colleges Licensed as Contractors.

(1) Each school licensed as a B100 General Building Contractor or a R100 Residential and Small Commercial Contractor or both shall obtain all required building permits for homes built for resale to the public as part of an educational training program.

(2) Each employee that works as an instructor for a school licensed as a construction trades instructor shall:

(a) have on their person a school photo ID card with the trade they are authorized to teach printed on the card; and

(b) if instructing in the plumbing or electrical trades, they shall also carry on their person their Utah journeyman or residential journeyman plumber license or Utah journeyman, residential journeyman, master, or residential master electrician

license.

(3) Each school licensed as a construction trades instructor shall not allow any teacher or student to work on any portion of the project subcontracted to a licensed contractor unless the teacher or student are lawful employees of the subcontractor.

R156-55a-308b. Natural Gas Technician Certification.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(1), the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-308(2)(a) requiring certification is further defined as the installation, modifications, repair or replacement of the gas piping, combustion air vents, exhaust venting system or derating of gas input for altitude of a residential or commercial gas appliance.

(2) An approved training program shall include the following course content:

(a) general gas appliance installation codes;

(b) venting requirements;

(c) combustion air requirements;

(d) gas line sizing codes;

(e) gas line approved materials requirements;

(f) gas line installation codes; and

(g) methods of derating gas appliances for elevation.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(2)(c)(i), the following programs are approved to provide natural gas technician training, and to issue certificates or documentation of exemption from certification:

(a) Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training;

(b) Utah college apprenticeship program; and

(c) Trade union apprenticeship program.

(4) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(2)(e), the approved programs set forth in paragraphs (2)(b) and (2)(c) herein shall require program participants to pass the Rocky Mountain Gas Association Gas Appliance Installers Certification Exam or approved equivalent exams established or adopted by a training program, with a minimum passing score of 80%.

(5) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-308(2)(e), a person who has not completed an approved training program, but has passed the Rocky Mountain Gas Association Gas Exam or approved equivalent exam established or adopted by an approved training program, with a minimum passing score of 80%, or the Utah licensed Journeyman or Residential Journeyman Plumber Exam, with a minimum passing score of 70%, shall be exempt from the certification requirement set forth in Subsection 58-55-308(2)(c)(i).

(6) Content of certificates of completion. An approved program shall issue a certificate, including a wallet certificate, to persons who successfully complete their training program containing the following information:

(a) name of the program provider;

(b) name of the approved program;

(c) name of the certificate holder;

(d) the date the certification was completed; and

(e) signature of an authorized representative of the program provider.

(7) Documentation of exemption from certification. The following shall constitute documentation of exemption from certification:

(a) certification of completion of training issued by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training;

(b) current Utah licensed Journeyman or Residential Journeyman plumber license; or

(c) certification from the Rocky Mountain Gas Association or approved equivalent exam which shall include the following:

(i) name of the association, school, union, or other organization who administered the exam;

(ii) name of the person who passed the exam;

(iii) name of the exam;

(iv) the date the exam was passed; and

(v) signature of an authorized representative of the test administrator.

(8) Each person engaged in the scope of practice defined in Subsection 58-55-308(2)(a) and as further defined in Subsection (1) herein, shall carry in their possession documentation of certification or exemption.

R156-55a-311. Reorganization of Contractor Business Entity.

A reorganization of the business organization or entity under which a licensed contractor is licensed shall require application for a new license under the new form of organization or business structure. The creation of a new legal entity constitutes a reorganization and includes a change to a new entity under the same form of business entity or a change of the form of business entity between proprietorship, partnership, whether limited or general, joint venture, corporation or any other business form.

R156-55a-312. Inactive License.

(1) The requirements for inactive licensure specified in Subsection R156-1-305(3) shall also include certification that the licensee will not engage in the construction trade(s) for which his license was issued while his license is on inactive status except to identify himself as an inactive licensee.

(2) A license on inactive status will not be required to meet the requirements of licensure in Subsections 58-55-302(1)(e)(i), 58-55-302(2)(a) and 58-55-302(2)(b).

(3) The requirements for reactivation of an inactive license specified in Subsection R156-1-305(6) shall also include:

(a) documentation that the licensee meets the requirements of Subsections 58-55-302(1)(e)(i), 58-55-302(2)(a) and 58-55-302(2)(b); and

(b) documentation that the licensee has taken and passed the business and law examination and the trade examination for the classification for which activation is sought except that the following exceptions shall apply to the reactivation examination requirement:

(i) No qualifying examinations will be required if the licensee applies for reactivation of his license within two years after being placed on inactive status.

(ii) No qualifying examinations will be required if the licensee has been actively and lawfully involved in the construction trades as an employee of another licensed contractor or has been actively and lawfully involved in the construction trades in another state during the time the license was inactive.

(iii) If the licensee applies for reactivation after two years but before four years after being placed on inactive status, the division may waive the qualifying examinations if the licensee presents adequate support that he has maintained the knowledge and skills tested in the business and law examination and the trade examination in the classification for which reactivation of licensure is sought.

(iv) If the licensee applies for reactivation four years or more after being placed on inactive status, the division may waive the trade examination in the classification for which reactivation of licensure is sought, if the licensee presents adequate support that he has maintained the knowledge and skills tested in the trade examination.

R156-55a-401. Minimum Penalty for Failure to Maintain Insurance.

(1) A minimum penalty is hereby established for the violation of Subsection R156-55a-501(2) as follows:

(a) For a violation the duration of which is less than 90 days, where the licensee at the time a penalty is imposed documents that the required liability and workers compensation insurance have been reacquired, and provided an insurable loss

has not occurred while not insured, a minimum of a 30 day suspension of licensure, stayed indefinitely, automatically executable in addition to any other sanction imposed, upon any subsequent violations of Subsection R156-55a-501(2).

(b) For a violation the duration of which is 90 days or longer, or where insurable loss has occurred, where the licensee at the time a penalty is imposed documents that the required insurance have been reacquired, a minimum of 30 days suspension of licensure.

(c) For a violation of any duration, where the licensee at the time a penalty is imposed fails to document that the required insurance have been reacquired, a minimum of indefinite suspension. A license which is placed on indefinite suspension may not be reinstated any earlier than 30 days after the licensee documents the required insurance have been reacquired.

(d) If insurable loss has occurred and licensee has not paid the damages, the license may be suspended indefinitely until such loss is paid by the licensee.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict a presiding officer from imposing more than the minimum penalty for a violation of Subsection R156-55a-501(2). However, absent extraordinary cause, the presiding officer may not impose less than the minimum penalty.

R156-55a-501. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) failing to notify the division with respect to any matter for which notification is required under these rules or Title 58, Chapter 55, the Construction Trades Licensing Act, including a change in qualifier. Such failure shall be considered by the division and the board as grounds for immediate suspension of the contractors license;

(2) failing to continuously maintain insurance and registration as required by Subsection 58-55-302(2), in coverage amounts and form as implemented by this chapter.

R156-55a-502. Penalty for Unlawful Conduct.

The penalty for violating Subsection 58-55-501(1) while suspended from licensure shall include the maximum fine allowed by Subsection 58-55-503(4)(i).

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R162-6. Licensee Conduct.
R162-6-1. Improper Practices.

6.1.1. False devices. A licensee shall not propose, prepare, or cause to be prepared any document, agreement, closing statement, or any other device or scheme, which does not reflect the true terms of the transaction, nor shall a licensee knowingly participate in any transaction in which a similar device is used.

6.1.1.1. Loan Fraud. A licensee shall not participate in a transaction in which a buyer enters into any agreement that is not disclosed to the lender, which, if disclosed, may have a material effect on the terms or the granting of the loan.

6.1.1.2. Double Contracts. A licensee shall not use or propose the use of two or more purchase agreements, one of which is not made known to the prospective lender or loan guarantor.

6.1.2. Signs. It is prohibited for any licensee to have a sign on real property without the written consent of the property owner.

6.1.3. Licensee's Interest in a Transaction. A licensee shall not either directly or indirectly buy, sell, lease or rent any real property as a principal, without first disclosing in writing on the purchase agreement or the lease or rental agreement his true position as principal in the transaction. For the purposes of this rule, a licensee will be considered to be a "principal in the transaction" if he: a) is himself the buyer or the lessee in the transaction; b) has any ownership interest in the property; c) has any ownership interest in the entity that is the buyer, seller, lessor or lessee; or d) is an officer, director, partner, member, or employee of the entity that is the buyer, seller, lessor or lessee.

6.1.4. Listing Content. The real estate licensee completing a listing agreement is responsible to make reasonable efforts to verify the accuracy and content of the listing.

6.1.4.1. Net listings are prohibited and shall not be taken by a licensee.

6.1.5. Advertising. This rule applies to all advertising materials, including newspaper, magazine, Internet, e-mail, radio, and television advertising, direct mail promotions, business cards, door hangers, and signs.

6.1.5.1. Any advertising by active licensees that does not include the name of the real estate brokerage as shown on Division records is prohibited except as otherwise stated herein.

6.1.5.2 If the licensee advertises property in which he has an ownership interest and the property is not listed, the ad need not appear over the name of the real estate brokerage if the ad includes the phrase "owner-agent" or the phrase "owner-broker".

6.1.5.3. Names of individual licensees may be advertised in addition to the brokerage name. If the names of individual licensees are included in advertising, the brokerage must be identified in a clear and conspicuous manner. This requirement may be satisfied by identifying the brokerage in lettering which is at least one-half the size of the lettering which identifies the individual licensees.

6.1.5.4. Advertising teams, groups, or other marketing entities which are not licensed as brokerages is prohibited if the advertising states "owner-agent" or "owner-broker" instead of the brokerage name.

6.1.5.5. Advertising teams, groups, or other marketing entities which are not licensed as brokerages is permissible in advertising which includes the brokerage name upon the following conditions:

(a) The brokerage must be identified in a clear and conspicuous manner. This requirement may be satisfied by identifying the brokerage in lettering which is at least one-half the size of the lettering which identifies the team, group, or other marketing entity; and

(b) The advertising shall clearly indicate that the team, group, or other marketing entity is not itself a brokerage and that all licensees involved in the entity are affiliated with the brokerage named in the advertising.

6.1.5.6 If any photographs of personnel are used, the actual roles of any individuals who are not licensees must be identified in terms which make it clear that they are not licensees.

6.1.5.7. Any artwork or text which states or implies that licensees have a position or status other than that of sales agent or associate broker affiliated with a brokerage is prohibited.

6.1.5.8. Under no circumstances may a licensee advertise or offer to sell or lease property without the written consent of the owner of the property or the listing broker. Under no circumstances may a licensee advertise or offer to sell or lease property at a lower price than that listed without the written consent of the seller or lessor.

6.1.5.9 If an active licensee advertises to purchase or rent property, all advertising must contain the name of the licensee's real estate brokerage as shown on Division records.

6.1.6. Double Commissions. In order to avoid subjecting the seller to paying double commissions, licensees must not sell listed properties other than through the listing broker. A licensee shall not subject a principal to paying a double commission without the principal's informed consent.

6.1.6.1. A licensee shall not enter or attempt to enter into a concurrent agency representation agreement with a buyer or a seller, a lessor or a lessee, when the licensee knows or should know of an existing agency representation agreement with another licensee.

6.1.7. Retention of Buyer's Deposit. A principal broker holding an earnest money deposit shall not be entitled to any of the deposit without the written consent of the buyer and the seller.

6.1.8. Unprofessional conduct. No licensee shall engage in any of the practices described in Section 61-2-2, et seq., whether acting as agent or on his own account, in a manner which fails to conform with accepted standards of the real estate sales, leasing or management industries and which could jeopardize the public health, safety, or welfare and includes the violation of any provision of Section 61-2-2, et seq. or the rules of this chapter.

6.1.9. Finder's Fees. A licensee may not pay a finder's fee or give any valuable consideration to an unlicensed person or entity for referring a prospect in a real estate transaction, except as provided in this rule.

6.1.9.1. Token gifts. A licensee may give a gift valued at $50 or less to an individual in appreciation for an unsolicited referral of a prospect which resulted in a real estate transaction.

6.1.10. Referral fees from lenders. A licensee may not receive a referral fee from a lender or a mortgage broker.

6.1.11. Failure to have written agency agreement. To avoid representing more than one party without the informed consent of all parties, principal brokers and licensees acting on their behalf shall have written agency agreements with their principals. The failure to define an agency relationship in writing will be considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action by the Division.

6.1.11.1. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who represent a seller shall have a written agency agreement with the seller defining the scope of the agency.

6.1.11.2. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who represent a buyer shall have a written buyer agency agreement with the buyer defining the scope of the agency.

6.1.11.3. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who represent both buyer and seller shall have written agency agreements with both buyer and seller which define the scope of the limited agency and which demonstrate that the principal broker has obtained the informed consent of both buyer and seller to the limited agency as set forth in Section R162-6.2.15.3.1.

6.1.11.3.1 A licensee may not act or attempt to act as a

limited agent in any transaction in which: a) the licensee is a principal in the transaction; or b) any entity in which the licensee is an officer, director, partner, member, employee, or stockholder is a principal in the transaction.

6.1.11.4. A licensee affiliated with a brokerage other than the listing brokerage who wishes to act as a sub-agent for the seller, shall, prior to showing the seller's property:

(a) obtain permission from the principal broker with whom he is affiliated to act as a sub-agent;

(b) notify the listing brokerage that sub-agency is requested;

(c) enter into a written agreement with the listing brokerage consenting to the sub-agency and defining the scope of the agency; and

(d) obtain from the listing brokerage all information about the property which the listing brokerage has obtained.

6.1.11.5. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who act as a property manager shall have a written property management agreement with the owner of the property defining the scope of the agency.

6.1.11.6. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who represent a tenant shall have a written agreement with the tenant defining the scope of the agency.

6.1.12. Signing without legal authority. A licensee shall not sign or initial any document for a principal unless the licensee has prior written authorization in the form of a duly executed power of attorney from the principal authorizing the licensee to sign or initial documents for the principal. A copy of the power of attorney shall be attached to all documents signed or initialed for the principal by the licensee.

6.1.12.1. When signing a document for a principal, the licensee shall sign as follows: "(Principal's Name) by (Licensee's Name), Attorney-in-Fact."

6.1.12.2. When initialing a document for a principal, the licensee shall initial as follows: "(Principal's Initials) by (Licensee's Name), Attorney-in-Fact for (Principal's Name)."

6.1.13. Counteroffers. A licensee shall not make a counteroffer by making changes, whiting out, or otherwise altering the provisions of the Real Estate Purchase Contract or the language that has been filled in on the blanks of the Real Estate Purchase Contract. All counteroffers to a Real Estate Purchase Contract shall be made using the State-Approved Addendum form.

R162-6-2. Standards of Practice.

6.2.1. Approved Forms. The following standard forms are approved by the Utah Real Estate Commission and the Office of the Attorney General for use by all licensees:

(a) August 5, 2003, Real Estate Purchase Contract (use of this form shall be mandatory beginning January 1, 2004);

(b) January 1, 1999 Real Estate Purchase Contract for Residential Construction;

(c) January 1, 1987, Uniform Real Estate Contract;

(d) October 1, 1983, All Inclusive Trust Deed;

(e) October 1, 1983, All Inclusive Promissory Note Secured by All Inclusive Trust Deed;

(f) August 5, 2003, Addendum to Real Estate Purchase Contract;

(g) January 1, 1999, Seller Financing Addendum to Real Estate Purchase Contract;

(h) January 1, 1999, Buyer Financial Information Sheet;

(i) August 5, 2003, FHA/VA Loan Addendum to Real Estate Purchase Contract;

(j) January 1, 1999, Assumption Addendum to Real Estate Purchase Contract;

(k) January 1, 1999, Lead-based Paint Addendum to Real Estate Purchase Contract;

(l) January 1, 1999, Disclosure and Acknowledgment Regarding Lead-based Paint and/or Lead-based Paint Hazards.

6.2.1.1. Forms Required for Closing. Principal brokers and associate brokers may fill out forms in addition to the standard state-approved forms if the additional forms are necessary to close a transaction. Examples include closing statements, and warranty or quit claim deeds.

6.2.1.2. Forms Prepared by an Attorney. Any licensee may fill out forms prepared by the attorney for the buyer or lessee or the attorney for the seller or lessor to be used in place of any form listed in R162-6.2.1 (a) through (g) if the buyer or lessee or the seller or lessor requests that other forms be used and the licensee verifies that the forms have in fact been drafted by the attorney for the buyer or lessee, or the attorney for the seller or lessor.

6.2.1.3. Additional Forms. If it is necessary for a licensee to use a form for which there is no state-approved form, for example a lease, the licensee may fill in the blanks on any form which has been prepared by an attorney, regardless of whether the attorney was employed for the purpose by the buyer, seller, lessor, lessee, brokerage, or an entity whose business enterprise is selling blank legal forms.

6.2.1.4. Standard Supplementary Clauses. There are Standard Supplementary Clauses approved by the Utah Real Estate Commission which may be added to Real Estate Purchase Contracts by all licensees. The use of the Standard Supplementary Clauses will not be considered the unauthorized practice of law.

6.2.2. Copies of Agreement. After a purchase agreement is properly signed by both the buyer and seller, it is the responsibility of each participating licensee to cause copies thereof, bearing all signatures, to be delivered or mailed to the buyer and seller with whom the licensee is dealing. The licensee preparing the document shall not have the parties sign for a final copy of the document prior to all parties signing the contract evidencing agreement to the terms thereof. After a lease is properly signed by both landlord and tenant, it is the responsibility of the principal broker to cause copies of the lease to be delivered or mailed to the landlord or tenant with whom the brokerage or property management company is dealing.

6.2.3. Residential Construction Agreement. The Real Estate Purchase Contract for Residential Construction must be used for all transactions for the construction of dwellings to be built or presently under construction for which a Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued.

6.2.4. Real Estate Auctions. A principal broker who contracts or in any manner affiliates with an auctioneer or auction company which is not licensed under the provisions of Section 61-2-1 et seq. for the purpose of enabling that auctioneer or auction company to auction real property in this state, shall be responsible to assure that all aspects of the auction comply with the requirements of this section and all other laws otherwise applicable to real estate licensees in real estate transactions. Auctioneers and auction companies who are not licensed under the provisions of Section 61-2-1 et seq. may conduct auctions of real property located within this state upon the following conditions:

6.2.4.1. Advertising. All advertising and promotional materials associated with an auction must conspicuously disclose that the auction is conducted under the supervision of a named principal broker licensed in this state; and

6.2.4.2. Supervision. The auction must be conducted under the supervision of a principal broker licensed in this state who must be present at the auction; and

6.2.4.3. Use of Approved Forms. Any purchase agreements used at the auction must meet the requirements of Section 61-2-20 and must be filled out by a Utah real estate licensee; and

6.2.4.4. Placement of Deposits. All monies deposited at the auction must be placed either in the real estate trust account of the principal broker who is supervising the auction or in an

escrow depository agreed to in writing by the parties to the transaction.

6.2.4.5. Closing Arrangements. The principal broker supervising the auction shall be responsible to assure that adequate arrangements are made for the closing of each real estate transaction arising out of the auction.

6.2.5. Guaranteed Sales. As used herein, the term "guaranteed sales plan" includes: (a) any plan in which a seller's real estate is guaranteed to be sold or; (b) any plan whereby a licensee or anyone affiliated with a licensee will purchase a seller's real estate if it is not purchased by a third party in the specified period of a listing or within some other specified period of time.

6.2.5.1. In any real estate transaction involving a guaranteed sales plan, the licensee shall provide full disclosure as provided herein regarding the guarantee:

(a) Written Advertising. Any written advertisement by a licensee of a "guaranteed sales plan" shall include a statement advising the seller that if the seller is eligible, costs and conditions may apply and advising the seller to inquire of the licensee as to the terms of the guaranteed sales agreement. This information shall be set forth in print at least one-fourth as large as the largest print in the advertisement.

(b) Radio/Television Advertising. Any radio or television advertisement by a licensee of a "guaranteed sales plan" shall include a conspicuous statement advising if any conditions and limitations apply.

(c) Guaranteed Sales Agreements. Every guaranteed sales agreement must be in writing and contain all of the conditions and other terms under which the property is guaranteed to be sold or purchased, including the charges or other costs for the service or plan, the price for which the property will be sold or purchased and the approximate net proceeds the seller may reasonably expect to receive.

6.2.6. Agency Disclosure. In every real estate transaction involving a licensee, as agent or principal, the licensee shall clearly disclose in writing to his respective client(s) or any unrepresented parties, his agency relationship(s). The disclosure shall be made prior to the parties entering into a binding agreement with each other. The disclosure shall become part of the permanent file.

6.2.6.1. When a binding agreement is signed in a sales transaction, the prior agency disclosure shall be confirmed in the currently approved Real Estate Purchase Contract or, with substantially similar language, in a separate provision incorporated in or attached to that binding agreement.

6.2.6.2. When a lease or rental agreement is signed, a separate provision shall be incorporated in or attached to it confirming the prior agency disclosure. The agency disclosure shall be in the form stated in R162-6.2.6.1, but shall substitute terms applicable for a rental transaction for the terms "buyer", "seller", "listing agent", and "selling agent".

6.2.6.3. Disclosure to other agents. An agent who has established an agency relationship with a principal shall disclose who he or she represents to another agent upon initial contact with the other agent.

6.2.7. Duty to Inform. Sales agents and associate brokers must keep their principal broker or branch broker informed on a timely basis of all real estate transactions in which the licensee is involved, as agent or principal, in which the licensee has received funds on behalf of the principal broker or in which an offer has been written.

6.2.8. Broker Supervision. Principal brokers and associate brokers who are branch brokers shall be responsible for exercising active supervision over the conduct of all licensees affiliated with them.

6.2.8.1. A broker will not be held responsible for inadequate supervision if:

(a) An affiliated licensee violates a provision of Section 61-2-1, et seq., or the rules promulgated thereunder, in contravention of the supervising broker's specific written policies or instructions; and

(b) Reasonable procedures were established by the broker to ensure that licensees receive adequate supervision and the broker has followed those procedures; and

(c) Upon learning of the violation, the broker attempted to prevent or mitigate the damage; and

(d) The broker did not participate in the violation; and

(e) The broker did not ratify the violation; and

(f) The broker did not attempt to avoid learning of the violation.

6.2.8.2. The existence of an independent contractor relationship or any other special compensation arrangement between the broker and affiliated licensees shall not release the broker and licensees of any duties, obligations, or responsibilities.

6.2.9. Disclosure of Fees. If a real estate licensee who is acting as an agent in a transaction will receive any type of fee in connection with a real estate transaction in addition to a real estate commission, that fee must be disclosed in writing to all parties to the transaction.

6.2.10. Fees from Builders. All fees paid to a licensee for referral of prospects to builders must be paid to the licensee by the principal broker with whom he is licensed and affiliated. All fees must be disclosed as required by R162-6.2.10.

6.2.11. Fees from Manufactured Housing Dealers. If a licensee refers a prospect to a manufactured home dealer or a mobile home dealer, under terms as defined in Section 58-56-1, et seq., any fee paid for the referral of a prospect must be paid to him by the principal broker with whom he is licensed.

6.2.12. Gifts and Inducements. A gift given by a principal broker to a buyer or seller, lessor or lessee, in a real estate transaction as an inducement to use the services of a real estate brokerage, or in appreciation for having used the services of a brokerage, is permissible and is not an illegal sharing of commission. If an inducement is to be offered to a buyer or seller, lessor or lessee, who will not be obligated to pay a real estate commission in a transaction, the principal broker must notify the party who will pay the commission that the inducement will be offered. This rule does not authorize a principal broker to give any type of inducement that would violate the underwriting guidelines that apply to the loan for which a borrower has applied.

6.2.13. "Due-On-Sale" Clauses. Real estate licensees have an affirmative duty to disclose in writing to buyers and sellers the existence or possible existence of a "due-on-sale" clause in an underlying encumbrance on real property, and the potential consequences of selling or purchasing a property without obtaining the authorization of the holder of the underlying encumbrance.

6.2.14. Personal Assistants. With the permission of the principal broker with whom the licensee is affiliated, the licensee may employ an unlicensed individual to provide services in connection with real estate transactions which do not require a real estate license, including the following examples:

(a) Clerical duties, including making appointments for prospects to meet with real estate licensees, but only if the contact has been initiated by the prospect and not by the unlicensed person;

(b) At an open house, distributing preprinted literature written by a licensee, so long as a licensee is present and the unlicensed person furnishes no additional information concerning the property or financing and does not become involved in negotiating, offering, selling or filling in contracts;

(c) Acting only as a courier service in delivering documents, picking up keys, or similar services, so long as the courier does not engage in any discussion of, or filling in of, the documents;

(d) Placing brokerage signs on listed properties;
(e) Having keys made for listed properties; and
(f) Securing public records from the County Recorders' Offices, zoning offices, sewer districts, water districts, or similar entities.

6.2.14.1. If personal assistants are compensated for their work, they shall be compensated at a predetermined rate which is not contingent upon the occurrence of real estate transactions. Licensees may not share commissions with unlicensed persons who have assisted in transactions by performing the services listed in this rule.

6.2.14.2. The licensee who hires the unlicensed person will be responsible for supervising the unlicensed person's activities, and shall ensure that the unlicensed person does not perform activity which requires a real estate license.

6.2.14.3. Unlicensed individuals may not engage in telephone solicitation or other activity calculated to result in securing prospects for real estate transactions, except as provided in R162-6.2.14.(a) above.

6.2.15. Fiduciary Duties. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf owe the following fiduciary duties to the principal:

6.2.15.1. Duties of a seller's or lessor's agent. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who act solely on behalf of the seller or the lessor owe the seller or the lessor the following fiduciary duties:

(a) Loyalty, which obligates the agent to act in the best interest of the seller or the lessor instead of all other interests, including the agent's own;

(b) Obedience, which obligates the agent to obey all lawful instructions from the seller or lessor;

(c) Full disclosure, which obligates the agent to tell the seller or lessor all material information which the agent learns about the buyer or lessee or about the transaction;

(d) Confidentiality, which prohibits the agent from disclosing any information given to the agent by the seller or lessor which would likely weaken the seller's or lessor's bargaining position if it were known, unless the agent has permission from the seller or lessor to disclose the information. This duty does not require the agent to withhold any known material fact concerning a defect in the property or the seller's or lessor's ability to perform his obligations;

(e) Reasonable care and diligence;

(f) Holding safe and accounting for all money or property entrusted to the agent; and

(g) Any additional duties created by the agency agreement.

6.2.15.2. Duties of a buyer's or lessee's agent. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who act solely on behalf of the buyer or lessee owe the buyer or lessee the following fiduciary duties:

(a) Loyalty, which obligates the agent to act in the best interest of the buyer or lessee instead of all other interests, including the agent's own;

(b) Obedience, which obligates the agent to obey all lawful instructions from the buyer or lessee;

(c) Full Disclosure, which obligates the agent to tell the buyer or lessee all material information which the agent learns about the property or the seller's or lessor's ability to perform his obligations;

(d) Confidentiality, which prohibits the agent from disclosing any information given to the agent by the buyer or lessee which would likely weaken the buyer's or lessee's bargaining position if it were known, unless the agent has permission from the buyer or lessee to disclose the information. This duty does not permit the agent to misrepresent, either affirmatively or by omission, the buyer's or lessee's financial condition or ability to perform;

(e) Reasonable care and diligence;

(f) Holding safe and accounting for all money or property entrusted to the agent; and

(g) Any additional duties created by the agency agreement.

6.2.15.3. Duties of a limited agent. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who act as agent for both seller and buyer, or lessor and lessee, commonly referred to as "dual agents," are limited agents since the fiduciary duties owed to seller and to buyer, or to lessor and lessee, are inherently contradictory. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf may act in this limited agency capacity only if the informed consent of both buyer and seller, or lessor and lessee, is obtained.

6.2.15.3.1. In order to obtain informed consent, the principal broker or a licensee acting on his behalf shall clearly explain to both buyer and seller, or lessor and lessee, that they are each entitled to be represented by their own agent if they so choose, and shall obtain written agreement from both parties that they will each be giving up performance by the agent of the following fiduciary duties:

(a) The principal broker or a licensee acting on his behalf shall explain to buyer and seller, or lessor and lessee, that they are giving up their right to demand undivided loyalty from the agent, although the agent, acting in this neutral capacity, shall advance the interest of each party so long as it does not conflict with the interest of the other party. In the event of conflicting interests, the agent will be held to the standard of neutrality; and

(b) The principal broker or a licensee acting on his behalf shall explain to buyer and seller, or lessor and lessee, that there will be a conflict as to a limited agent's duties of confidentiality and full disclosure, and shall explain what kinds of information will be held confidential if told to a limited agent by either buyer or seller, or lessor and lessee, and what kinds of information will be disclosed if told to the limited agent by either party. The limited agent may not disclose any information given to the agent by either principal which would likely weaken that party's bargaining position if it were known, unless the agent has permission from the principal to disclose the information; and

(c) The principal broker or a licensee acting on his behalf shall explain to the buyer and seller, or lessor and lessee, that the limited agent will be required to disclose information given to the agent in confidence by one of the parties if failure to disclose the information would be a material misrepresentation regarding the property or regarding the abilities of the parties to fulfill their obligations.

(d) The Division and the Commission shall consider use of consent language approved by the Division and the Commission to be informed consent.

6.2.15.3.2. In addition, a limited agent owes the following fiduciary duties to all parties:

(a) Obedience, which obligates the limited agent to obey all lawful instructions from either the buyer or the seller, lessor and lessee, consistent with the agent's duty of neutrality;

(b) Reasonable care and diligence;

(c) Holding safe all money or property entrusted to the limited agent; and

(d) Any additional duties created by the agency agreement.

6.2.15.4. Duties of a sub-agent. A principal broker and licensees acting on his behalf who act as sub-agents owe the same fiduciary duty to a principal as the brokerage retained by the principal.

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R162. Commerce, Real Estate.
R162-103. Appraisal Education Requirements.
R162-103-1. Definitions.

103.1.1 For the purposes of this rule, "school" includes:

(a) An accredited college, university, junior college or community college;

(b) Any state or federal agency or commission;

(c) A nationally or state recognized real estate appraisal or real estate related organization, society, institute, or association;

(d) Any other school or organization as approved by the Board.

103.1.2 "School director" means an authorized individual in charge of the educational program at a school.

R162-103-2. School Certification.

103.2.1 Each school requesting certification shall make application for approval on the form prescribed by the Division, and shall submit the applicable fees. The application shall include, and the Board may consider, the following information in determining the school's eligibility for certification:

103.2.1.1 Name, phone number, and address of the school, school director and all owners of the school.

103.2.1.2 Attestation to upstanding moral character by individuals who are school directors or owners of the school, and whether any individual:

(a) has had a license or certification to practice in the appraisal profession, or any other profession or occupation, denied, restricted, suspended, or revoked.

(b) has been permitted to resign or surrender an appraiser license or certification, or has ever allowed an appraiser license or certification to expire while the individual was under investigation, or while action was pending against the individual by an appraiser licensing or any other agency.

(c) has any action now pending by any appraiser licensing or other agency.

(d) is currently under investigation for, or charged with, or has ever pled guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of, a misdemeanor or felony, excluding minor traffic offenses.

(e) has ever been placed on probation in connection with any criminal offense or a licensing action.

103.2.1.3 A description of the type of school and a description of the school's physical facilities. All courses shall be taught in an appropriate classroom facility and not in any private residence, except for courses approved for specific home-study purposes;

103.2.1.4 A copy of the statement which shall be provided for each student outlining the days, times and locations of classes; the number of quizzes and examinations; the grading system, including methods of testing and standards of grading; the requirements for attendance; and the school's refund policy.

103.2.2 A public school may schedule its courses within the criteria of its regular schedule, for example, quarter, semester, or similar schedule. A quarter hour of college credit is the equivalent of 10 classroom hours, and a semester hour of college credit is the equivalent of 15 classroom hours.

103.2.3 Upon approval by the Board, a school will be issued certification. Until January 1, 2005, all certifications expire January 1. Beginning on January 1, 2005, a school certification will be issued for a two-year term and will expire twenty-four months from the date of issuance. School certifications may be renewed by submitting a properly completed application for renewal prior to the expiration date of the school's current certification, using the form required by the Division. Until January 1, 2005, renewed school certifications shall be issued for a term of one calendar year. Beginning on January 1, 2005, the term of a renewed school certification shall be twenty-four months. Conditions of certification include the following:

(a) A school shall teach the approved course of study as outlined in the State Approved Course Outline;

(b) A school shall require each student to attend the required number of hours and pass a final examination;

(c) A school shall maintain a record of each student's attendance for a minimum of five years after his enrollment;

(d) A school shall not make any misrepresentation in its advertising about any course of instruction, and shall be able to provide substantiation of any claims made. All advertising and public notices shall be free of statements or implications which do not enhance the dignity and integrity of the appraisal profession. A school shall refrain from disparaging a competitor's services or methods of operation;

(e) Within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any material change in the school which could affect its approval, including the events listed in R162-103.2.1.2, the school shall give the Division written notice of that change; and

(f) A school will not attempt by any means to obtain or use the questions on the state licensure or certification exam unless those questions have been dropped from the current exam bank.

(g) A school shall provide to all students at the time of registration a copy of the qualifying questionnaire the student will be required by the Division to answer as part of the prelicensing or precertification examination.

R162-103-3. Course Certification.

103.3.1 Each school requesting approval of a course designed to meet the education requirements of licensure or certification shall make application for approval on a form prescribed by the Division and shall pay the applicable fee. The application shall include, and the Board may consider, the following information in determining eligibility for approval:

(a) A course outline including a description of the course, the length of time to be spent on each subject area broken into segments of no more than 30 minutes each, and three to five learning objectives for every three hours;

(b) Indication of any method of instruction other than lecture method including: a slide presentation, cassette, video tape, movie, home study, or other.

(c) A copy of the three final examinations of the course and the answer keys which are used to determine if the student has passed the course;

(d) An explanation of what the school procedure is for maintaining the security of the final exams and the answer keys;

(e) A list of the titles, authors and publishers of all required textbooks;

(f) A list of the instructors and evidence of their certification by the Division, and a list of any guest lecturers to be used and evidence of their qualifications as an instructor for a specific course; and

(g) Days, times, and location of classes.

103.3.2 Upon approval by the Board, a course will be issued certification. Until January 1, 2005, all certifications expire January 1. Beginning January 1, 2005, all original course certifications and all renewed course certifications shall be issued with an expiration date of twenty-four months after issuance.

103.3.3 Each course of study will meet the minimum standards set forth in the State Approved Course Outline provided for each approved course. The school may alter the sequence of presentation of the required topics. Specific nonappraisal courses being used to satisfy the educational requirements shall have prior approval as to their applicability.

103.3.4 All courses of study will meet the minimum hourly requirement of that course. A credit hour is defined as 50 minutes of supervised contact by a certified instructor within a 60-minute time period. A 10-minute break will be given for each 50 minutes in class. Registration or certification credit will be limited to a maximum of eight credit hours per day. The limitation applies only to the credit a student may receive and is

not intended to limit the number of classroom hours offered.

103.3.5 A public school or institution may use any faculty member to teach an approved course provided the individual demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Division and the Board academic training or appraisal experience qualifying him to teach the course.

103.3.6 Distance education is defined as any educational process based on the geographical separation of instructor and student (e.g., CD ROM, On-line learning, correspondence courses, video conferencing, etc.). Distance education courses must provide interaction between the learner and instructor and must include testing. A distance education course may be acceptable to meet the classroom hour requirement or its equivalent providing each course meets the following conditions:

103.3.6.1 The course (a) has been presented by an accredited college or university which offers distance education programs in other disciplines and where accreditation has been made by the Commission on Colleges or a regional accreditation association; or (b) has received approval for college credit by the International Distance Education Certification Center, also known as IDECC; or (c) has been approved under the AQB Course Approval Program.

(a) The learner must successfully complete a written examination personally proctored by an official approved by the college or university or by the presenting entity; and

(b) The course must meet the requirements established by the AQB and be equivalent to the minimum of 15 classroom hours.

103.3.7 A maximum of 10% of the required class time may be spent in testing, including review test and final examination. A student cannot challenge a course or any part of a course of study by taking an exam in lieu of attendance.

103.3.7.1 If a student fails a school final examination, he will not be allowed to retest for a minimum of three days. The student will not be allowed to retake the same final exam, but will be given a new exam with different questions.

103.3.7.2 If the student fails the final exam a second time, he will not be allowed to retest for a minimum of two weeks at which time he will be given an entirely new exam with completely new questions. If the student fails this third exam, he will fail the course.

103.3.8 All texts, workbooks, supplement pamphlets and any other materials shall be appropriate and current in their application to the required course outline.

103.3.9 Within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any material change in a course which could affect approval, the school shall give the Division written notice of the change.

R162-103-4. Education Credit for Noncertified Courses.

103.4.1 Education credit will be granted towards licensure or certification for an appraisal education course which has been taken and which has not been previously certified in Utah for prelicensing education credit, and has been provided by a school which meets the criteria as outlined in 103.1.

103.4.1.1 The course content shall have met the minimum standards set forth in the Utah State Approved Course Outline.

103.4.1.2 A course must be at least 15 hours in duration, including the examination. An hour is defined as 50 minutes of supervised contact by a certified instructor within a 60-minute time period.

103.4.1.3 A final examination will be administered at the end of each course pertinent to that education offering.

103.4.2 Credit will not be granted for a course taken in which the applicant obtained credit from the course provider by challenge examination without having attended the course.

103.4.3 Credit will not be given for duplicate or highly comparable classes. Each course must represent a progression in which the appraiser's knowledge is increased.

103.4.4 There is no time limit regarding when education credit must have been obtained.

103.4.5 Hourly credit for a course taken from a professional appraisal organization will be granted based upon the Division approved list which verifies hours for these courses.

103.4.6 Credit will only be granted for a course that has been successfully completed. Successful completion of a course means that the applicant has attended a minimum of 90% of the scheduled class hours, has completed all required exercises and assignments, and has achieved a passing score on a course final examination. The final examination shall not be an open book examination.

103.4.7 Submission for Education Approval.

103.4.7.1 Courses that have not been previously certified for prelicensing credit will be reviewed by the Education Review Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant to establish that a particular education offering will qualify to meet the education requirement for licensing or certification.

103.4.7.2 The applicant shall submit on a form provided by the Division a list of the courses that documents the course title, the name of the sponsoring organization, the number of classroom hours, and the date the course was completed.

103.4.7.3 The applicant will attest on a notarized affidavit that the courses have been completed as documented.

103.4.7.4 The applicant will support the claim for education credit if requested by the Division by providing proof of completion of the courses in the form of certificates, transcripts, report cards, letters of verification, or similar proof.

103.4.7.5 Applicants having appraisal education in categories other than those in the State Approved Course Outline may petition the Board on an individual basis for evaluation and approval of their education as being substantially equivalent to that required for licensing or certification.

R162-103-5. Instructor Application for Certification.

103.5.1 Each instructor requesting approval to be certified as an instructor to teach the education requirements of appraisal licensure or certification shall make application for approval on a form prescribed by the Division and shall submit the applicable fees. The application shall include, and the Board may consider, the following information in determining the instructor's eligibility for approval:

103.5.1.1 Attestation to upstanding moral character, including whether the individual:

(a) has had a license or certification to practice in the appraisal profession, or any other profession or occupation, denied, restricted, suspended, or revoked.

(b) has been permitted to resign or surrender an appraiser license or certification, or has ever allowed an appraiser license or certification to expire while the individual was under investigation, or while action was pending against the individual by an appraiser licensing or any other agency.

(c) has any action now pending by any appraiser licensing or other agency.

(d) is currently under investigation for, or charged with, or has ever pled guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of, a misdemeanor or felony, excluding minor traffic offenses.

(e) has ever been placed on probation in connection with any criminal offense or a licensing action.

103.5.2 The instructor will demonstrate evidence of knowledge of the subject matter by the following:

103.5.2.1 A minimum of five years active experience in appraising, or

103.5.2.2 Evidence of having completed college or other appropriate courses specific to the topic he proposes to teach, or

103.5.2.3 Evidence of other qualifications of experience, education, or credentials which are acceptable to the Board; and

103.5.2.4 Evidence of having passed an examination

designed to test knowledge of the subject matter he proposes to teach.

103.5.3 An applicant to teach the course on USPAP shall conform to all of the above criteria and in addition shall have been certified by the Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB) of the Appraisal Foundation as an AQB Certified USPAP instructor.

103.5.4 Upon approval by the Board, an applicant will be issued certification. Until January 1, 2005, all certifications expire January 1 of each even numbered year. Beginning January 1, 2005, instructor certifications will be issued for a term that expires twenty-four months from the date of issuance. Conditions of renewal of certification include providing proof of the following:

103.5.4.1 Must have taught at least 20 hours of in-class instruction in a certified course during the preceding two years; and

103.5.4.2 Must have attended a real estate instructor development workshop sponsored or approved by the Division during the preceding two years.

103.5.4.3 Instructor certifications may be renewed by submitting a properly completed application for renewal prior to the expiration date of the instructor's current certification, using the form required by the Division. Renewed instructor certifications will be issued for a term of twenty-four months. If the instructor does not submit a properly completed renewal form, renewal fee, and any required documentation prior to the expiration date of the current certification, the certification shall expire. When a certification expires, the certification may be reinstated for a period of thirty days after the expiration date upon payment of a late fee in addition to completing the requirements for a timely renewal. After this thirty day period, and until three months after the expiration date, an instructor certification may be reinstated upon payment of a non-refundable late fee and submission of proof of completion of six classroom hours of education related to real estate appraisal or teaching techniques in addition to completing the requirements for a timely renewal. Following the three month period, an instructor shall be required to apply as an original applicant in order to obtain a new certification.

103.5.5 Within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of the events listed in Section 103.5.1, an applicant or instructor shall give written notice to the Division of that event.

R162-103-6. Education Review Committee.

103.6 A committee may be appointed by the Board to review submissions for education credit for license or certification applicants and also to review submissions for certification of appraiser courses and instructors.

103.6.1 The Education Review Committee shall:

103.6.1.1 Review all applications for adherence to the education credit required for licensure or certification and make recommendations to the Division and the Board for approval or disapproval of the education claimed.

103.6.1.2 Review all submissions requesting certification of appraiser courses and instructors for prelicensing education purposes and make recommendations to the Division and the Board for approval or disapproval.

103.6.2 The Committee shall be composed of appraisers from the following categories: residential appraisers; commercial appraisers; farm and ranch appraisers; right-of-way appraisers; and ad valorem appraisers.

103.6.2.1 The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Board.

103.6.2.2 Meetings may be called upon the request of the chairperson or upon the written request of a quorum of committee members.

103.6.3 If the review of an application has been performed by the Education Review Committee, and the Board has denied the application based on insufficient education or an inability to meet the certification of education requirements, the applicant may request that the Board review the issue again by making a request in writing to the Board within thirty days after the denial stating specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Board shall thereafter consider the request and issue a written decision.

R162-103-7. Continuing Education Course Certification.

103.7 As a condition of renewal, all appraisers will complete the equivalent of 28 classroom hours of appraisal education during the two-year term preceding renewal. The continuing education requirement is for the purpose of maintaining and increasing the appraiser's skill, knowledge and competency in real estate appraising.

103.7.1 Continuing education credit may be granted for courses that meet the following criteria:

(a) the course has been obtained from any of the course providers designated in 103.1.

(b) the course covers appraisal topics as suggested by the AQB.

(c) the length of the educational offering is at least two classroom hours, each classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment, and the continuing education credit is limited to eight hours per day.

(d) the course meets the requirements for distance learning as outlined in R162-103.3.7.

103.7.2 Real estate appraisal related field trips are acceptable for continuing education credit; however, transit time to or from the field trip location should not be included when awarding credit if instruction does not occur.

103.7.3 Prelicensing education credit awarded to individuals seeking a different classification than that held, can also be used to satisfy a continuing education requirement.

103.7.4 Alternative Continuing Education Credit - continuing education credit may be granted for participation, other than as a student, in appraisal educational processes and programs.

103.7.4.1 Credit may be granted on a case by case basis for teaching, program development, authorship of textbooks, or similar activities which are determined by the Board to be equivalent to obtaining continuing education.

103.7.4.2 The Education Review Committee will review claims of equivalent education and also alternative continuing education proposed to be used for continuing education purposes.

103.7.4.3 The Board may award continuing education credit to members of the Education Review Committee, the Experience Review Committee, and the Technical Advisory Panel.

R162-103-8. Administrative Proceedings.

The Division may deny certification or renewal of certification to any course, school or instructor that does not meet the standards required by this chapter.

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R162. Commerce, Real Estate.
R162-109. Administrative Proceedings.
R162-109-1. Formal Adjudicative Proceedings.

109.1. Any proceedings conducted subsequent to the issuance of a cease and desist order or other emergency order shall be conducted as formal adjudicative proceedings.

R162-109-2. Informal Adjudicative Proceedings.

109.2.1 Proceedings in which the Division seeks disciplinary action pursuant to U.C.A. Section 61-2b-29 against a licensed or certified appraiser shall be conducted as informal adjudicative proceedings.

109.2.2 Proceedings on original applications for licensure or certification, or renewal applications for licensure or certification, as an appraiser, or for certification of appraisal courses, schools, or instructors, and all proceedings on applications for a temporary permit or registration as an expert witness, shall be conducted as informal adjudicative proceedings.

109.2.3. All adjudicative proceedings as to any other matters not specifically designated as formal adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted as informal adjudicative proceedings.

109.2.4. A hearing will be held in an informal adjudicative proceeding only if required or permitted by the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Act or these rules.

109.2.5. Application forms which shall be filled out and submitted to the Division for registration as an expert witness, licensure or certification as an appraiser, or for certification of courses, schools, or instructors, and all applications for a temporary permit shall be deemed a request for agency action pursuant to the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63-46b-1, et seq.

109.2.5.1. Upon receipt of an application, the Division shall:

(a) issue and mail a license, certification, temporary permit, or registration as an expert witness, which shall be deemed notification that the application is granted;

(b) notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and that further information is needed;

(c) notify the applicant that a hearing shall be scheduled before the Utah Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for the purpose of determining the applicant's fitness for appraiser licensure or certification, or issuance to the applicant of a temporary permit; or

(d) notify the applicant that the application is denied, and, if the proceeding is one in which a hearing is permitted, that he may request a hearing to challenge the denial.

109.2.6. Other Requests for Agency Action

109.2.6.1. Other requests for agency action shall be in writing and signed by the requestor, and shall contain the following:

(a) the names and addresses of all persons to whom a copy of the request for agency action is being sent;

(b) the agency's file number or other reference number, if known;

(c) the date of mailing of the request for agency action;

(d) a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the agency action is requested, if known;

(e) a statement of the relief or action sought from the Division; and

(f) a statement of the facts and reasons forming the basis for relief or agency action.

109.2.6.2. Upon receipt of a request for agency action other than an application for registration, licensure or certification, the Division shall:

(a) notify the requestor in writing that the request is granted;

(b) notify the requestor that the request is incomplete and that further information is needed before the Division is able to make a determination on the request;

(c) notify the requestor that the Division does not have the legal authority or jurisdiction to grant the relief requested or the action sought; or

(d) notify the requestor that the request is denied, and, if the proceeding is one in which a hearing is permitted, that he may request a hearing to challenge the denial.

109.2.6.3. A complaint against an appraiser or the holder of a temporary permit requesting that the Division commence an investigation or a disciplinary action is not a request for agency action.

R162-109-3. Hearings Not Required.

109.3. A hearing is not required and will not be held in the following informal adjudicative proceedings:

109.3.1. The issuance, renewal or reinstatement of an appraiser license or certification;

109.3.2. The issuance or renewal of an appraisal course, school, or instructor certification;

109.3.3. The issuance of any interpretation of statute, rule or order, or the issuance of any written opinion or declaratory order determining the applicability of a statute, rule or order, when enforcement or implementation of the statute, rule or order lies within the jurisdiction of the Division; or

109.3.4. The denial of renewal or reinstatement of an appraiser license or certification for failure to complete any continuing education required by Section 61-2b-40.

R162-109-4. Hearings Permitted.

109.4.1. In the following informal adjudicative proceedings, a hearing will be held only if requested in writing by a party within 20 days from the date a notice of agency action or the Division's response to a request for agency action is mailed:

109.4.1.1. The denial of an application for certification as an instructor on the grounds that his attestation to upstanding moral character is false;

109.4.1.2. The denial of an application for an initial appraiser license or certification due to insufficient education or experience, as determined by the appropriate review committee appointed by the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; or

109.4.1.3 The denial of an application for a temporary permit.

109.4.2. A request by a party for a hearing shall include the grounds upon which relief is requested.

109.4.3. Hearings permitted by this rule will be before the Utah Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

R162-109-5. Hearings Required.

109.5.1 Hearings will be held in all proceedings in which the Division seeks to deny an application for original or renewed licensure or certification for failure of the applicant to meet the criteria of good moral character, honesty, integrity or truthfulness.

109.5.2 Hearings will be held in all proceedings conducted subsequent to the issuance of a cease and desist order or other emergency order.

109.5.3 Hearings will be held in all proceedings in which the Division seeks disciplinary action pursuant to U.C.A. Section 61-2b-29 against a licensed or certified appraiser.

R162-109-6. Procedures for Hearings in Informal Adjudicative Proceedings.

109.6.1 The procedures to be followed in all informal adjudicative proceedings shall be as set forth in Title 63, Chapter 46b, Utah Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Commerce Administrative Procedures Act Rules,

Utah Administrative Code Section R151-46b, and in this Section R162-109-6.

109.6.2 Notice of Agency Action and Petition. The Division shall commence a proceeding for disciplinary action pursuant to U.C.A. Section 61-2b-29 by the filing and service of a Notice of Agency Action and a Petition setting forth the allegations made by the Division.

109.6.3 Answer. The presiding officer may, upon a determination of good cause, require a person against whom a disciplinary proceeding has been initiated pursuant to U.C.A. Section 61-2b-29 to file an Answer to the Petition by ordering in the Notice of Agency Action that the respondent shall file an Answer with the Division. All Answers are required to be filed with the Division within thirty days of the mailing date of the Notice of Agency Action and Petition.

109.6.4 Assistance of Administrative Law Judge. In any proceeding under this subsection, the Board may delegate the hearing to an Administrative Law Judge or may request that an Administrative Law Judge assist the Board in conducting the hearing.

109.6.5 Notice of hearing. Upon the scheduling of a hearing by the Division or upon receipt of a timely request for a hearing where hearings are permitted, the Division shall mail written notice of the date, time, and place scheduled for the hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing.

109.6.6 Discovery is prohibited, but the Division may issue subpoenas or other orders to compel production of necessary evidence. All parties shall have access to the Division's files and to all materials and information gathered in any investigation to the extent permitted by law.

109.6.7 Intervention is prohibited.

109.6.8 Hearings shall be open to all parties, except that a hearing on an applicant's fitness for licensure or certification may be conducted in a closed session which is not open to the public if the presiding officer closes the hearing pursuant to Title 63, Chapter 46b, the Utah Administrative Procedures Act or Title 52, Chapter 4, the Open and Public Meetings Act. The parties named in the Notice of Agency Action or the Request for Agency Action may be represented by counsel and shall have the opportunity to testify, present witnesses and other evidence, and comment on the issues.

109.6.9 Within a reasonable time after the hearing, the presiding officer shall cause to be issued and mailed to the parties a signed order in writing based on the facts appearing in the agency's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the hearing. The order shall state the decision and the reasons for the decision, and a notice of the right of administrative review and judicial review available to the parties including applicable time limits.

109.6.10 The Division may, but shall not be required to, record the hearing. If a record has been made, any party, at his own expense, may have a reporter approved by the Division prepare a transcript from the Division's record of the proceedings.

KEY: real estate appraisal
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R251. Corrections, Administration.
R251-113. Distribution of Reimbursement for the Felony Probation Inmate Costs Reimbursement Program/Fund.
R251-113-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is provided in accordance with Section 64-13c-301, et seq.

(2) As required by Subsection 64-13c-303(1)(b), the purpose of this rule is to establish procedures for the distribution of reimbursement from the program.

(3) As required by legislative intent language from the General Session 2004, Senate Bill SB-1, Jail Reimbursement, lines 322-334.

R251-113-2. Definitions.

In addition to terms defined in Section 64-13c-101,

(1) "Contract State Inmate" means an inmate who has been sentenced to the Utah Department of Corrections and at the pleasure of the Division of Institutional Operations (DIO) is selected to complete all or a portion of their court ordered incarceration in a county correctional facility under contract with the UDC.

(2) "Core inmate incarceration costs (Core Rate)" means the county correctional facility's jails direct costs of incarcerating an inmate, including housing, feeding, clothing, and programming. This is also the "single-reimbursement-rate" as provided in Section 64-13c-302. This does not include costs of inmate transportation services or medical care; nor programming for felony probationers.

(3) "Credit for Time Served" means time served in jail prior to judgement, sentence, and commitment.

(4) "Current expenses" means the actual costs of jail salaries, benefits, food, clothing, maintenance, and utilities expended during the most recent budget year.

(5) "Fund" means the monies allocated by the legislature for the Felony Probation Inmate costs (Inmate Costs Reimbursement Program for the current fiscal year.

(6) "Felony Probation Inmate" means a person who may serve a period of time, not to exceed one year in a county jail designated by the department, after considering any recommendation by the court as to which jail the court finds most appropriate, as provided in 77-18-1-(8)(v) Felony Probationer.

(7) "Transportation cost" means mileage rate, salary and benefit costs of the transporting officer(s) expended during the most recent budget year.

R251-113-3. Reimbursement Rates - General.

Pursuant to Section 64-13c-302:

(1) the procedures for setting the rate will be followed as written in the statute; the meeting of the committee will take place prior to July 1 of each year and after the information is gathered from the counties.

(2) the Rate Setting Committee as outlined in 64-13c-302 shall negotiate a single reimbursement rate, applicable to all counties, which shall consist of daily core inmate incarceration costsand shall be called the "Core Rate";

(3) each county shall negotiate directly with the Department to establish appropriate reimbursement rates for the providing of transportation services and medical care for inmates housed under Section 64-13c-201, including Felony Probationers committed to a county jail;

(4) the three parts of the setting reimbursement rate are:

(a) the core rate;

(b) county medical costs; and

(c) county transportation costs.

R251-113-4. County Information Requirement.

(1) On or before the first Friday in March, each county shall provide the Department with budget expenditure information covering the most recent full County Fiscal Year ending on December 31st of each year:

(a) the full costs and expenses required to operate the jail for the current year;

(b) the cost of medical care provided to all inmates housed in the jail for the current year;

(c) the cost of transportation services provided during the current year; and

(d) the number of inmates and number of "inmate-days" for:

(i) the number of state-contract inmates;

(ii) the condition-of-probation inmates;

(iii) the number of all other county inmates, including all other inmates within the facility not already listed;

(iv) the number of federal inmates;

(v) the number of electronically monitored inmates; and

(vi) the number of total inmates.

(2) The Department may audit the information received by each county as necessary.

R251-113-5. Computation of Reimbursement Rates.

(1) A single core rate shall be used as the basis for all counties as the rate for cost-recovery of housing state inmates.

(a) It will be computed by taking a list of the total information received from all counties, categorized as total inmate days and total current expenses; and then taking

(b) total current expenses, which shall then be divided by the total inmate days, resulting in a computed core rate.

(c) This computed core rate shall be used as the single reimbursement rate for all counties housing contract state prison inmates during the year whether the inmate is a Contract State Inmate or Felony Probation Inmate.

(2) In addition, a separate county rate shall be calculated to reflect medical and transportation expenses incurred by each county. This separate county rate will be computed by:

(a) taking the total medical costs for each county and dividing that total by the inmate days of each county, minus any contract prisoner; and

(b) taking the total transportation cost for each county and dividing that total by the inmate days for each county minus any contract prisoners.

R251-113-6. Payment for Condition of Probation Inmates.

(1) The fund may reimburse each county at seventy percent of the core reimbursement rate established by the Rate Setting Committee and approved by the Legislature.

(2) If funds permit it is the intent of the Legislature for the Department to reimburse county rates related to transportation and/or medical care of felony probation inmates sentenced to a county jail from the fund up to the rate of seventy percent. The medical and transportation rate for each county may be calculated and reimbursed at different rates.

(3) "Credit for Time Served" is not eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement can only be made beginning on the first day of incarceration after sentencing.

(4) Counties shall not be eligible for reimbursement for housing felony probation inmates who have been ordered by the court to reimburse the county for the cost associated with their incarceration.

R251-113-7. Notice of Fund Shortfall.

(1) Should it be projected that the appropriated fund will be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Department shall notify the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Office in writing. The report will explain the factors used to determine the shortfall.

(2) The Department shall also notify each participating county jail that the fund will be short.

(3) If the fund falls short of being able to cover the core rate the department shall collect all billings against the fund and

hold until the end of the fiscal year. At that time, the remaining funds shall be dispersed at an equal percentage across all participating counties.

KEY: county jails, reimbursement
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R251. Corrections, Administration.
R251-303. Offenders' Use of Telephones.
R251-303-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by Section 64-13-10, which allows the Department to adopt standards and rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide the Department's policy and procedures governing offenders' access to and use of telephones.

R251-303-2. Definitions.

(1) "Center" means community correctional centers; halfway houses.

(2) "Offender" means any person under the jurisdiction of the Department; including inmates, parolees, probationers, and persons in halfway houses or other non-secure facilities.

R251-303-3. Standards and Procedures.

It is the policy of the Department that in order to ensure Center telephones are used for authorized purposes, staff may listen to the offender's conversation, except calls made to legal counsel.

KEY: corrections, halfway houses
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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-444. Distribution of Funds to Arts and Science Organizations.
R277-444-1. Definitions.

A. "Arts organization (organization)" means a non-profit professional artistic organization that provides artistic (dance, music, drama, art) services, performances or instruction to the Utah community.

B. "Arts and science subsidy program" means groups that have participated in the RFP program and have been determined by the Board to be providing valuable services in the schools. They do not qualify as professional outreach programs.

C. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

D. "Cost effectiveness" means maximization of the educational potential of the resources available through the professional organization, not using POPS funding for costs that would be expended necessarily for the maintenance and operation of the organization.

E. "Educational soundness" means that learning activities or programs:

(1) are designed for the community and grade level being served, including suggested preparatory activities and Core-relevant follow-up activities;

(2) feature literal interaction of students and teachers with professional artists and scientists;

(3) focus on those specific Life Skills and Arts or Science Core Curricula concepts and skills; and

(4) show continuous improvement of services guided by analysis of evaluative tools.

F. "Hands-on activities" means activities that include active involvement of students with presenters, ideally with materials provided by the organization.

G. "Non-profit organization" means an organization no part of the income of which, is distributable to its members, directors or officers; a corporation organized for other than profit-making purposes.

H. "Professional excellence" means the organization:

(1) has been juried or reviewed, based on criteria for artistic or scientific excellence, by a panel of recognized and qualified critics in the appropriate discipline;

(2) has received recognitions of excellence through an award, a prize, a grant, a commission, an invitation to participate in a recognized series of presentations in a well-known venue; and

(3) includes a recognized and qualified professional in the appropriate field who has created an artistic or scientific project or composition specifically for the organization to present; or

(4) any combination of criteria.

I. "Professional outreach programs (POPS) in the schools" means those established arts and science organizations which received line item funding directly from the Utah State Legislature prior to 2004. These organizations have demonstrated the capacity to mobilize programmatic resources and focus them systematically in improving teaching and learning in schools statewide.

G. "Request for proposal (RFP)" means a competitive application process used to identify programs that best meet requirements established by the Board.

H. "RFP program" means arts and science organizations that receive one-time funding through application to the USOE.

I. "School visits" means performances, lecture demonstrations/presentations, in-depth instructional workshops, residencies, side-by-side mentoring, and exhibit tours by professional arts and science groups in the community.

J. "Science organization (organization)" means a non-profit professional science organization that provides science-related services, performances or instruction to the Utah community.

K. "State Core Curriculum" means those standards of learning that are essential for all Utah students, as well as the ideas, concepts, and skills that provide a foundation on which subsequent learning may be built, as established by the Board.

L. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-444-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of the public school system under the Board and by Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of the arts and science program is to provide opportunities for students to develop and use the knowledge, skills, and appreciation defined in the arts and science Core curricula through in-depth school instructional services, performances or presentations in school and theatres, or arts or science museum tours.

C. This rule also provides criteria for the distribution of funds appropriated by the Utah Legislature for this program.

R277-444-3. Criteria for Eligibility, Applications, and Funding for POPS Organizations.

A. Established professional outreach program in the schools (POPS) organizations shall be eligible for funding under the POPS program applications and funding criteria and not eligible to apply for the RFP or arts and science subsidy programs.

B. Documentation of an organization's non-profit status, shall be provided in the annual evaluation report described in R277-444-6.

C. Every four years, beginning in July 1998, all POPS organizations shall reapply to the USOE to reestablish their continuation and amount of funding. Re-application materials shall be provided by the USOE.

D. When there are changes in the program funding from the Utah State Legislature, allocations shall be at the discretion of the Board.

E. Funds shall be distributed annually beginning in August.

R277-444-4. Criteria for Eligibility, Applications, and Funding for RFP Organizations.

A. Non-profit professional arts and science organizations that have existed for at least three years prior to application with a track record of proven fiscal responsibility, of demonstrated excellence in their discipline, and with the ability to share their discipline creatively and effectively in educational settings shall be eligible to apply for RFP funding.

B. Documentation of an organization's non-profit status, professional excellence or educational soundness may be required by the USOE prior to receipt of application from these organizations.

C. RFP organizations that can demonstrate successful participation in the RFP Program for three years, have an education staff, and the capacity to reach out statewide may apply to the Board to become a POPS organization.

D. Organizations funded through an RFP process shall submit annual applications to the USOE. Applications shall be provided by the USOE.

E. The designated USOE specialist(s) shall make final funding recommendations following a review of applications by designated community representatives to the Board by August 31 of the school year in which the money is available.

F. Application for eligible organizations to become a POPS organization is possible every year through the following process:

(1) Organizations submit a letter of intent and a master plan for servicing the schools to the designated USOE specialist(s) by the first day of October to determine eligibility

and accordingly respond with an invitation to meet and complete the application and evaluation process required of all established POPS and arts and science subsidy organizations in their re-application procedure every four years.

(2) The completed application, original letter of intent, and recommendations based on the evaluation are submitted to the Board through the designated USOE specialist(s) by June 1.

(3) The Board or designee meets with the designated USOE specialist(s) to determine whether or not to approve the applicant as a candidate to become a POPS organization.

(4) The Board shall request new money for a new POPS organization from the Utah State Legislature if the application is approved, prior to providing funds to the newly approved organization.

(5) The same procedure would be followed for organizations desiring to apply to be arts and science subsidy organizations, and to re-apply to establish their funding level and standing as an arts and science subsidy group.

(6) Arts and science organizations meeting the arts and science subsidy criteria may apply for the arts and science subsidy program, but may not apply for RFP funding.

G. When there are changes in the program funding from the Utah State Legislature, allocations shall be at the discretion of the Board.

H. Funds shall be distributed annually beginning in August.

R277-444-5. Process for Continued Funding of Arts and Science Subsidy Program Organizations.

A. Scientists, artists, or entities hired or sponsored for services in the schools, directly or indirectly through coordinating organizations, shall be subject to the same review and approval for funding process.

B. Every four years, beginning in 2010, all arts and science subsidy program organizations shall reapply to the USOE to reestablish the continuation and amount of funding. Re-application materials shall be provided by the USOE.

C. When there are changes in the program funding from the Utah State Legislature, annual allocations shall be at the discretion of the Board.

D. Funds shall be distributed annually beginning in August.

R277-444-6. Criteria for Evaluation and Accountability of Funding.

A. Arts and science organizations qualifying for POPS or RFP funding may not charge schools for services funded under those programs.

B. Organizations may be visited by USOE staff prior to funding or at school presentations during the funding cycle to evaluate the effectiveness and preparation of the organization.

C. Organizations that receive arts and science funding shall submit annual evaluation reports to the USOE by July 1.

D. The year-end report shall include:

(1) a budget expenditure report and income source report using a form provided by the USOE, including a report and accounting of fees charged, if any, to recipient schools, districts, or organizations; and

(2) record of the dates and places of all services rendered, the number of instruction and performance hours per district, school, and classroom service, as applicable, with the number of students and teachers served, including:

(a) documentation that all school districts and schools have been offered opportunities for participation with all organizations over a three year period consistent with the arts and science organizations' plans and to the extent possible; and

(b) documentation of collaboration with the USOE and school communities in planning visit preparation/follow up and content that focuses on the state Core curriculum; and

(c) arts or science and their contribution(s) to students' development of life skills; and

(3) a brief description of services provided by the organizations through the fine arts and science POPS, RFP, or arts and science subsidy programs, and if requested, copies of any and all materials developed; and

(4) a summary of organization's evaluation of:

(a) cost-effectiveness;

(b) procedural efficiency;

(c) collaborative practices;

(d) educational soundness;

(e) professional excellence; and

(f) the resultant goals, plans, or both, for continued evaluation and improvement.

E. The USOE may require additional evaluation or audit procedures from organizations to demonstrate use of funds consistent with the law and this rule.

F. Funding and levels of funding to POPS, RFP, and arts and science subsidy programs are continued at the discretion of the Board based on review of information collected in year-end reports.

R277-444-7. Variations or Waivers.

A. No deviations from the approved and funded arts or science proposals shall be permitted without prior approval from the designated USOE specialist(s) or designee.

B. The USOE may require requests for variations to be submitted in writing.

C. The nature and justification for any deviation or variation from the approved proposal shall be reported in the year-end report.

D. Any variation shall be consistent with law and the purposes of this rule.

KEY: arts, science, curricula
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Notice of Continuation October 13, 2000 53A-1-401(3)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-459. Teachers' Supplies and Materials Appropriation.
R277-459-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Classroom teacher" means a permanent teacher position filled by one or more teachers employed by a school district, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Edith Bowen Laboratory School, and charter schools and paid on the teachers' salary schedule or a charter school salary schedule. Teachers shall be employed for an entire contract period and shall provide instructional services to students.

C. "Field trip" means a district, or school authorized excursion for educational purposes.

D. "Teaching supplies and materials" means both expendable and nonexpendable items that are used for educational purposes by teachers in classroom activities and may include such items as:

(1) paper, pencils, workbooks, notebooks, supplementary books and resources;

(2) laboratory supplies, e.g. photography materials, chemicals, paints, bulbs (both light and flower), thread, needles, bobbins, wood, glue, sandpaper, nails and automobile parts;

(3) laminating supplies, chart paper, art supplies, and mounting or framing materials;

(4) This definition should be broadly construed in so far as the materials are used by the teacher for instructional purposes in classrooms, lab settings, or in conjunction with field trips.

E. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-459-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which gives general control and supervision of the public school system to the Board, by Section 53A-1-402(1)(b) which directs the Board to establish rules and minimum standards for school programs, and by state legislation which provides a designated appropriation for teacher classroom supplies and materials.

B. The purpose of this rule is to distribute money through school districts, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Edith Bowen Laboratory School, and charter schools to classroom teachers for school materials and supplies and field trips.

R277-459-3. Distribution of Funds.

A. Each school district, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Edith Bowen Laboratory School, and charter schools shall provide the USOE with a teacher count of full-time classroom teachers, as defined above, as of October 1 of each year.

B. The USOE shall distribute funds through each school district, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Edith Bowen Laboratory School, and charter schools proportionally per eligible position to the extent of the appropriation.

C. Individual teachers shall designate the uses for their allocations within the criteria of this rule. Districts and other eligible schools shall develop procedures and timelines to facilitate the intent of the appropriation.

D. Each school district shall ensure that each eligible individual has the opportunity to receive the proportionate share of the appropriation.

E. If a teacher has not spent or committed to spend the individual allocation by April 1, the school or district may make the excess funds available to other teachers or may reserve the money for use by teachers the following years.

F. These funds are to supplement, not supplant, existing funds for these purposes.

G. These funds are to be accounted for by the district or eligible school using state or district procurement and accounting policies.

R277-459-4. Other Provisions.

A. Districts, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Edith Bowen Laboratory School, and charter schools shall allow, but not require, teachers to jointly use their allocations.

B. Districts, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Edith Bowen Laboratory School, and charter schools shall allow part-time or job-sharing teachers a proportionate allocation.

KEY: teachers, supplies
August 1, 2002 **Art X Sec 3**
Notice of Continuation July 6, 2005 **53A-1-402(1)(b)**

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-464. Highly Impacted Schools.
R277-464-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "School" means a public school, other than a special purpose school, primarily intended to serve students from a specific geographical area in any of grades K through 12.

C. "Special purpose school" means a school primarily intended to serve a special population of students such as students at risk, students with disabilities, or other special designation.

D. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

E. The "student mobility" factor means the proportion of students who move and have a change in school assignment during a school year. It is a percent, calculated as follows:

(1) stable students (SS), those who stay in the same school for the school year from beginning to end and leave only for excused reasons and return to the same school; divided by

(2) unduplicated cumulative enrollment (CE) in a school over a given school year; subtracted from

(3) 1, and multiplied by 100; or (1 - (SS/CE))100.

F. The "students who are eligible for free school lunch" factor means students so determined in the school using federal child nutrition income eligibility guidelines.

G. The "ethnic minority students" factor means the total number of ethnic minority students in a school on March 1 as determined below:

(1) American Indian or Alaskan native;

(2) Hispanic;

(3) Asian;

(4) Pacific Islander;

(5) Black, not of Hispanic origin.

H. The "limited English proficient students (LEP)" factor means the total number of LEP students in a school on March 1 as determined below:

(1) individuals whose native language is other than English;

(2) individuals who come from environments where a language other than English is dominant; or

(3) individuals who are American Indian and Alaskan natives; and

(4) who come from environments where a language other than English has had a significant impact on their level of English language proficiency; and who, by reason thereof, have sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language to deny such individuals the opportunity to learn successfully in classrooms where the language of instruction is English or to participate fully in our society.

I. The "students from single parent families" factor means the total number of students in a school who live in a household headed by a male without a wife present or by a female without a husband present, computed on March 1.

R277-464-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of the public education system in the Board, Section 53A-15-701(3) which directs the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Board to develop a formula, administer the program, distribute the appropriation and monitor the effectiveness of highly impacted school programs, Section 53A-17a-121(2) which directs the Board to develop rules to implement programs for at risk students and distribute funds for at risk programs, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria and procedures for distributing funds to highly impacted schools. The intent of this appropriation is to provide students with increased educational contact with qualified staff.

R277-464-3. Distribution of Applications and Funds.

A. Awards shall be made to individual schools and funds allocated to school districts shall be fully distributed to designated schools.

B. Applications shall be provided by the USOE.

C. Schools shall be selected for funding based on an analysis of the eligibility factors designated in Section 53A-15-701(2)(a). Those factors shall be equally weighted.

D. Each school selected for funding shall receive a base allocation.

E. Based on available funds, schools shall be guaranteed three years of funding.

F. The formula for distribution of funds shall take into consideration the total of all students enrolled in the school and shall equally weight the five factors, student mobility, students eligible for free school lunch, students of ethnic minorities, students of limited English proficiency, and students from single parent families, designated in Section 53A-15-701(2)(a). Schools shall provide data required for funding using the five factors defined under Section 53A-15-701(2)(a).

G. Schools receiving funding shall be notified by June 30.

R277-464-4. Evaluation and Reports.

Each school selected for funding shall be required to submit an annual evaluation report to the USOE consistent with Section 53A-15-701(6)(a).

KEY: students at risk

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Notice of Continuation July 6, 2005	**53A-17a-121(2)**
	53A-1-401(3)
	53A-15-701(3)
	53A-15-701(2)(a)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-520. Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers.
R277-520-1. Definitions.

A. "At will employment" means employment that may be terminated for any reason or no reason with minimum notice to the employee consistent with the employer's designated payroll cycle.

B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

C. "Composite major" means credits earned in two or more related subjects, as determined by an accredited higher education institution.

D. "Core academic subjects or areas" means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Title IX, Part A, 20 U.S.C. 7801, Section 9101(11).

E. "Demonstrated competency" means that a teacher shall demonstrate current expertise to teach a specific class or course through the use of lines of evidence which may include completed USOE-approved course work, content test(s), or years of successful experience including evidence of student performance.

F. "Eminence" means distinguished ability in rank, in attainment of superior knowledge and skill in comparison with the generally accepted standards and achievements in the area in which the authorization is sought as provided in R277-520-5.

G. "Highly qualified" means a teacher has met the specific requirements of ESEA, NCLB, Title IX, Part A, 20 U.S.C. 7801, Section 9101(23).

H. "HOUSSE" means high, objective, uniform state standard of evaluation permitted under ESEA, NCLB, Title IX, Part A, 20 U.S.C. 7801, Section 9101(23)(C)(ii).

I. J-1 Visa means a visa issued by the U.S. Department of State to an international exchange visitor who has qualified by training and experience to work in U.S. schools for a period not to exceed three years. Such international exchange visitors may qualify for "highly qualified" status under NCLB only if assigned within their subject matter competency.

J. "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

K. "Letter of authorization" means a designation given to an individual for one year, such as an out-of-state candidate or individual pursuing an alternative license, who has not completed the requirements for a Level 1, 2, or 3 license or who has not completed necessary endorsement requirements and who is employed by a school district. A teacher working under a letter of authorization who is not an alternative routes to licensing (ARL) candidate, cannot be designated highly qualified under R277-520-1G.

L. "Level 1 license" means a Utah professional educator license issued upon completion of an approved preparation program or an alternative preparation program, or pursuant to an agreement under the NASDTEC Interstate Contract, to candidates who have also met all ancillary requirements established by law or rule.

M. "Level 2 license" means a Utah professional educator license issued after satisfaction of all requirements for a Level 1 license as well as completion of Entry Years Enhancements (EYE) for Quality Teaching - Level 1 Utah Teachers, as provided in R277-522, a minimum of three years of successful teaching in a public or accredited private school, and completion of all NCLB requirements at the time the applicant is licensed.

N. "Level 3 license" means a Utah professional educator license issued to an educator who holds a current Utah Level 2 license and has also received, in the educator's field of practice, National Board certification or a doctorate in education or in a field related to a content area under R277-501-1M from an accredited institution.

O. "License areas of concentration" are obtained by completing an approved preparation program or an alternative preparation program in a specific area of educational studies such as Early Childhood (K-3), Elementary 1-8, Middle (5-9), Secondary (6-12), Administrative/Supervisory, Applied Technology Education, School Counselor, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Special Education (K-12), Preschool Special Education (Birth-Age 5), Communication Disorders.

P. "License endorsement (endorsement)" means a specialty field or area earned through course work equivalent to at least an academic minor (with pedagogy) or through demonstrated competency; the endorsement shall be listed on the Professional Educator License indicating the specific qualification(s) of the holder.

Q. "Major equivalency" means 30 semester hours of USOE and local board-approved postsecondary education credit or CACTUS-recorded professional development in NCLB core academic subjects as appropriate to satisfy NCLB highly qualified status.

R. "No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)" means the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, P.L. 107-110, Title IX, Part A, Section 9101(11).

S. "Professional staff cost program funds" means funding provided to school districts based on the percentage of a district's professional staff that is appropriately licensed in the areas in which staff members teach.

T. "State qualified" means that an individual has met the Board-approved requirements to teach core or non-core courses in Utah public schools.

U. "SAEP" means State Approved Endorsement Program. This identifies an educator working on a professional development plan to obtain an endorsement.

V. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-520-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, Section 53A-1-401(3) which gives the Board authority to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and Section 53A-6-104(2)(a) which authorizes the Board to rank, endorse, or classify licenses. This rule is also necessary in response to ESEA NCLB.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide criteria for local boards to employ educators in appropriate assignments, for the Board to provide state funding to local school boards for appropriately qualified and assigned staff, and for the Board and local boards to satisfy the requirements of ESEA in order for local boards to receive federal funds.

R277-520-3. Appropriate Licenses with Areas of Concentration and Endorsements.

A. An early childhood teacher (kindergarten through 3) shall hold a Level 1, 2, or 3 license with an early childhood license area of concentration.

B. An elementary teacher (one through 8) shall hold a Level 1, 2, or 3 license with an elementary license area of concentration.

C. A secondary teacher (grades 6-12) including high school, middle-level, intermediate, and junior high schools, shall hold a Level 1, 2, or 3 license with a secondary license area of concentration with endorsements in all teaching assignment(s).

D. A teacher with a subject-specific assignment in grades 6, 7 or 8 shall hold a secondary license area of concentration with endorsement(s) for the specific teaching assignment(s) or an elementary license area of concentration with the appropriate subject/content endorsement(s).

E. An elementary (grades 7-8), a secondary or middle-level teacher may be assigned temporarily in a core or non-core

academic area for which the teacher is not endorsed if the local board requests and receives a letter of authorization from the Board and the teacher is placed on an approved SAEP.

F. Secondary educators with special education areas of concentration may add content endorsement(s) to their educator licenses consistent with R277-520-10 (SAEP).

G. Educators who have qualified for a J-1 Visa as an international visitor and have provided documentation of holding the equivalent of a bachelors degree, subject content mastery, and appropriate work/graduate training may qualify for a Utah Level 1 license. Such temporary visitors may be exempted, at the employer's discretion, from subject content testing, license renewal requirements, and EYE requirements for the duration of their visa eligibility.

R277-520-4. Routes to Utah Educator Licensing.

A. In order to receive a license, an educator shall have completed a bachelors degree at an approved higher education institution and:

(1) completed an approved institution of higher education teacher preparation program in the desired area of concentration; or

(2) completed an approved alternative preparation for licensing program, under alternative routes to licensing, consistent with R277-503.

B. An individual may receive a Utah license with an applied technology area of concentration following successful completion of a USOE-approved professional development program for teacher preparation in applied technology education.

C. An individual may receive a district-specific, competency-based license under Section 53A-6-104.5 and R277-520-8.

R277-520-5. Eminence.

A. The purpose of an eminence authorization is to allow individuals with exceptional training or expertise, consistent with R277-520-1F, to teach or work in the public schools on a limited basis. Documentation of the exceptional training, skill(s) or expertise may be required by the USOE prior to the approval of the eminence authorization.

B. Teachers with an eminence authorization may teach no more than 37 percent of the regular instructional load.

C. Teachers working under an eminence authorization shall never be considered highly qualified.

D. Local boards shall require an individual teaching with an eminence authorization to have a criminal background check consistent with Section 53A-3-410(1) prior to employment by the local board.

E. The local board of education that employs the teacher with an eminence authorization shall determine the amount and type of professional development required of the teacher.

F. A local board of education that employs teachers with eminence authorizations shall apply for renewal of the authorization(s) annually.

G. Eminence authorizations may apply to individuals without teaching licenses or to unusual and infrequent teacher situations where a license-holder is needed to teach in a subject area for which he is not endorsed, but in which he may be eminently qualified.

R277-520-6. State Qualified Teachers (Teachers Who Satisfy HOUSSE Rules).

A. A teacher has a Utah Level 1, 2 or 3 license or a district-specific competency-based license.

B. A teacher has an appropriate area of concentration.

C. A teacher in grades 6-12 has the required endorsement for the course(s) the teacher is teaching by means of:

(1) an academic teaching major from an accredited postsecondary institution, or a passing score on content test(s) and pedagogy test(s), if available, or USOE-approved pedagogy courses; or

(2) an academic major or minor from an accredited postsecondary institution; or

(3) completion of a personal development plan under an SAEP in the appropriate subject area(s) as explained under R277-520-10 with approval from the USOE specialist(s) in the endorsement subject areas.

D. On an annual basis, local boards/charter school boards shall request letters of authorization for teachers who are teaching classes for which they are not endorsed.

R277-520-7. Highly Qualified Teachers.

A. A secondary teacher (7-12) is considered highly qualified if the teacher meets the requirements of R277-501-4.

B. An elementary/early childhood teacher (grades K-8) is considered highly qualified if the teacher meets the requirements of R277-501-5.

R277-520-8. School District/Charter School Specific Competency-based Licensed Teachers.

A. The following procedures and timelines apply to the employment of educators who have not completed the traditional licensing process under R277-520-5A, B, or C:

(1) A local board/charter school board may apply to the Board for a school district/charter school specific competency-based license to fill a position in the district.

(2) The employing school district shall request a school district/charter school specific competency-based license no later than 60 days after the date of the individual's first day of employment.

(3) The application for the school district/charter school specific competency-based license for an individual to teach one or more core academic subjects shall provide documentation of:

(a) the individual's bachelors degree; and

(b) for a K-6 grade teacher, the satisfactory results of the rigorous state test including subject knowledge and teaching skills in the required core academic subjects under Section 53A-6-104.5(3)(ii) as approved by the Board; or

(c) for the teacher in grades 7-12, demonstration of a high Level of competency in each of the core academic subjects in which the teacher teaches by completion of an academic major, a graduate degree, course work equivalent to an undergraduate academic major, advanced certification or credentialing, results or scores of a rigorous state core academic subject test in each of the core academic subjects in which the teacher teaches.

(4) The application for the school district/charter school specific competency-based license for non-core teachers in grades K-12 shall provide documentation of:

(a) a bachelors degree, associates degree or skill certification; and

(b) skills, talents or abilities specific to the teaching assignment, as determined by the local board/charter school board.

(5) Following receipt of documentation, the USOE shall approve a district/charter school specific competency-based license.

(6) If an individual employed under a school district/charter school specific competency-based license leaves the district before the end of the employment period, the district shall notify the USOE Licensing Section regarding the end-of-employment date.

(7) The school district/charter school specific competency-based license for an individual's district/charter school specific competency-based license shall be valid only in the district/charter school that originally requested the school district/charter school specific competency-based license and for the individual originally employed under the school

district/charter school specific competency-based license.

B. The written copy of the state-issued district-specific competency-based license shall prominently state the name of the school district/charter school followed by DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL-SPECIFIC COMPETENCY-BASED LICENSE.

C. A school district/charter school may change the assignment of a school district/charter school-specific competency-based license holder but notice to USOE shall be required and additional competency-based documentation may be required for the teacher to remain qualified or highly qualified.

D. School district/charter school specific competency-based license holders are at-will employees consistent with Section 53A-8-106(5).

R277-520-9. Routes to Appropriate Endorsements for Teachers.

Teachers shall be appropriately endorsed for their teaching assignment(s). To be highly qualified:

A. teachers may obtain the required endorsement(s) with a major or composite major or major equivalency consistent with their teaching assignment(s), including appropriate pedagogical competencies; or

B. teachers who have satisfactorily completed a minimum of nine semester hours of USOE-approved university level courses may complete a professional development plan under an SAEP in the appropriate subject area(s) with approval from USOE Curriculum specialists; or

C. teachers may demonstrate competency in the subject area(s) of their teaching assignment(s). In order to be endorsed through demonstrated competency, the educator shall pass designated Board-approved content knowledge and pedagogical knowledge assessments as they become available.

D. individuals shall be properly endorsed consistent with R277-520-3 or have USOE-approved SAEPs. Otherwise, the Board may withhold professional staff cost program funds.

R277-520-10. Board-Approved Endorsement Program (SAEP).

A. Teachers in any educational program who are assigned to teach out of their area(s) of endorsement and who have at least nine hours of USOE-approved university level courses shall participate in an SAEP and make satisfactory progress within the period of the SAEP as determined by USOE specialists.

B. The employing school district shall identify teachers who do not meet the state qualified definition and provide a written justification to the USOE.

C. Individuals participating in SAEPs shall demonstrate progress toward completion of the required endorsement(s) annually, as determined jointly by the school district/charter school and the USOE.

D. An SAEP may be granted for one two-year period and may be renewed by the USOE, upon written justification from the school district, for one additional two-year period.

R277-520-11. Background Check Requirement and Withholding of State Funds for Non-Compliance.

A. Educators qualified under any provision of this rule shall also satisfy the criminal background requirement of Section 53A-3-410 prior to unsupervised access to students.

B. If LEAs do not appropriately employ and assign teachers consistent with this rule, they may have state appropriated professional staff cost program funds withheld pursuant to R277-486, Professional Staff Cost Formula.

C. Local boards/charter school boards shall report highly qualified educators in core academic subjects and educators who do not meet the requirements of highly qualified educators in core academic subjects beginning July 1, 2003.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-101. General Requirements.
R307-101-1. Foreword.

Chapter 19-2 and the rules adopted by the Air Quality Board constitute the basis for control of air pollution sources in the state. These rules apply and will be enforced throughout the state, and are recommended for adoption in local jurisdictions where environmental specialists are available to cooperate in implementing rule requirements.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), National Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS), National Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) standards, and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS) apply throughout the nation and are legally enforceable in Utah.

R307-101-2. Definitions.

Except where specified in individual rules, definitions in R307-101-2 are applicable to all rules adopted by the Air Quality Board.

"Actual Area of Nonattainment" means an area which is shown by monitored data or modeling actually to exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (Boundaries are established in the Utah State Implementation Plan).

"Actual Emissions" means the actual rate of emissions of a pollutant from an emissions unit determined as follows:

(1) In general, actual emissions as of a particular date shall equal the average rate, in tons per year, at which the unit actually emitted the pollutant during a two-year period which precedes the particular date and which is representative of normal source operations. The Executive Secretary shall allow the use of a different time period upon a determination that it is more representative of normal source operation. Actual emissions shall be calculated using the unit's actual operating hours, production rates, and types of materials processed, stored, or combusted during the selected time period.

(2) The Executive Secretary may presume that source-specific allowable emissions for the unit are equivalent to the actual emissions of the unit.

(3) For any emission unit, other than an electric utility steam generating unit specified in (4), which has not begun normal operations on the particular date, actual emissions shall equal the potential to emit of the unit on that date.

(4) For an electric utility steam generating unit (other than a new unit or the replacement of an existing unit) actual emissions of the unit following the physical or operational change shall equal the representative actual annual emissions of the unit, provided the source owner or operator maintains and submits to the executive secretary, on an annual basis for a period of 5 years from the date the unit resumes regular operation, information demonstrating that the physical or operational change did not result in an emissions increase. A longer period, not to exceed 10 years, may be required by the executive secretary if the executive secretary determines such a period to be more representative of normal source post-change operations.

"Acute Hazardous Air Pollutant" means any noncarcinogenic hazardous air pollutant for which a threshold limit value - ceiling (TLV-C) has been adopted by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in its "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices, pages 15 - 72 (2000)."

"Air Contaminant" means any particulate matter or any gas, vapor, suspended solid or any combination of them, excluding steam and water vapors (Section 19-2-102(1)).

"Air Contaminant Source" means any and all sources of emission of air contaminants whether privately or publicly owned or operated (Section 19-2-102(2)).

"Air Pollution" means the presence in the ambient air of one or more air contaminants in such quantities and duration and under conditions and circumstances, as is or tends to be injurious to human health or welfare, animal or plant life, or property, or would unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or use of property as determined by the standards, rules and regulations adopted by the Air Quality Board (Section 19-2-104).

"Air Quality Related Values" means, as used in analyses under R307-401-4(1), Public Notice, those special attributes of a Class I area, assigned by a federal Land Manager, that are adversely affected by air quality.

"Allowable Emissions" means the emission rate of a source calculated using the maximum rated capacity of the source (unless the source is subject to enforceable limits which restrict the operating rate, or hours of operation, or both) and the emission limitation established pursuant to R307-401-6.

"Ambient Air" means the surrounding or outside air (Section 19-2-102(4)).

"Appropriate Authority" means the governing body of any city, town or county.

"Asphalt or Asphalt Cement" means the dark brown to black cementitious material (solid, semisolid, or liquid in consistency) of which the main constituents are bitumens which occur naturally or as a residue of petroleum refining.

"Atmosphere" means the air that envelops or surrounds the earth and includes all space outside of buildings, stacks or exterior ducts.

"Authorized Local Authority" means a city, county, city-county or district health department; a city, county or combination fire department; or other local agency duly designated by appropriate authority, with approval of the state Department of Health; and other lawfully adopted ordinances, codes or regulations not in conflict therewith.

"Baseline Date":

(1) Major source baseline date means:

(a) In the case of particulate matter and sulfur dioxide, January 6, 1975, and

(b) In the case of nitrogen dioxide, February 8, 1988.

(2) Minor source baseline date means the earliest date after the trigger date on which the first complete application under 40 CFR 52.21 or R307-405 is submitted by a major source or major modification subject to the requirements of 40 CFR 52.21 or R307-405. The minor source baseline is the date after which emissions from all new or modified sources consume or expand increment, including emissions from major and minor sources as well as any or all general commercial, residential, industrial, and other growth. The trigger date is:

(a) In the case of particulate matter and sulfur dioxide, August 7, 1977, and

(b) In the case of nitrogen dioxide, February 8, 1988.

"Best Available Control Technology (BACT)" means an emission limitation and/or other controls to include design, equipment, work practice, operation standard or combination thereof, based on the maximum degree or reduction of each pollutant subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act and/or the Utah Air Conservation Act emitted from or which results from any emitting installation, which the Air Quality Board, on a case-by-case basis taking into account energy, environmental and economic impacts and other costs, determines is achievable for such installation through application of production processes and available methods, systems and techniques, including fuel cleaning or treatment or innovative fuel combustion techniques for control of each such pollutant. In no event shall applications of BACT result in emissions of any pollutants which will exceed the emissions allowed by Section 111 or 112 of the Clean Air Act.

"Board" means Air Quality Board. See Section 19-2-102(6)(a).

"Breakdown" means any malfunction or procedural error,

to include but not limited to any malfunction or procedural error during start-up and shutdown, which will result in the inoperability or sudden loss of performance of the control equipment or process equipment causing emissions in excess of those allowed by approval order or Title R307.

"BTU" means British Thermal Unit, the quantity of heat necessary to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

"Calibration Drift" means the change in the instrument meter readout over a stated period of time of normal continuous operation when the VOC concentration at the time of measurement is the same known upscale value.

"Carbon Adsorption System" means a device containing adsorbent material (e.g., activated carbon, aluminum, silica gel), an inlet and outlet for exhaust gases, and a system for the proper disposal or reuse of all VOC adsorbed.

"Carcinogenic Hazardous Air Pollutant" means any hazardous air pollutant that is classified as a known human carcinogen (A1) or suspected human carcinogen (A2) by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in its "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices, pages 15 - 72 (2000)."

"Chargeable Pollutant" means any regulated air pollutant except the following:

(1) Carbon monoxide;

(2) Any pollutant that is a regulated air pollutant solely because it is a Class I or II substance subject to a standard promulgated or established by Title VI of the Act, Stratospheric Ozone Protection;

(3) Any pollutant that is a regulated air pollutant solely because it is subject to a standard or regulation under Section 112(r) of the Act, Prevention of Accidental Releases.

"Chronic Hazardous Air Pollutant" means any noncarcinogenic hazardous air pollutant for which a threshold limit value - time weighted average (TLV-TWA) having no threshold limit value - ceiling (TLV-C) has been adopted by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in its "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices, pages 15 - 72 (2000)."

"Clean Air Act" means federal Clean Air Act as amended in 1990.

"Clean Coal Technology" means any technology, including technologies applied at the precombustion, combustion, or post combustion stage, at a new or existing facility which will achieve significant reductions in air emissions of sulfur dioxide or oxides of nitrogen associated with the utilization of coal in the generation of electricity, or process steam which was not in widespread use as of November 15, 1990.

"Clean Coal Technology Demonstration Project" means a project using funds appropriated under the heading "Department of Energy-Clean Coal Technology," up to a total amount of $2,500,000,000 for commercial demonstration of clean coal technology, or similar projects funded through appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency. The Federal contribution for a qualifying project shall be at least 20 percent of the total cost of the demonstration project.

"Clearing Index" means an indicator of the predicted rate of clearance of ground level pollutants from a given area. This number is calculated by the National Weather Service from daily measurements of temperature lapse rates and wind speeds from ground level to 10,000 feet. The State has been divided into three separate air quality areas for purposes of the clearing index system:

(1) Area 1 includes those valleys below 6500 feet above sea level and west of the Wasatch Mountain Range and extending south through the Wasatch and Aquarius Plateaus to the Arizona border. Included are the Salt Lake, Utah, Skull and Escalante Valleys and valleys of the Sevier River Drainage.

(2) Area 2 includes those valleys below 6500 feet above sea level and east of the Wasatch Mountain Range. Included are Cache Valley, the Uintah Basin, Castle Valley and valleys of the Green, Colorado, and San Juan Rivers.

(3) Area 3 includes all valleys and areas above 6500 feet above sea level.

"Commence" as applied to construction of a major source or major modification means that the owner or operator has all necessary pre-construction approvals or permits and either has:

(1) Begun, or caused to begin, a continuous program of actual on-site construction of the source, to be completed within a reasonable time; or

(2) Entered into binding agreements or contractual obligations, which cannot be canceled or modified without substantial loss to the owner or operator, to undertake a program of actual construction of the source to be completed within a reasonable time.

"Compliance Schedule" means a schedule of events, by date, which will result in compliance with these regulations.

"Construction" means any physical change or change in the method of operation including fabrication, erection, installation, demolition, or modification of a source which would result in a change in actual emissions.

"Control Apparatus" means any device which prevents or controls the emission of any air contaminant directly or indirectly into the outdoor atmosphere.

"Department" means Utah State Department of Environmental Quality. See Section 19-1-103(1).

"Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit" means any steam electric generating unit that is constructed for the purpose of supplying more than one-third of its potential electric output capacity and more than 25 MW electrical output to any utility power distribution system for sale. Any steam supplied to a steam distribution system for the purpose of providing steam to a steam-electric generator that would produce electrical energy for sale is also considered in determining the electrical energy output capacity of the affected facility.

"Emission" means the act of discharge into the atmosphere of an air contaminant or an effluent which contains or may contain an air contaminant; or the effluent so discharged into the atmosphere.

"Emissions Information" means, with reference to any source operation, equipment or control apparatus:

(1) Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration, or other characteristics related to air quality of any air contaminant which has been emitted by the source operation, equipment, or control apparatus;

(2) Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration, or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of any air contaminant which, under an applicable standard or limitation, the source operation was authorized to emit (including, to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the manner or rate of operation of the source operation), or any combination of the foregoing; and

(3) A general description of the location and/or nature of the source operation to the extent necessary to identify the source operation and to distinguish it from other source operations (including, to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the device, installation, or operation constituting the source operation).

"Emission Limitation" means a requirement established by the Board or the Administrator, EPA, which limits the quantity, rate or concentration of emission of air pollutants on a continuous emission reduction including any requirement relating to the operation or maintenance of a source to assure continuous emission reduction (Section 302(k)).

"Emissions Unit" means any part of a stationary source

which emits or would have the potential to emit any pollutant subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act.

"Enforceable" means all limitations and conditions which are enforceable by the Administrator, including those requirements developed pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 60 and 61, requirements within the State Implementation Plan and R307, any permit requirements established pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21 or R307-401.

"EPA" means Environmental Protection Agency.

"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. See Section 19-1-103(2).

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Board.

"Existing Installation" means an installation, construction of which began prior to the effective date of any regulation having application to it.

"Facility" means machinery, equipment, structures of any part or accessories thereof, installed or acquired for the primary purpose of controlling or disposing of air pollution. It does not include an air conditioner, fan or other similar device for the comfort of personnel.

"Fireplace" means all devices both masonry or factory built units (free standing fireplaces) with a hearth, fire chamber or similarly prepared device connected to a chimney which provides the operator with little control of combustion air, leaving its fire chamber fully or at least partially open to the room. Fireplaces include those devices with circulating systems, heat exchangers, or draft reducing doors with a net thermal efficiency of no greater than twenty percent and are used for aesthetic purposes.

"Fugitive Dust" means particulate, composed of soil and/or industrial particulates such as ash, coal, minerals, etc., which becomes airborne because of wind or mechanical disturbance of surfaces. Natural sources of dust and fugitive emissions are not fugitive dust within the meaning of this definition.

"Fugitive Emissions" means emissions from an installation or facility which are neither passed through an air cleaning device nor vented through a stack or could not reasonably pass through a stack, chimney, vent, or other functionally equivalent opening.

"Garbage" means all putrescible animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, including wastes attendant thereto.

"Gasoline" means any petroleum distillate, used as a fuel for internal combustion engines, having a Reid vapor pressure of 4 pounds or greater.

"Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP)" means any pollutant listed by the EPA as a hazardous air pollutant in conformance with Section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act. A list of these pollutants is available at the Division of Air Quality.

"Heavy Fuel Oil" means a petroleum product or similar material with a boiling range higher than that of diesel fuel.

"Household Waste" means any solid or liquid material normally generated by the family in a residence in the course of ordinary day-to-day living, including but not limited to garbage, paper products, rags, leaves and garden trash.

"Incinerator" means a combustion apparatus designed for high temperature operation in which solid, semisolid, liquid, or gaseous combustible wastes are ignited and burned efficiently and from which the solid and gaseous residues contain little or no combustible material.

"Indirect Source" means a building, structure or installation which attracts or may attract mobile source activity that results in emission of a pollutant for which there is a national standard.

"Installation" means a discrete process with identifiable emissions which may be part of a larger industrial plant. Pollution equipment shall not be considered a separate installation or installations.

"LPG" means liquified petroleum gas such as propane or butane.

"Major Modification" means any physical change in or change in the method of operation of a major source that would result in a significant net emissions increase of any pollutant. A net emissions increase that is significant for volatile organic compounds shall be considered significant for ozone. Within Salt Lake and Davis Counties or any nonattainment area for ozone, a net emissions increase that is significant for nitrogen oxides shall be considered significant for ozone. Within areas of nonattainment for PM10, a significant net emission increase for any PM10 precursor is also a significant net emission increase for PM10. A physical change or change in the method of operation shall not include:

(1) routine maintenance, repair and replacement;

(2) use of an alternative fuel or raw material by reason of an order under section 2(a) and (b) of the Energy Supply and Environmental Coordination Act of 1974, or by reason of a natural gas curtailment plan pursuant to the Federal Power Act;

(3) use of an alternative fuel by reason of an order or rule under section 125 of the federal Clean Air Act;

(4) use of an alternative fuel at a steam generating unit to the extent that the fuel is generated from municipal solid waste;

(5) use of an alternative fuel or raw material by a source:

(a) which the source was capable of accommodating before January 6, 1975, unless such change would be prohibited under any enforceable permit condition; or

(b) which the source is otherwise approved to use;

(6) an increase in the hours of operation or in the production rate unless such change would be prohibited under any enforceable permit condition;

(7) any change in ownership at a source

(8) the addition, replacement or use of a pollution control project at an existing electric utility steam generating unit, unless the executive secretary determines that such addition, replacement, or use renders the unit less environmentally beneficial, or except:

(a) when the executive secretary has reason to believe that the pollution control project would result in a significant net increase in representative actual annual emissions of any criteria pollutant over levels used for that source in the most recent air quality impact analysis in the area conducted for the purpose of Title I of the Clean Air Act, if any, and

(b) the executive secretary determines that the increase will cause or contribute to a violation of any national ambient air quality standard or PSD increment, or visibility limitation.

(9) the installation, operation, cessation, or removal of a temporary clean coal technology demonstration project, provided that the project complies with:

(a) the Utah State Implementation Plan; and

(b) other requirements necessary to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards during the project and after it is terminated.

"Major Source" means, to the extent provided by the federal Clean Air Act as applicable to R307:

(1) any stationary source of air pollutants which emits, or has the potential to emit, one hundred tons per year or more of any pollutant subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act; or

(a) any source located in a nonattainment area for carbon monoxide which emits, or has the potential to emit, carbon monoxide in the amounts outlined in Section 187 of the federal Clean Air Act with respect to the severity of the nonattainment area as outlined in Section 187 of the federal Clean Air Act; or

(b) any source located in Salt Lake or Davis Counties or in a nonattainment area for ozone which emits, or has the potential to emit, VOC or nitrogen oxides in the amounts outlined in Section 182 of the federal Clean Air Act with respect to the severity of the nonattainment area as outlined in Section 182 of the federal Clean Air Act; or

(c) any source located in a nonattainment area for PM10 which emits, or has the potential to emit, PM10 or any PM10 precursor in the amounts outlined in Section 189 of the federal Clean Air Act with respect to the severity of the nonattainment area as outlined in Section 189 of the federal Clean Air Act.

(2) any physical change that would occur at a source not qualifying under subpart 1 as a major source, if the change would constitute a major source by itself;

(3) the fugitive emissions and fugitive dust of a stationary source shall not be included in determining for any of the purposes of these R307 rules whether it is a major stationary source, unless the source belongs to one of the following categories of stationary sources:

(a) Coal cleaning plants (with thermal dryers);
(b) Kraft pulp mills;
(c) Portland cement plants;
(d) Primary zinc smelters;
(e) Iron and steel mills;
(f) Primary aluminum or reduction plants;
(g) Primary copper smelters;
(h) Municipal incinerators capable of charging more than 250 tons of refuse per day;
(i) Hydrofluoric, sulfuric, or nitric acid plants;
(j) Petroleum refineries;
(k) Lime plants;
(l) Phosphate rock processing plants;
(m) Coke oven batteries;
(n) Sulfur recovery plants;
(o) Carbon black plants (furnace process);
(p) Primary lead smelters;
(q) Fuel conversion plants;
(r) Sintering plants;
(s) Secondary metal production plants;
(t) Chemical process plants;
(u) Fossil-fuel boilers (or combination thereof) totaling more than 250 million British Thermal Units per hour heat input;
(v) Petroleum storage and transfer units with a total storage capacity exceeding 300,000 barrels;
(w) Taconite ore processing plants;
(x) Glass fiber processing plants;
(y) Charcoal production plants;
(z) Fossil fuel-fired steam electric plants of more than 250 million British Thermal Units per hour heat input;
(aa) Any other stationary source category which, as of August 7, 1980, is being regulated under section 111 or 112 of the federal Clean Air Act.

"Modification" means any planned change in a source which results in a potential increase of emission.

"National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" means the allowable concentrations of air pollutants in the ambient air specified by the Federal Government (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50).

"Net Emissions Increase" means the amount by which the sum of the following exceeds zero:

(1) any increase in actual emissions from a particular physical change or change in method of operation at a source; and

(2) any other increases and decreases in actual emissions at the source that are contemporaneous with the particular change and are otherwise creditable. For purposes of determining a "net emissions increase":

(a) An increase or decrease in actual emissions is contemporaneous with the increase from the particular change only if it occurs between the date five years before construction on the particular change commences; and the date that the increase from the particular change occurs.

(b) An increase or decrease in actual emissions is creditable only if it has not been relied on in issuing a prior approval for the source which approval is in effect when the increase in actual emissions for the particular change occurs.

(c) An increase or decrease in actual emission of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides or particulate matter which occurs before an applicable minor source baseline date is creditable only if it is required to be considered in calculating the amount of maximum allowable increases remaining available. With respect to particulate matter, only PM10 emissions will be used to evaluate this increase or decrease.

(d) An increase in actual emissions is creditable only to the extent that the new level of actual emissions exceeds the old level.

(e) A decrease in actual emissions is creditable only to the extent that:

(i) The old level of actual emissions or the old level of allowable emissions, whichever is lower, exceeds the new level of actual emissions;

(ii) It is enforceable at and after the time that actual construction on the particular change begins; and

(iii) It has approximately the same qualitative significance for public health and welfare as that attributed to the increase from the particular change.

(iv) It has not been relied on in issuing any permit under R307-401 nor has it been relied on in demonstrating attainment or reasonable further progress.

(f) An increase that results from a physical change at a source occurs when the emissions unit on which construction occurred becomes operational and begins to emit a particular pollutant. Any replacement unit that requires shakedown becomes operational only after a reasonable shakedown period, not to exceed 180 days.

"New Installation" means an installation, construction of which began after the effective date of any regulation having application to it.

"Nonattainment Area" means for any pollutant, "an area which is shown by monitored data or which is calculated by air quality modeling (or other methods determined by the Administrator, EPA to be reliable) to exceed any National Ambient Air Quality Standard for such pollutant" (Section 171, Clean Air Act). Such term includes any area designated as nonattainment under Section 107, Clean Air Act.

"Offset" means an amount of emission reduction, by a source, greater than the emission limitation imposed on such source by these regulations and/or the State Implementation Plan.

"Opacity" means the capacity to obstruct the transmission of light, expressed as percent.

"Open Burning" means any burning of combustible materials resulting in emission of products of combustion into ambient air without passage through a chimney or stack.

"Owner or Operator" means any person who owns, leases, controls, operates or supervises a facility, an emission source, or air pollution control equipment.

"PSD" Area means an area designated as attainment or unclassifiable under section 107(d)(1)(D) or (E) of the federal Clean Air Act.

"PM10 Nonattainment Area" means Salt Lake County, Utah County, or Ogden City.

"PM10 Particulate Matter" means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers as measured by an EPA reference or equivalent method.

"PM10 Precursor" means any chemical compound or substance which, after it has been emitted into the atmosphere, undergoes chemical or physical changes that convert it into particulate matter, specifically PM10. It includes sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

"Part 70 Source" means any source subject to the permitting requirements of R307-415.

"Peak Ozone Season" means June 1 through August 31, inclusive.

"Person" means an individual, trust, firm, estate, company, corporation, partnership, association, state, state or federal agency or entity, municipality, commission, or political subdivision of a state. (Subsection 19-2-103(4)).

"Pollution Control Project" means any activity or project at an existing electric utility steam generating unit for purposes of reducing emissions from such unit. Such activities or projects are limited to:

(1) The installation of conventional or innovative pollution control technology, including but not limited to advanced flue gas desulfurization, sorbent injection for sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides controls and electrostatic precipitators;

(2) An activity or project to accommodate switching to a fuel which is less polluting than the fuel used prior to the activity or project, including, but not limited to natural gas or coal reburning, or the cofiring of natural gas and other fuels for the purpose of controlling emissions;

(3) A permanent clean coal technology demonstration project conducted under Title II, sec. 101(d) of the Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 1985 (sec. 5903(d) of title 42 of the United States Code), or subsequent appropriations, up to a total amount of $2,500,000,000 for commercial demonstration of clean coal technology, or similar projects funded through appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency; or

(4) A permanent clean coal technology demonstration project that constitutes a repowering project.

"Potential to Emit" means the maximum capacity of a source to emit a pollutant under its physical and operational design. Any physical or operational limitation on the capacity of the source to emit a pollutant including air pollution control equipment and restrictions on hours of operation or on the type or amount of material combusted, stored, or processed shall be treated as part of its design if the limitation or the effect it would have on emissions is enforceable. Secondary emissions do not count in determining the potential to emit of a stationary source.

"Process Level" means the operation of a source, specific to the kind or type of fuel, input material, or mode of operation.

"Process Rate" means the quantity per unit of time of any raw material or process intermediate consumed, or product generated, through the use of any equipment, source operation, or control apparatus. For a stationary internal combustion unit or any other fuel burning equipment, this term may be expressed as the quantity of fuel burned per unit of time.

"Production Equipment Exhaust System" means a device for collecting and directing out of the work area VOC fugitive emissions from reactor openings, centrifuge openings, and other vessel openings for the purpose of protecting employees from excessive VOC exposure.

"Reactivation of a Very Clean Coal-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit" means any physical change or change in the method of operation associated with the commencement of commercial operations by a coal-fired utility unit after a period of discontinued operation where the unit:

(1) Has not been in operation for the two-year period prior to the enactment of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and the emissions from such unit continue to be carried in the emission inventory at the time of enactment;

(2) Was equipped prior to shutdown with a continuous system of emissions control that achieves a removal efficiency for sulfur dioxide of no less than 85 percent and a removal efficiency for particulates of no less than 98 percent;

(3) Is equipped with low-NOx burners prior to the time of commencement of operations following reactivation; and

(4) Is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

"Reactor" means any vat or vessel, which may be jacketed to permit temperature control, designed to contain chemical reactions.

"Reasonable Further Progress" means annual incremental reductions in emission of an air pollutant which are sufficient to provide for attainment of the NAAQS by the date identified in the State Implementation Plan.

"Refuse" means solid wastes, such as garbage and trash.

"Regulated air pollutant" means any of the following:

(a) Nitrogen oxides or any volatile organic compound;

(b) Any pollutant for which a national ambient air quality standard has been promulgated;

(c) Any pollutant that is subject to any standard promulgated under Section 111 of the Act, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources;

(d) Any Class I or II substance subject to a standard promulgated under or established by Title VI of the Act, Stratospheric Ozone Protection;

(e) Any pollutant subject to a standard promulgated under Section 112, Hazardous Air Pollutants, or other requirements established under Section 112 of the Act, including Sections 112(g), (j), and (r) of the Act, including any of the following:

(i) Any pollutant subject to requirements under Section 112(j) of the Act, Equivalent Emission Limitation by Permit. If the Administrator fails to promulgate a standard by the date established pursuant to Section 112(e) of the Act, any pollutant for which a subject source would be major shall be considered to be regulated on the date 18 months after the applicable date established pursuant to Section 112(e) of the Act;

(ii) Any pollutant for which the requirements of Section 112(g)(2) of the Act (Construction, Reconstruction and Modification) have been met, but only with respect to the individual source subject to Section 112(g)(2) requirement.

"Repowering" means replacement of an existing coal-fired boiler with one of the following clean coal technologies: atmospheric or pressurized fluidized bed combustion, integrated gasification combined cycle, magnetohydrodynamics, direct and indirect coal-fired turbines, integrated gasification fuel cells, or as determined by the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, a derivative of one or more of these technologies, and any other technology capable of controlling multiple combustion emissions simultaneously with improved boiler or generation efficiency and with significantly greater waste reduction relative to the performance of technology in widespread commercial use as of November 15, 1990.

(1) Repowering shall also include any oil and/or gas-fired unit which has been awarded clean coal technology demonstration funding as of January 1, 1991, by the Department of Energy.

(2) The executive secretary shall give expedited consideration to permit applications for any source that satisfies the requirements of this definition and is granted an extension under section 409 of the Clean Air Act.

"Representative Actual Annual Emissions" means the average rate, in tons per year, at which the source is projected to emit a pollutant for the two-year period after a physical change or change in the method of operation of unit, (or a different consecutive two-year period within 10 years after that change, where the executive secretary determines that such period is more representative of source operations), considering the effect any such change will have on increasing or decreasing the hourly emissions rate and on projected capacity utilization. In projecting future emissions the executive secretary shall:

(1) Consider all relevant information, including but not limited to, historical operational data, the company's own representations, filings with the State of Federal regulatory authorities, and compliance plans under title IV of the Clean Air Act; and

(2) Exclude, in calculating any increase in emissions that results from the particular physical change or change in the method of operation at an electric utility steam generating unit,

that portion of the unit's emissions following the change that could have been accommodated during the representative baseline period and is attributable to an increase in projected capacity utilization at the unit that is unrelated to the particular change, including any increased utilization due to the rate of electricity demand growth for the utility system as a whole.

"Residence" means a dwelling in which people live, including all ancillary buildings.

"Residential Solid Fuel Burning" device means any residential burning device except a fireplace connected to a chimney that burns solid fuel and is capable of, and intended for use as a space heater, domestic water heater, or indoor cooking appliance, and has an air-to-fuel ratio less than 35-to-1 as determined by the test procedures prescribed in 40 CFR 60.534. It must also have a useable firebox volume of less than 6.10 cubic meters or 20 cubic feet, a minimum burn rate less than 5 kilograms per hour or 11 pounds per hour as determined by test procedures prescribed in 40 CFR 60.534, and weigh less than 800 kilograms or 362.9 pounds. Appliances that are described as prefabricated fireplaces and are designed to accommodate doors or other accessories that would create the air starved operating conditions of a residential solid fuel burning device shall be considered as such. Fireplaces are not included in this definition for solid fuel burning devices.

"Salvage Operation" means any business, trade or industry engaged in whole or in part in salvaging or reclaiming any product or material, including but not limited to metals, chemicals, shipping containers or drums.

"Secondary Emissions" means emissions which would occur as a result of the construction or operation of a major source or major modification, but do not come from the major source or major modification itself.

Secondary emissions must be specific, well defined, quantifiable, and impact the same general area as the source or modification which causes the secondary emissions. Secondary emissions include emissions from any off-site support facility which would not be constructed or increase its emissions except as a result of the construction or operation of the major source or major modification. Secondary emissions do not include any emissions which come directly from a mobile source such as emissions from the tailpipe of a motor vehicle, from a train, or from a vessel.

Fugitive emissions and fugitive dust from the source or modification are not considered secondary emissions.

"Significant" means:

(1) In reference to a net emissions increase or the potential of a source to emit any of the following pollutants, a rate of emissions that would equal or exceed any of the following rates:

Carbon monoxide: 100 ton per year (tpy);

Nitrogen oxides: 40 tpy;

Sulfur dioxide: 40 tpy;

PM10 Particulate matter: 15 tpy;

Particulate matter: 25 tpy;

Ozone: 40 tpy of volatile organic compounds;

Lead: 0.6 tpy.

(2) For purposes of R307-405 it shall also additionally mean for:

(a) A rate of emissions that would equal or exceed any of the following rates:

Asbestos: 0.007 tpy;

Beryllium: 0.0004 tpy;

Mercury: 0.1 tpy;

Vinyl Chloride: 1 tpy;

Fluorides: 3 tpy;

Sulfuric acid mist: 7 tpy;

Hydrogen Sulfide: 10 tpy;

Total reduced sulfur (including H2S): 10 tpy;

Reduced sulfur compounds (including H2S): 10 tpy;

Municipal waste combustor organics (measured as total tetra- through octa-chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans): 3.2 grams per year (3.5×10^{-6} tons per year);

Municipal waste combustor metals (measured as particulate matter): 14 megagrams per year (15 tons per year);

Municipal waste combustor acid gases (measured as sulfur dioxide and hydrogen chloride): 36 megagrams per year (40 tons per year);

Municipal solid waste landfill emissions (measured as nonmethane organic compounds): 45 megagrams per year (50 tons per year);

(b) In reference to a net emissions increase or the potential of a source to emit a pollutant subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act not listed in (1) and (2) above, any emission rate.

(c) Notwithstanding the rates listed in (1) and (2) above, any emissions rate or any net emissions increase associated with a major source or major modification, which would construct within 10 kilometers of a Class I area, and have an impact on such area equal to or greater than 1 ug/cubic meter, (24-hour average).

"Solid Fuel" means wood, coal, and other similar organic material or combination of these materials.

"Solvent" means organic materials which are liquid at standard conditions (Standard Temperature and Pressure) and which are used as dissolvers, viscosity reducers, or cleaning agents.

"Source" means any structure, building, facility, or installation which emits or may emit any air pollutant subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act and which is located on one or more continuous or adjacent properties and which is under the control of the same person or persons under common control. A building, structure, facility, or installation means all of the pollutant-emitting activities which belong to the same industrial grouping. Pollutant-emitting activities shall be considered as part of the same industrial grouping if they belong to the same "Major Group" (i.e. which have the same two-digit code) as described in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972, as amended by the 1977 Supplement (US Government Printing Office stock numbers 4101-0065 and 003-005-00176-0, respectively).

"Stack" means any point in a source designed to emit solids, liquids, or gases into the air, including a pipe or duct but not including flares.

"Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources" means the Federally established requirements for performance and record keeping (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60).

"State" means Utah State.

"Synthesized Pharmaceutical Manufacturing" means the manufacture of pharmaceutical products by chemical synthesis.

"Temporary" means not more than 180 calendar days.

"Temporary Clean Coal Technology Demonstration Project" means a clean coal technology demonstration project that is operated for a period of 5 years or less, and which complies with the Utah State Implementation Plan and other requirements necessary to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards during the project and after it is terminated.

"Threshold Limit Value - Ceiling (TLV-C)" means the airborne concentration of a substance which may not be exceeded, as adopted by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in its "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices, pages 15 - 72 (2000)."

"Threshold Limit Value - Time Weighted Average (TLV-TWA)" means the time-weighted airborne concentration of a substance adopted by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in its "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents and Biological Exposure Indices, pages 15 - 72 (2000)."

"Total Suspended Particulate (TSP)" means minute separate particles of matter, collected by high volume sampler.

"Toxic Screening Level" means an ambient concentration of an air contaminant equal to a threshold limit value - ceiling (TLV- C) or threshold limit value -time weighted average (TLV-TWA) divided by a safety factor.

"Trash" means solids not considered to be highly flammable or explosive including, but not limited to clothing, rags, leather, plastic, rubber, floor coverings, excelsior, tree leaves, yard trimmings and other similar materials.

"Vertically Restricted Emissions Release" means the release of an air contaminant through a stack or opening whose flow is directed in a downward or horizontal direction due to the alignment of the opening or a physical obstruction placed beyond the opening, or at a height which is less than 1.3 times the height of an adjacent building or structure, as measured from ground level.

"Vertically Unrestricted Emissions Release" means the release of an air contaminant through a stack or opening whose flow is directed upward without any physical obstruction placed beyond the opening, and at a height which is at least 1.3 times the height of an adjacent building or structure, as measured from ground level.

"Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)" as defined in 40 CFR 51.100(s)(1), as effective on July 1, 2004, and amended on November 29, 2004, by 69 FR 69290 and 69 FR 69298, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

"Waste" means all solid, liquid or gaseous material, including, but not limited to, garbage, trash, household refuse, construction or demolition debris, or other refuse including that resulting from the prosecution of any business, trade or industry.

"Zero Drift" means the change in the instrument meter readout over a stated period of time of normal continuous operation when the VOC concentration at the time of measurement is zero.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-110. General Requirements: State Implementation Plan.
R307-110-1. Incorporation by Reference.

To meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act, the Utah State Implementation Plan must be incorporated by reference into these rules. Copies of the Utah State Implementation Plan are available at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality.

R307-110-2. Section I, Legal Authority.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section I, Legal Authority, as most recently amended by the Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-3. Section II, Review of New and Modified Air Pollution Sources.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section II, Review of New and Modified Air Pollution Sources, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-4. Section III, Source Surveillance.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section III, Source Surveillance, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-5. Section IV, Ambient Air Monitoring Program.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IV, Ambient Air Monitoring Program, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-6. Section V, Resources.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section V, Resources, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-7. Section VI, Intergovernmental Cooperation.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section VI, Intergovernmental Cooperation, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-8. Section VII, Prevention of Air Pollution Emergency Episodes.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section VII, Prevention of Air Pollution Emergency Episodes, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-9. Section VIII, Prevention of Significant Deterioration.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section VIII, Prevention of Significant Deterioration, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-10. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part A, Fine Particulate Matter.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part A, Fine Particulate Matter, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on July 3, 2002, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-11. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part B, Sulfur Dioxide.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part B, Sulfur Dioxide, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on January 5, 2005, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-12. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part C, Carbon Monoxide.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part C, Carbon Monoxide, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on November 3, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-13. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part D, Ozone.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part D, Ozone, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on September 9, 1998, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-14. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part E, Nitrogen Dioxide.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part E, Nitrogen Dioxide, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-15. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part F, Lead.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part F, Lead, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-16. (Reserved.)

Reserved.

R307-110-17. Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part H, Emissions Limits.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section IX, Control Measures for Area and Point Sources, Part H, Emissions Limits, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on June 5, 2002, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-18. Reserved.

Reserved.

R307-110-19. Section XI, Other Control Measures for Mobile Sources.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XI, Other Control Measures for Mobile Sources, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on February 9, 2000, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-20. Section XII, Involvement.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XII,

Involvement, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-21. Section XIII, Analysis of Plan Impact.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XIII, Analysis of Plan Impact, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-22. Section XIV, Comprehensive Emission Inventory.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XIV, Comprehensive Emission Inventory, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-23. Section XV, Utah Code Title 19, Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act.

Section XV of the Utah State Implementation Plan contains Utah Code Title 19, Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act.

R307-110-24. Section XVI, Public Notification.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XVI, Public Notification, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-25. Section XVII, Visibility Protection.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XVII, Visibility Protection, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on March 26, 1993, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-26. R307-110-26 Section XVIII, Demonstration of GEP Stack Height.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XVIII, Demonstration of GEP Stack Height, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-27. Section XIX, Small Business Assistance Program.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XIX, Small Business Assistance Program, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on December 18, 1992, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-28. Regional Haze.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XX, Regional Haze, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on May 5, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-29. Section XXI, Diesel Inspection and Maintenance Program.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XXI, Diesel Inspection and Maintenance Program, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on July 12, 1995, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-30. Section XXII, General Conformity.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section XXII, General Conformity, as adopted by the Utah Air Quality Board on October 4, 1995, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-31. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part A, General Requirements and Applicability.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part A, General Requirements and Applicability, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on March 31, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-32. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part B, Davis County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part B, Davis County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on February 5, 1997, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-33. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part C, Salt Lake County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part C, Salt Lake County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on October 6, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-34. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part D, Utah County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part D, Utah County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on March 31, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

R307-110-35. Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part E, Weber County.

The Utah State Implementation Plan, Section X, Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program, Part E, Weber County, as most recently amended by the Utah Air Quality Board on November 3, 2004, pursuant to Section 19-2-104, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these rules.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-115. General Conformity.
R307-115-1. Determining Conformity.

The provisions of 40 CFR Part 93, Subpart B, Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans, published at 58 FR 63214 on November 30, 1993, and effective on January 31, 1994, are hereby incorporated by reference into these rules.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-204. Emission Standards: Smoke Management.
R307-204-1. Purpose and Goals.

(1) The purpose of R307-204 is to establish by rule procedures that mitigate the impact on public health and visibility of prescribed fire and wildland fire.

R307-204-2. Applicability.

(1) R307-204 applies to all persons using prescribed fire or wildland fire on land they own or manage.

(2) R307-204 does not apply to agricultural activities specified in 19-2-114 and to those regulated under R307-202, or to activities otherwise permitted under R307.

R307-204-3. Definitions.

The following additional definitions apply only to R307-204.

"Annual Emissions Goal" means the annual establishment of a planned quantitative value of emissions reductions from prescribed fire.

"Best Management Practices" means smoke management and dispersion techniques used during a prescribed fire or a wildland fire used for resource benefit that affect the direction, duration, height or density of smoke.

"Burn Plan" means the plan required for each fire ignited by managers or allowed to burn.

"Burn Window" means the period of time during which the prescribed fire is scheduled for ignition.

"Emission Reduction Techniques (ERT)" mean techniques for controlling emissions from prescribed fires to minimize the amount of emission output per unit or acre burned.

"Federal Class I Area" means any Federal land that is federally classified or reclassified Class I.

"Fire Prescription" means the measurable criteria that define conditions under which a prescribed fire may be ignited, guide selection of appropriate management responses, and indicate other required actions. Prescription criteria may include safety, economic, public health, environmental, geographic, administrative, social, or legal considerations.

"Land Manager" means any federal, state, local or private entity that owns, administers, directs, oversees or controls the use of public or private land, including the application of fire to the land.

"Non-burning Alternatives to Fire" means non-burning techniques that are used to achieve a particular land management objective, including but not limited to reduction of fuel loading, manipulation of fuels, enhancement of wildlife habitat, and ecosystem restructuring. These alternatives are designed to replace the use of fire for at least the next five years.

"Prescribed Fire or Prescribed Burn" means any fire ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives, such as achieving resource benefits.

"Particulate Matter" means the liquid or solid particles such as dust, smoke, mist, or smog found in air emissions.

"Smoke Sensitive Receptors" means population centers such as towns and villages, campgrounds and trails, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, roads, airports, Class I areas, nonattainment and maintenance areas, areas whose air quality monitoring data indicate pollutant levels that are close to health standards, and any other areas where smoke and air pollutants can adversely affect public health, safety and welfare.

"Wildland" means an area in which development is essentially non-existent, except for pipelines, power lines, roads, railroads, or other transportation or conveyance facilities.

"Wildland Fire" means any non-structure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland.

"Wildland Fire Used for Resource Benefits (WFURB)" means naturally ignited wildland fire that is managed to accomplish specific prestated resource management objectives in predefined geographic areas.

"Wildland Fire Implementation Plan" means the plan required for each fire that is allowed to burn.

R307-204-4. General Requirements.

(1) Management of On-Going Fires. If, after consultation with the land manager, the executive secretary determines that a prescribed fire, wildland fire used for resource benefits, wildland fire, or any smoke transported from other locations, is degrading air quality to levels that could violate the National Ambient Air Quality Standards or burn plan conditions, the land manager shall promptly stop igniting additional prescribed fires.

(2) Emissions Calculations. In calculating emissions information required under R307-204, each land manager shall use emission factors approved by the executive secretary.

(3) Non-burning Alternatives to Fire. Beginning in 2004 and annually thereafter, each land manager shall submit to the executive secretary by March 15 a list of areas treated using non-burning alternatives to fire during the previous calendar year, including the number of acres, the specific types of alternatives used, and the location of these areas.

(4) Annual Emissions Goal. The executive secretary shall provide an opportunity for an annual meeting with land managers for the purpose of evaluation and adoption of the annual emission goal. The annual emission goal shall be developed in cooperation with states, federal land management agencies and private entities, to control prescribed fire emissions increases to the maximum feasible extent.

(5) Long-term Fire Projections. Each land manager shall provide to the executive secretary by March 15 annually long-term projections of future prescribed fire and wildland fire used for resource benefits activity for annual assessment of visibility impairment.

R307-204-5. Burn Schedule.

(1) Any land manager planning prescribed fire burning more than 50 acres per year shall submit the burn schedule to the executive secretary on forms provided by the Division of Air Quality, and shall include the following information for all fires including those smaller than 50 acres:

(a) Project number and project name;

(b) Air Quality Basin, UTM coordinate for the central point of the prescribed fire, project elevation, and county;

(c) Total project acres, description of major fuels, type of burn, ignition method, and planned use of emission reduction techniques to support establisment of the annual emissions goal;

(d) Earliest burn date and burn duration.

(2) Each land manager shall submit each year's burn schedule no later than March 15 of that year.

(3) Any land manager who makes changes to the burn schedule shall submit an amendment to the burn schedule within 10 days after the change.

R307-204-6. Small Prescribed Fires.

A prescribed fire that covers less than 20 acres per burn and results in air emissions less than 0.5 tons of particulate matter per day shall be ignited only when the clearing index is 500 or greater.

R307-204-7. Large Prescribed Fires.

(1) Burn Plan. For a prescribed fire that covers 20 acres or more per burn or results in air emissions of 0.5 tons or more of particulate matter per day, the land manager shall submit to the executive secretary a burn plan, including a fire prescription, upon request.

(2) Pre-Burn Information. For a prescribed fire that covers 20 acres or more per burn or results in air emissions of 0.5 tons or more of particulate matter per day, the land manager shall submit pre-burn information to the executive secretary at least

two weeks before the beginning of the burn window. The pre-burn information shall be submitted to the executive secretary on the form provided by the Division of Air Quality by fax, electronic mail or postal mail and shall include the following information:

(a) The three-letter ID, project number, date submitted, name of person submitting the form, burn manager, and phone numbers;

(b) Summary of burn objectives, such as restoration or maintenance of ecological functions or indication of fire resiliency;

(c) Any sensitive receptor within 15 miles, including any Class I or nonattainment or maintenance area, and distance and direction in degrees from the project site;

(d) Planned mitigation methods;

(e) The smoke dispersion or visibility model used and results;

(f) The estimated amount of total particulate matter anticipated;

(g) A description of how the public and land managers in neighboring states will be notified;

(h) A map, preferably with a scale of 1:62,500, depicting both the daytime and nighttime smoke path and down-drainage flow for a minimum of 15 miles from the burn site with smoke-sensitive areas delineated;

(i) Safety and contingency plans for addressing any smoke intrusions; and

(j) If the fire is in a nonattainment or maintenance area and is subject to general conformity (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)), a copy of the conformity demonstration showing that the fire meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act and conforms with the applicable State Implementation Plan.

(k) Planned use of emission reduction techniques to support establishment of an annual emissions goal, if not already submitted under R307-204-5.

(l) Any other information needed by the executive secretary for smoke management purposes, or for assessment of contribution to visibility impairment in any Class I area.

(3) Burn Request.

(a) The land manager shall submit to the executive secretary a burn request on the form provided by the Division of Air Quality by 10:00 a.m. at least two business days before the planned ignition time. The form may be submitted by fax or electronic mail, and must include the following information:

(i) The three-letter identification and project number consistent with the annual burn schedule required in R307-204-5(1) above;

(ii) The date submitted and by whom; and

(iii) The burn manager conducting the burn and phone numbers.

(b) No prescribed fire requiring a burn plan shall be ignited before the executive secretary approves or conditionally approves the burn request.

(c) If a prescribed fire is delayed, changed or not completed following burn approval, any significant changes in the burn plan shall be submitted to the executive secretary before the burn request is submitted. If a prescribed fire is not carried out, the land manager shall list the reasons on the burn request form provided by the Division of Air Quality and shall submit the form by fax or electronic mail to the executive secretary by 8:00 a.m. the following business day.

(4) Daily Emissions Report. By 8:00 a.m. on the day following the prescribed burn, for each day of prescribed fire activity covering 50 acres or more, the land manager shall submit to the executive secretary a daily emission report on the form provided by the Division of Air Quality including the following information:

(a) The three-letter identification and project number consistent with the annual burn schedule required in R307-204-5(1) above;

(b) The date submitted and by whom;

(c) The start and end dates and times of the burn;

(d) Emission information including black acres, tons fuel consumed per acre, and tons particulate matter produced;

(e) Public interest regarding smoke;

(f) Daytime ventilation;

(g) Nighttime smoke behavior;

(h) Evaluation of the techniques used by the land manager to reduce emissions or manage the smoke from the prescribed burn; and

(i) Emission reduction techniques applied.

(5) Emission Reduction and Dispersion Techniques. Each land manager shall take measures to prevent smoke impacts. Such measures may include best management practices such as dilution, emission reduction or avoidance in addition to others described in the pre-burn information form provided by the Division of Air Quality. An evaluation of the techniques shall be included in the daily emissions report required by (4) above.

(6) Monitoring. Land managers shall monitor the effects of the prescribed fire on smoke sensitive receptors and on visibility in Class I areas, as directed by the burn plan. Hourly visual monitoring and documentation of the direction of the smoke plume shall be recorded on the form provided by the Division of Air Quality or on the land manager's equivalent form. Complaints from the public shall be noted in the project file. Records shall be available for inspection by the executive secretary for six months following the end of the fire.

R307-204-8. Requirements for Wildland Fire with Potential for Use for Resource Benefits.

(1) Burn Approval Required.

(a) The land manager shall notify the executive secretary by the close of business of the first day of any wildland fire that covers 20 acres or more. The notification shall include the following information:

(i) UTM coordinate of the fire;

(ii) Active burning acres;

(iii) Probable fire size and daily anticipated growth in acres;

(iv) Types of wildland fuel involved;

(v) An emergency telephone number that is answered 24 hours a day; and

(vi) Wilderness or Resource Natural Area designation, if applicable.

(b) The following information shall be submitted to the executive secretary 48 hours after submittal of the information required by (1)(a) above:

(i) Wildland fire implementation plan and anticipated emissions;

(ii) A map, preferably with a scale of 1:62,500, depicting both the daytime and nighttime smoke path and down-drainage flow for a minimum of 15 miles from the burn site with smoke-sensitive areas delineated; and

(iii) Additional computer smoke modeling, if requested by the executive secretary.

(c) The executive secretary's approval of the smoke management element of the wildland fire implementation plan shall be obtained before managing the fire as a wildland fire used for resource benefits.

(2) Daily Emission Report for Wildland Fire Used for Resource Benefits. By 8:00 a.m. on the business day following fire activity covering 50 acres or more, the land manager shall submit to the executive secretary the daily emission report on the form provided by the Division of Air Quality, including the following information:

(a) The three-letter identification, project number, Air Quality Basin, and name of the burn manager;

(b) UTM coordinate;

(c) Dates and times of the start and end of the burn;
(d) Black acres by wildland fuel type;
(e) Estimated proportion of wildland fuel consumed by wildland fuel type;
(f) Proportion of moisture in the wildland fuel by size class;
(g) Emission estimates;
(h) Level of public interest or concern regarding smoke; and
(i) Conformance to the wildland fire implementation plan.
(3) Monitoring. The land manager shall monitor the effects of smoke on smoke sensitive receptors and visibility in Class I areas as directed by the wildland fire implementation plan. Complaints from the public shall be recorded in the project file. Records shall be available for inspection by the executive secretary for six months following the end of the fire.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-205. Emission Standards: Fugitive Emissions and Fugitive Dust.
R307-205-1. Purpose.

R307-205 establishes minimum work practices and emission standards for sources of fugitive emissions and fugitive dust for sources located in all areas in the state except those listed in section IX, Part H of the state implementation plan or located in a PM10 nonattainment or maintenance area.

R307-205-2. Applicability.

R307-205 applies statewide to all sources of fugitive emissions and fugitive dust, except for agricultural or horticultural activities specified in 19-2-114(1)-(3) and any source listed in section IX, Part H of the state implementation plan or located in a PM10 nonattainment or maintenance area.

R307-205-3. Definitions.

The following definition applies throughout R307-205:

"Material" means sand, gravel, soil, minerals or other matter that may create fugitive dust.

R307-205-4. Fugitive Emissions.

Fugitive emissions from sources which were constructed on or before April 25, 1971, shall not exceed 40% opacity. Fugitive emissions from sources constructed or modified after April 25, 1971, shall not exceed 20% opacity.

R307-205-5. Fugitive Dust.

(1) Storage and Handling of Materials. Any person owning, operating or maintaining a new or existing material storage, handling or hauling operation shall minimize fugitive dust from such an operation. Such control may include the use of enclosures, covers, stabilization or other equivalent methods or techniques as approved by the executive secretary.

(2) Construction and Demolition Activities.

(a) Any person engaging in clearing or leveling of land greater than one-quarter acre in size, earthmoving, excavation, or movement of trucks or construction equipment over cleared land greater than one-quarter acre in size or access haul roads shall take steps to minimize fugitive dust from such activities. Such control may include watering and chemical stabilization of potential fugitive dust sources or other equivalent methods or techniques approved by the executive secretary.

(b) The owner or operator of any land area greater than one-quarter acre in size that has been cleared or excavated shall take measures to prevent fugitive particulate matter from becoming airborne. Such measures may include:

(i) planting vegetative cover,
(ii) providing synthetic cover,
(iii) watering,
(iv) chemical stabilization,
(v) wind breaks, or
(vi) other equivalent methods or techniques approved by the executive secretary.

(c) Any person engaging in demolition activities including razing homes, buildings, or other structures or removing paving material from roads or parking areas shall take steps to minimize fugitive dust from such activities. Such control may include watering and chemical stabilization or other equivalent methods or techniques approved by the executive secretary.

R307-205-6. Roads.

(1) The executive secretary may require persons owning, operating or maintaining any new or existing road, or having right-of-way easement or possessory right to use the same, to supply traffic count information as determined necessary to ascertain whether or not control techniques are adequate or additional controls are necessary.

(2) Any person who deposits materials that may create fugitive dust on a public or private paved road shall clean the road promptly.

R307-205-7. Mining Activities.

(1) Fugitive dust, construction activities, and roadways associated with mining activities are regulated under the provisions of R307-205-7 and not by R307-205-5 and 6.

(2) Any person who owns or operates a mining operation shall minimize fugitive dust as an integral part of site preparation, mining activities, and reclamation operations.

(3) The fugitive dust control measures to be used may include:

(a) periodic watering of unpaved roads,
(b) chemical stabilization of unpaved roads,
(c) paving of roads,
(d) prompt removal of coal, rock minerals, soil, and other dust-forming debris from roads and frequent scraping and compaction of unpaved roads to stabilize the road surface,
(e) restricting the speed of vehicles in and around the mining operation,
(f) revegetating, mulching, or otherwise stabilizing the surface of all areas adjoining roads that are a source of fugitive dust,
(g) restricting the travel of vehicles on other than established roads,
(h) enclosing, covering, watering, or otherwise treating loaded haul trucks and railroad cars, to minimize loss of material to wind and spillage,
(i) substitution of conveyor systems for haul trucks and covering of conveyor systems when conveyed loads are subject to wind erosion,
(j) minimizing the area of disturbed land,
(k) prompt revegetation of regraded lands,
(l) planting of special windbreak vegetation at critical points in the permit area,
(m) control of dust from drilling, using water sprays, hoods, dust collectors or other controls approved by the executive secretary,
(n) restricting the areas to be blasted at any one time,
(o) reducing the period of time between initially disturbing the soil and revegetating or other surface stabilization,
(p) restricting fugitive dust at spoil and coal transfer and loading points,
(q) control of dust from storage piles through use of enclosures, covers, or stabilization and other equivalent methods or techniques as approved by the executive secretary, or
(r) other techniques as determined necessary by the executive secretary.

R307-205-8. Tailings Piles and Ponds.

(1) Fugitive dust, construction activities, and roadways associated with tailings piles and ponds are regulated under the provisions of R307-205-8 and not by R307-205-5 and 6.

(2) Any person owning or operating an existing tailings operation where fugitive dust results from grading, excavating, depositing, or natural erosion or other causes in association with such operation shall take steps to minimize fugitive dust from such activities. Such controls may include:

(a) watering,
(b) chemical stabilization,
(c) synthetic covers,
(d) vegetative covers,
(e) wind breaks,
(f) minimizing the area of disturbed tailings,
(g) restricting the speed of vehicles in and around the tailings operation, or
(h) other equivalent methods or techniques which may be approvable by the executive secretary.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-206. Emission Standards: Abrasive Blasting.
R307-206-1. Purpose.

R307-206 establishes work practice and emission standards for abrasive blasting operations for sources located statewide except for those sources listed in section IX, Part H of the state implementation plan or located in a PM10 nonattainment or maintenance area.

R307-206-2. Definitions.

(1) The following additional definitions apply to R307-206:

"Abrasive Blasting" means the operation of cleaning or preparing a surface by forcibly propelling a stream of abrasive material against the surface.

"Abrasive Blasting Equipment" means any equipment utilized in abrasive blasting operations.

"Confined Blasting" means any abrasive blasting conducted in an enclosure which significantly restricts air contaminants from being emitted to the ambient atmosphere, including but not limited to shrouds, tanks, drydocks, buildings and structures.

"Multiple Nozzles" means a group of two or more nozzles being used for abrasive cleaning of the same surface in such close proximity that their separate plumes are indistinguishable.

"Unconfined Blasting" means any abrasive blasting which is not confined blasting as defined above.

R307-206-3. Applicability.

R307-206 applies statewide to any abrasive blasting operation, except for any source that is listed in Section IX, Part H of the state implementation plan or that is located in a PM10 nonattainment or maintenance area.

R307-206-4. Visible Emission Standards.

Visible emissions from abrasive blasting operations shall not exceed 40% opacity, except for an aggregate period of three minutes in any one hour.

R307-206-5. Visible Emission Evaluation Techniques.

(1) Visible emissions shall be measured using EPA Method 9. Visible emissions from intermittent sources shall use procedures similar to Method 9, but the requirement for observations to be made at 15 second intervals over a six-minute period shall not apply.

(2) Visible emissions from unconfined blasting shall be measured at the densest point of the emission after a major portion of the spent abrasive has fallen out, at a point not less than five feet nor more than twenty-five feet from the impact surface from any single abrasive blasting nozzle.

(3) An unconfined blasting operation that uses multiple nozzles shall be considered a single source unless it can be demonstrated by the owner or operator that each nozzle, measured separately, meets the emission and performance standards provided in R307-206-2 through 4.

(4) Visible emissions from confined blasting shall be measured at the densest point after the air contaminant leaves the enclosure.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-310. Salt Lake County: Trading of Emission Budgets for Transportation Conformity.
R307-310-1. Purpose.

This rule establishes the procedures that may be used to trade a portion of the primary PM10 budget when demonstrating that a transportation plan, transportation improvement program, or project conforms with the motor vehicle emission budgets in the Salt Lake County portion of Section IX, Part A of the State Implementation Plan, "Fine Particulate Matter (PM10)"

R307-310-2. Definitions.

The definitions contained in 40 CFR 93.101, effective as of July 1, 2001, are incorporated into this rule by reference. The following additional definitions apply to this rule.

"Budget" means the motor vehicle emission projections used in the attainment demonstration in the Salt Lake County portion of Section IX, Part A of the State Implementation Plan, "Fine Particulate Matter (PM10)."

"NOx" means oxides of nitrogen.

"Primary PM10" means PM10 that is emitted directly by a source. Primary PM10 does not include particulate matter that is formed when gaseous emissions undergo chemical reactions in the ambient air.

"Transportation Conformity" means a demonstration that a transportation plan, transportation improvement program, or project conforms with the emissions budgets in a state implementation plan, as outlined in 40 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 93, "Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans."

R307-310-3. Applicability.

(1) This rule applies to agencies responsible for demonstrating transportation conformity with the Salt Lake County portion of Section IX, Part A of the State Implementation Plan, "Fine Particulate Matter (PM10)."

(2) This rule does not apply to emission budgets from Section IX, Part D.2 of the State Implementation Plan, "Ozone Maintenance Plan."

(3) This rule does not apply to emission budgets from Section IX, Part C.7 of the State Implementation Plan, "Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Provisions."

R307-310-4. Trading Between Emission Budgets.

(1) The agencies responsible for demonstrating transportation conformity are authorized to supplement the budget for NOx with a portion of the budget for primary PM10 for the purpose of demonstrating transportation conformity for NOx. The NOx budget shall be supplemented using the following procedures.

(a) The metropolitan planning organization shall include the following information in the transportation conformity demonstration:

(i) The budget for primary PM10 and NOx for each required year of the conformity demonstration, before trading allowed by this rule has been applied;

(ii) The portion of the primary PM10 budget that will be used to supplement the NOx budget, specified in tons per day using a 1:1 ratio of primary PM10 to NOx, for each required year of the conformity demonstration;

(iii) The remainder of the primary PM10 budget that will be used in the conformity demonstration for primary PM10, specified in tons per day for each required year of the conformity demonstration; and

(iv) The budget for primary PM10 and NOx for each required year of the conformity demonstration after the trading allowed by this rule has been applied.

(b) Transportation conformity for NOx shall be demonstrated using the NOx budget supplemented by a portion of the primary PM10 budget as described in (a)(ii). Transportation conformity for primary PM10 shall be demonstrated using the remainder of the primary PM10 budget described in (a)(iii).

(c) The primary PM10 budget shall not be supplemented by using a portion of the NOx budget.

R307-310-5. Transition Provision.

R307-310, sections 1-4 will remain in effect until the day that EPA approves the conformity budget in the PM10 maintenance plan adopted by the board on June 1, 2005.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-320. Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties, and Ogden City: Employer-Based Trip Reduction Program.
R307-320-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of measurable vehicle miles driven by employees commuting to and from work by requiring employers with work sites within Davis and Salt Lake Counties to implement strategies designed to reduce the employee drive-alone rate. Under the authority of 19-2-104(1)(h) and (2), an employer-based trip reduction program is a state implementation plan control strategy to reduce ambient measures of air pollution. An added benefit of the program is reducing the number of cars on increasingly congested roadways.

R307-320-2. Applicability.

(1) R307-320 applies to any federal, state, or local entity, or any other public department, district (including public universities and public school districts), or agency in Davis or Salt Lake County.

(2) If the Contingency Requirements for fine particulate are triggered as outlined in Section IX.A.8.b of the State Implementation Plan, R307-320 applies to any federal, state, or local entity, or any other public department, district (including public universities and public school districts), or agency in Utah County.

(3) If the Contingency Requirements for carbon monoxide are triggered as outlined in Section IX.C.8.h of the State Implementation Plan, R307-320 applies to any federal, state, or local entity, or any other public department, district (including public universities and public school districts), or agency in Ogden City.

R307-320-3. Definitions.

The following additional definitions apply to R307-320:

"Compressed Work Week" means any work schedule which eliminates at least one commute trip to a work site in each two week period.

"Drive-alone Rate" means the number of single-occupancy vehicles divided by the sum of single-occupancy vehicles, plus employees using mass transit, ridesharing, biking, walking, telecommuting or having credit for a compressed work week. The drive-alone rate calculation must be based on a typical Monday through Friday work week.

Drive-alone Rate = single-occupancy vehicles/(single-occupancy vehicles + mass transit users + rideshare participants + bikers + walkers + telecommuters + credit for compressed work week).

"Employee" means any person including persons employed by public universities or school districts, who works at or reports to a single work site at least three days per week for at least six months of the year.

"Employee Transportation Coordinator" means a person assigned the responsibility of developing, implementing, monitoring, tracking, and marketing the trip reduction plan for the employer.

"Employer" means federal, state, or local entity, or any other public department, district (including public universities or public school districts), or agency.

"Peak Travel Period" means the period beginning at 6 a.m. and ending at 10 a.m., Mondays through Fridays.

"Ridesharing" means transportation of more than one person for commute purposes in a vehicle.

"Single-occupancy Vehicles" means vehicles traveling to the work site with a driver and no passengers during the peak travel period.

"Target Drive-alone Rate" means a twenty percent reduction in the drive alone rate based on the 1990 census data for modes of travel in each county. The target drive-alone rate schedule is as follows:

TABLE
TARGET DRIVE-ALONE RATE SCHEDULE

	Davis County Drive-Alone Rate	Salt Lake County Drive-Alone Rate
From 1990 Census Data	0.76	0.77
1st year interim target drive-alone rate	0.72	0.73
2nd year interim target drive-alone rate	0.68	0.69
3rd year interim target drive-alone rate	0.67	0.67
4th year interim target drive-alone rate	0.65	0.65
5th year interim target drive-alone rate	0.63	0.64
6th year interim target drive-alone rate	0.61	0.62
Target drive-alone rate	0.61	0.62

"Telecommuting" means working at home or at a satellite work site, provided the employee does not use a single-occupancy vehicle to travel to the satellite work site.

"Trip Reduction Plan" means a set of strategies designed to reduce the drive-alone rate.

"Vehicle" means motorcycles and on-road vehicles powered by a gasoline or diesel internal combustion engine with nine or less seating positions for adults.

"Work Site" means a building and any group of buildings which are on physically contiguous parcels of land or on parcels separated solely by private or public roadways or rights-of way.

R307-320-4. Employer Requirements.

(1) Each employer shall assign an employee trip reduction coordinator within 30 days after the effective date of R307-320.

(2) Each employer shall determine the drive-alone rate per work site on an annual basis for a typical Monday through Friday work week during the peak travel period. The drive-alone rate can be determined by one of the following methods in (a), (b) or (c) below.

(a) Information from an annual employee survey.

(i) The employer must use a standardized survey approved by the executive secretary. The survey shall ask the travel distance from the employee's home to the work site, what frequency and mode of transportation the employee used to get to work, and how often the employee participates in a telecommuting program or compressed work week schedule.

(ii) The employer shall administer the survey and shall capture, at a minimum, 75% of the employee population arriving at the work site during the peak travel period.

(b) Verifiable information, less than one year old of the submittal due date, from employer records including:

(i) employee work schedules;

(ii) employee participation in telecommuting schedules;

(iii) employee participation of mass transit;

(iv) employee participation in rideshare arrangements; and

(v) employee participation in non-vehicular transit.

(c) Another method of the employer's choosing, with written approval from the executive secretary.

(3) Each employer shall design and submit to the executive secretary an approvable trip reduction plan for each work site to meet the target drive-alone rate as specified by the target drive-alone rate schedule in R307-320-3.

(a) An employer may combine more than one work site in a trip reduction plan submittal.

(i) The target drive-alone rate for a multi-work site submission shall be a weighted average of the drive-alone rates for the individual work sites.

(ii) The employer may combine a trip reduction plan for any work site within the same county.

(b) The trip reduction plan submittal shall adhere to the following schedule:

(i) Submittal of a trip reduction plan shall be annually on or before the anniversary of the initial due date.

(ii) For employers within Salt Lake and Davis Counties:

(A) The trip reduction plan must be submitted for approval within 90 days after the employer has been notified.

(B) If the employer has not been notified, then the trip reduction plan must be submitted no later than 360 days after the effective date of this rule.

(iii) For employers within Utah County, the trip reduction plan must be submitted within 90 days after notification by the Division of Air Quality following triggering of contingency measures for PM10 under the provisions of Section IX.A.8.b of the State Implementation Plan.

(c) Materials and information submitted to the executive secretary shall include:

(i) A letter of commitment to fully implement an approved trip reduction plan signed by an authorized employee at the work site.

(ii) The name and signature of the employee transportation coordinator;

(iii) The drive-alone rate for the work site;

(iv) General work site information including name and address of organization; general layout of buildings and parking areas; location of major streets; location of nearby mass transit stops; number of total employees; number of employees arriving at the work site during peak travel periods; current and planned incentives, disincentives, and facilities available encouraging alternatives to single-occupant vehicle commuting; the type of activities conducted at the work site; and the time spent by the employee transportation coordinator in complying with the plan.

(d) A trip reduction plan designed to meet the target drive-alone rate schedule may include but is not limited to employer involvement in the following:

(i) Subsidized bus passes;

(ii) Rideshare matching programs;

(iii) Vanpool leasing programs;

(iv) Telecommuting programs;

(v) Compressed work week schedule programs and flexible work schedule programs;

(vi) Work site parking fee programs;

(vii) Preferential parking for rideshare participants;

(viii) Transportation for business related activities;

(ix) A guaranteed ride home program;

(x) On-site facility improvements;

(xi) Soliciting feedback from employees;

(xii) On-site daycare facilities;

(xiii) Coordination with local transit authorities for improved mass transit service and information on mass transit programs; and

(xiv) Recognition and rewards for employee participation.

(e) An approvable plan shall contain all the information required in R307-320-4. The executive secretary shall approve or request revision of the trip reduction plan within 60 days of the plan submittal.

(4) Each employer shall implement a trip reduction plan approved by the executive secretary.

(5) Each employer shall inform employees of the trip reduction plan and options available to them for participation.

R307-320-5. Recordkeeping.

(1) The employer shall keep records of all documents necessary to prove compliance with and verify implementation of an approved trip reduction plan for at least two years from the plan approval date.

(2) Approved trip reduction plans shall be kept for five years from date of approval.

(3) Employer trip reduction records are subject to review by representatives of the executive secretary.

R307-320-6. Violations.

(1) The following are violations of this rule:

(a) failure to submit an approvable employer-based trip reduction plan as specified in R307-320-4;

(b) providing false information;

(c) failure to submit a revised employer-based trip reduction plan when requested by the executive secretary;

(d) failure to implement an approved trip reduction plan;

(e) failure to maintain records as specified in R307-320-5;

(f) upon receipt of the second disapproval notice and until a revised plan is submitted and approved, the employer is in violation of this rule.

(2) Failure to achieve the target drive-alone rate is not a violation of this rule.

R307-320-7. Exemptions.

(1) An employer with less than 100 employees at a work site is exempt from the requirements of this rule.

(2) An employer who has met the target drive-alone rate is exempt from requirements stated in R307-320-4(3) and (4). The employer must still submit the drive-alone rate information to the executive secretary annually.

(3) Employees using vehicles for commute purposes as part of their job responsibility for emergency response are exempt from the drive-alone rate determination if they do not have the option, because of employer policies, to participate in telecommuting programs, compressed work week schedules, or as a rideshare driver, as approved by the executive secretary.

(a) An employer seeking exemption status shall comply with all requirements of the rule until an exemption is granted.

(b) The executive secretary shall approve or deny a request for exemption within 90 days of application.

(4) Other exemptions may be granted on a case by case basis and must be approved by the executive secretary.

(a) The employer seeking exemption must be able to demonstrate that the trip reduction program causes an adverse impact on the employer's ability to provide services or creates an undue hardships.

(b) The employer may also seek an exemption by providing an alternative to the Trip Reduction Program that shows, at a minimum, for the work site seeking exemption, a reduction in oxides of nitrogen equivalent to that achieved by the Trip Reduction Program when implemented to the target drive-alone rate schedule in the table in R307-320-3. The employer shall provide all substantiating information and calculations.

(c) An employer seeking exemption status shall comply with all requirements of the rule until an exemption is granted.

(d) The executive secretary shall approve or deny a request for exemption within 90 days of application.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-421. Permits: PM10 Offset Requirements in Salt Lake County and Utah County.
R307-421-1. Purpose.

The purpose of R307-421 is to require emission reductions from existing sources to offset emission increases from new or modified sources of PM10 precursors in Salt Lake and Utah Counties. The emission offset will minimize growth of PM10 precursors to ensure that these areas will continue to maintain the PM10 and PM2.5 national ambient air quality standards.

R307-421-2. Applicability.

(1) This rule applies to new or modified sources of sulfur dioxide or oxides of nitrogen that are located in or impact Salt Lake County or Utah County.

(2) A new or modified source shall be considered to impact an area if the modeled impact is greater than 1.0 microgram/cubic meter for a one-year averaging period or 3.0 micrograms/cubic meter for a 24-hour averaging period for sulfur dioxide or nitrogen dioxide.

R307-421-3. Offset Requirements.

(1) The owner or operator of any new source that has the potential to emit, or any modified source that would increase sulfur dioxide or oxides of nitrogen in an amount equal to or greater than the levels in (a) and (b) below shall obtain an enforceable emission offset as defined in (a) and (b) below.

(a) For a total of 50 tons/year or greater, an emission offset of 1.2:1 of the emission increase is required.

(b) For a total of 25 tons/year or greater but less than 50 tons/year, an emission offset of 1:1 of the emission increase is required.

R307-421-4. General Requirements.

(1) All emission offsets shall meet the general requirements for calculating and banking emission offsets that are established in R307-403-4, R307-403-7 and R307-403-8.

(2) Emission offsets shall be used only in the county where the credits are generated. In the case of sources located outside of Salt Lake or Utah Counties, the offsets shall be generated in the county where the modeled impact in R307-421-2(2) occurs.

(3) Emission offsets shall not be traded between pollutants.

R307-421-5. Transition Provision.

This rule will become effective in each county on the day that the EPA redesignates the county to attainment for PM10. The PM10 nonattainment area offset provisions in R307-403 will continue to apply until the EPA redesignates each county to attainment for PM10.

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R315. Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste.
R315-16. Standards for Universal Waste Management.
R315-16-1.General.

1.1 SCOPE

(a) This rule establishes requirements for managing the following:

(1) Batteries as described in section 1.2;

(2) Pesticides as described in section 1.3;

(3) Thermostats as described in section 1.4; and

(4) Mercury-containing lamps as described in section 1.5.

(b) This rule provides an alternative set of management standards in lieu of regulation under R315-1 through R315-101.

1.2 APPLICABILITY - BATTERIES

(a) Batteries covered under R315-16.

(1) The requirements of this rule apply to persons managing batteries, as described in section 1.9, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) Spent lead-acid batteries which are not managed under 40 CFR part 266, subpart G, as incorporated by reference at R315-14-6, are subject to management under this rule.

(b) Batteries not covered under R315-16. The requirements of this rule do not apply to persons managing the following batteries:

(1) Spent lead-acid batteries that are managed under R315-14-6.

(2) Batteries, as described in section 1.9, that are not yet wastes under R315-2, including those that do not meet the criteria for waste generation in paragraph (c) of this section.

(3) Batteries, as described in section 1.9, that are not hazardous waste. A battery is a hazardous waste if it exhibits one or more of the characteristics identified in R315-2-9.

(c) Generation of waste batteries.

(1) A used battery becomes a waste on the date it is discarded, e.g., when sent for reclamation.

(2) An unused battery becomes a waste on the date the handler decides to discard it.

1.3 APPLICABILITY - PESTICIDES

(a) Pesticides covered under R315-16. The requirements of this rule apply to persons managing pesticides, as described in section 1.9, meeting the following conditions, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this section:

(1) Recalled pesticides that are:

(i) Stocks of a suspended and canceled pesticide that are part of a voluntary or mandatory recall under FIFRA Section 19(b), including, but not limited to those owned by the registrant responsible for conducting the recall; or

(ii) Stocks of a suspended or canceled pesticide, or a pesticide that is not in compliance with FIFRA, that are part of a voluntary recall by the registrant.

(2) Stocks of other unused pesticide products that are collected and managed as part of a waste pesticide collection program.

(b) Pesticides not covered under R315-16. The requirements of this rule do not apply to persons managing the following pesticides:

(1) Recalled pesticides described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and unused pesticide products described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, that are managed by farmers in compliance with R315-5-7. R315-5-7 addresses pesticides disposed of on the farmer's own farm in a manner consistent with the disposal instructions on the pesticide label, providing the container is triple rinsed in accordance with R315-2-7(b)(3);

(2) Pesticides not meeting the conditions set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. These pesticides must be managed in compliance with the hazardous waste regulations in R315-1 through R315-101;

(3) Pesticides that are not wastes under R315-2 , including those that do not meet the criteria for waste generation in paragraph (c) of this section or those that are not wastes as described in paragraph (d) of this section; and

(4) Pesticides that are not hazardous waste. A pesticide is a hazardous waste if it is listed in R315-2-10 or if it exhibits one or more of the characteristics identified in R315-2-9.

(c) When a pesticide becomes a waste.

(1) A recalled pesticide described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section becomes a waste on the first date on which both of the following conditions apply:

(i) The generator of the recalled pesticide agrees to participate in the recall; and

(ii) The person conducting the recall decides to discard, e.g., burn the pesticide for energy recovery.

(2) An unused pesticide product described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section becomes a waste on the date the generator decides to discard it.

(d) Pesticides that are not wastes. The following pesticides are not wastes:

(1) Recalled pesticides described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, provided that the person conducting the recall:

(i) Has not made a decision to discard, e.g., burn for energy recovery, the pesticide. Until such a decision is made, the pesticide does not meet the definition of "solid waste" under R315-2-2; thus the pesticide is not a hazardous waste and is not subject to hazardous waste requirements, including R315-16. This pesticide remains subject to the requirements of FIFRA; or

(ii) Has made a decision to use a management option that, under R315-2-2, does not cause the pesticide to be a solid waste, i.e., the selected option is use, other than use constituting disposal, or reuse, other than burning for energy recovery or reclamation. Such a pesticide is not a solid waste and therefore is not a hazardous waste, and is not subject to the hazardous waste requirements including R315-16. This pesticide, including a recalled pesticide that is exported to a foreign destination for use or reuse, remains subject to the requirements of FIFRA.

(2) Unused pesticide products described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, if the generator of the unused pesticide product has not decided to discard, them, e.g., burn for energy recovery. These pesticides remain subject to the requirements of FIFRA.

1.4 APPLICABILITY - MERCURY THERMOSTATS

(a) Thermostats covered under R315-16. The requirements of this section apply to persons managing thermostats, as described in section 1.9, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Thermostats not covered under R315-16. The requirements of this section do not apply to persons managing the following thermostats:

(1) Thermostats that are not yet wastes under R315-2. Paragraph (c) of this section describes when thermostats become wastes.

(2) Thermostats that are not hazardous waste. A thermostat is a hazardous waste if it exhibits one or more of the characteristics identified in R315-2-9.

(c) Generation of waste thermostats.

(1) A used thermostat becomes a waste on the date it is discarded, e.g., sent for reclamation.

(2) An unused thermostat becomes a waste on the date the handler decides to discard it.

1.5 APPLICABILITY - LAMPS

(a) Lamps covered under R315-16. The requirements of this section apply to persons managing lamps, as described in section 1.9, except those listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Lamps not covered under R315-16. The requirements of R315-16 do not apply to persons managing the following lamps:

(1) Lamps that are not yet wastes under R315-2 as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Lamps, that are not hazardous waste. A lamp is a

hazardous waste if it exhibits one or more of the characteristics identified in R315-2-9(a) and (d) - (g).

(c) Generation of waste lamps.

(1) A used lamp becomes a waste on the date it is discarded, e.g., sent for reclamation.

(2) An unused lamp becomes a waste on the date the handler decides to discard it.

1.8 APPLICABILITY - HOUSEHOLD AND CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR WASTE

(a) Persons managing the wastes listed below may, at their option, manage them under the requirements of this section:

(1) Household wastes that are exempt under R315-2-4 and are also of the same type as the universal wastes defined in section 1.9; or

(2) Conditionally exempt small quantity generator wastes that are exempt under R315-2-5 and are also of the same type as the universal wastes defined in section 1.9.

(b) Persons who commingle the wastes described in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section together with universal waste regulated under this rule must manage the commingled waste under the requirements of this rule.

1.9 DEFINITIONS

(a) "Battery" means a device consisting of one or more electrically connected electrochemical cells which is designed to receive, store, and deliver electric energy. An electrochemical cell is a system consisting of an anode, cathode, and an electrolyte, plus such connections, electrical and mechanical, as may be needed to allow the cell to deliver or receive electrical energy. The term battery also includes an intact, unbroken battery from which the electrolyte has been removed.

(b) "Destination facility" means a facility that treats, disposes of, or recycles a particular category of universal waste, except those management activities described in sections 16-2.4(a) and (c) and sections 16-3.4(a) and (c). A facility at which a particular category of universal waste is only accumulated, is not a destination facility for purposes of managing that category of universal waste.

(c) "FIFRA" means the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. 136-136y.

(d) "Generator" means any person, by site, whose act or process produces hazardous waste identified or listed in R315-2 of this rule, or whose act first causes a hazardous waste to become subject to regulation.

(e) "Lamp," also referred to as "universal waste lamp" is defined as the bulb or tube portion of an electric lighting device. A lamp is specifically designed to produce radiant energy, most often in the ultraviolet, visible, and infra-red regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. Examples of common universal waste electric lamps include fluorescent, high intensity discharge, neon, mercury vapor, high pressure sodium, and metal halide lamps.

(f) "Large Quantity Handler of Universal Waste" means a universal waste handler, as defined in this section, who accumulates 5,000 kilograms or more total of universal waste, batteries, pesticides, lamps, or thermostats, calculated collectively, at any time. This designation as a large quantity handler of universal waste is retained through the end of the calendar year in which 5,000 kilograms or more total of universal waste is accumulated.

(g) "On-site" means the same or geographically contiguous property which may be divided by public or private right-of-way, provided that the entrance and exit between the properties is at a cross-roads intersection, and access is by crossing as opposed to going along the right of way. Non-contiguous properties owned by the same person but connected by a right-of-way which he controls and to which the public does not have access, are also considered on-site property.

(h) "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest, or intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant, other than any article that:

(1) Is a new animal drug under FFDCA section 201(w), or

(2) Is an animal drug that has been determined by regulation of the Secretary of Health and Human Services not to be a new animal drug, or

(3) Is an animal feed under FFDCA section 201(x) that bears or contains any substances described by paragraph (1) or (2) of this section.

(i) "Small Quantity Handler of Universal Waste" means a universal waste handler, as defined in this section, who does not accumulate 5,000 kilograms or more total of universal waste, batteries, pesticides, lamps, or thermostats, calculated collectively, at any time.

(j) "Thermostat" means a temperature control device that contains metallic mercury in an ampule attached to a bimetal sensing element, and mercury-containing ampules that have been removed from these temperature control devices in compliance with the requirements of sections 16-2.4(c)(2) or 16-3.4(c)(2).

(k) "Universal Waste" means any of the following hazardous wastes that are subject to the universal waste requirements of R315-16:

(1) Batteries as described in section 16-1.2;

(2) Pesticides as described in section 16-1.3;

(3) Thermostats as described in section 16-1.4; and

(4) Lamps as described in section 16-1.5.

(l) "Universal Waste Handler":

(1) Means:

(i) A generator, as defined in this section, of universal waste; or

(ii) The owner or operator of a facility, including all contiguous property, that receives universal waste from other universal waste handlers, accumulates universal waste, and sends universal waste to another universal waste handler, to a destination facility, or to a foreign destination.

(2) Does not mean:

(i) A person who treats, except under the provisions of sections 16-2.4(a) or (c), or 16-3.4(a) or (c), disposes of, or recycles universal waste; or

(ii) A person engaged in the off-site transportation of universal waste by air, rail, highway, or water, including a universal waste transfer facility.

(m) "Universal Waste Transfer Facility" means any transportation-related facility including loading docks, parking areas, storage areas and other similar areas where shipments of universal waste are held during the normal course of transportation for ten days or less.

(n) "Universal Waste Transporter" means a person engaged in the off-site transportation of universal waste by air, rail, highway, or water.

R315-16-2. Standards for Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste.

2.1 APPLICABILITY

This section applies to small quantity handlers of universal waste as defined in section 16-1.9.

2.2 PROHIBITIONS

A small quantity handler of universal waste is:

(a) Prohibited from disposing of universal waste; and

(b) Prohibited from diluting or treating universal waste, except by responding to releases as provided in section 16-2.8; or by managing specific wastes as provided in section 16-2.4.

2.3 NOTIFICATION

A small quantity handler of universal waste is not required to notify the Division of universal waste handling activities.

2.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

(a) Universal waste batteries. A small quantity handler of

universal waste must manage universal waste batteries in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment, as follows:

(1) A small quantity handler of universal waste must contain any universal waste battery that shows evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions in a container. The container must be closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the battery, and must lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(2) A small quantity handler of universal waste may conduct the following activities as long as the casing of each individual battery cell is not breached and remains intact and closed, except that cells may be opened to remove electrolyte but must be immediately closed after removal:

(i) Sorting batteries by type;

(ii) Mixing battery types in one container;

(iii) Discharging batteries so as to remove the electric charge;

(iv) Regenerating used batteries;

(v) Disassembling batteries or battery packs into individual batteries or cells;

(vi) Removing batteries from consumer products; or

(vii) Removing electrolyte from batteries.

(3) A small quantity handler of universal waste who removes electrolyte from batteries, or who generates other solid waste, e.g., battery pack materials, discarded consumer products, as a result of the activities listed above, must determine whether the electrolyte or other solid waste exhibit a characteristic of hazardous waste identified in R315-2-9.

(i) If the electrolyte or other solid waste exhibits a characteristic of hazardous waste, it is subject to all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. The handler is considered the generator of the hazardous electrolyte or other waste and is subject to R315-5.

(ii) If the electrolyte or other solid waste is not hazardous, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state or local solid waste regulations.

(b) Universal waste pesticides. A small quantity handler of universal waste must manage universal waste pesticides in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment. The universal waste pesticides must be contained in one or more of the following:

(1) A container that remains closed, structurally sound, compatible with the pesticide, and that lacks evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions; or

(2) A container that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section, provided that the unacceptable container is overpacked in a container that does meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or

(3) Except for 40 CFR 265.197(c), 265.200, and 265.201, a tank that meets the requirements of R315-7-17, which incorporates 40 CFR part 265, subpart J by reference; or

(4) A transport vehicle or vessel that is closed, structurally sound, compatible with the pesticide, and that lacks evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(c) Universal waste thermostats. A small quantity handler of universal waste must manage universal waste thermostats in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment, as follows:

(1) A small quantity handler of universal waste must contain any universal waste thermostat that shows evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions in a container. The container must be closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the thermostat, and must lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(2) A small quantity handler of universal waste may remove mercury-containing ampules from universal waste thermostats provided the handler:

(i) Removes the ampules in a manner designed to prevent breakage of the ampules;

(ii) Removes ampules only over or in a containment device, e.g., tray or pan sufficient to collect and contain any mercury released from an ampule in case of breakage;

(iii) Ensures that a mercury clean-up system is readily available to immediately transfer any mercury resulting from spills or leaks from broken ampules, from the containment device to a container that meets the requirements of 40 CFR 262.34, as incorporated by reference at R315-5-3.34;

(iv) Immediately transfers any mercury resulting from spills or leaks from broken ampules from the containment device to a container that meets the requirements of 40 CFR 262.34, as incorporated by reference at R315-5-3.34;

(v) Ensures that the area in which ampules are removed is well ventilated and monitored to ensure compliance with applicable OSHA exposure levels for mercury;

(vi) Ensures that employees removing ampules are thoroughly familiar with proper waste mercury handling and emergency procedures, including transfer of mercury from containment devices to appropriate containers;

(vii) Stores removed ampules in closed, non-leaking containers that are in good condition;

(viii) Packs removed ampules in the container with packing materials adequate to prevent breakage during storage, handling, and transportation; and

(3)(i) A small quantity handler of universal waste who removes mercury-containing ampules from thermostats must determine whether the following exhibit a characteristic of hazardous waste identified in R315-2-9:

(A) Mercury or clean-up residues resulting from spills or leaks; or

(B) Other solid waste generated as a result of the removal of mercury-containing ampules, e.g., remaining thermostat units.

(ii) If the mercury, residues, or other solid waste exhibit a characteristic of hazardous waste, it must be managed in compliance with all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. The handler is considered the generator of the mercury, residues, or other waste and must manage it subject to R315-5.

(iii) If the mercury, residues, or other solid waste is not hazardous, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state or local solid waste regulations.

(d) Lamps. A small quantity handler of universal waste must manage lamps in a way that prevents release of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment as follows:

(1) A small quantity handler of universal waste shall contain any lamp in containers or packages that are structurally sound, adequate to prevent breakage, and compatible with the contents of the lamps. Such containers and packages must remain closed and must lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(2) A small quantity handler of universal waste shall immediately clean up and place in a container any lamp that is broken and must place in a container any lamp that shows evidence of breakage, leakage, or damage that could cause the release of mercury or other hazardous constituents to the environment. Containers must be closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the lamps and must lack

evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage or releases of mercury or other hazardous constituents to the environment under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

2.5 LABELING/MARKING

A small quantity handler of universal waste must label or mark the universal waste to identify the type of universal waste as specified below:

(a) Universal waste batteries, i.e., each battery, or a container in which the batteries are contained, must be labeled or marked clearly with the following phrase: "Universal Waste Battery" or "Universal Waste Batteries";

(b) A container, or multiple container package unit, tank, transport vehicle or vessel in which recalled universal waste pesticides as described in section 16-1.3(a)(1) are contained must be labeled or marked clearly with:

(1) The label that was on or accompanied the product as sold or distributed; and

(2) The words "Universal Waste Pesticide" or "Universal Waste Pesticides";

(c) A container, tank, or transport vehicle or vessel in which unused pesticide products as described in section 16-1.3(a)(2) are contained must be labeled or marked clearly with:

(1)(i) The label that was on the product when purchased, if still legible;

(ii) If using the labels described in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section is not feasible, the appropriate label as required under the Department of Transportation regulation 49 CFR part 172;

(iii) If using the labels described in paragraphs (c)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section is not feasible, another label prescribed or designated by the waste pesticide collection program administered or recognized by a state; and

(2) The words "Universal Waste-Pesticide" or "Universal Waste Pesticides."

(d) Universal waste thermostats, i.e., each thermostat, or a container in which the thermostats are contained, must be labeled or marked clearly with the following phrase: "Universal Waste Mercury Thermostat" or "Universal Waste Mercury Thermostats."

(e) Each lamp or a container or package in which such lamps are contained shall be labeled or marked clearly with one of the following phrases: "Universal Waste - Lamp(s)," or "Waste Lamp(s)," or "Used Lamp(s)."

2.6 ACCUMULATION TIME LIMITS

(a) A small quantity handler of universal waste may accumulate universal waste for no longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, or received from another handler, unless the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section are met.

(b) A small quantity handler of universal waste may accumulate universal waste for longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, or received from another handler, if such activity is solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of universal waste as necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal. However, the handler bears the burden of proving that such activity is solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of universal waste as necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal.

(c) A small quantity handler of universal waste who accumulates universal waste must be able to demonstrate the length of time that the universal waste has been accumulated from the date it becomes a waste or is received. The handler may make this demonstration by:

(1) Placing the universal waste in a container and marking or labeling the container with the earliest date that any universal waste in the container became a waste or was received;

(2) Marking or labeling each individual item of universal waste, e.g., each battery, lamp, or thermostat with the date it became a waste or was received;

(3) Maintaining an inventory system on-site that identifies the date each universal waste became a waste or was received;

(4) Maintaining an inventory system on-site that identifies the earliest date that any universal waste in a group of universal waste items or a group of containers of universal waste became a waste or was received;

(5) Placing the universal waste in a specific accumulation area and identifying the earliest date that any universal waste in the area became a waste or was received; or

(6) Any other method which clearly demonstrates the length of time that the universal waste has been accumulated from the date it becomes a waste or is received.

2.7 EMPLOYEE TRAINING

A small quantity handler of universal waste must inform all employees who handle or have responsibility for managing universal waste. The information must describe proper handling and emergency procedures appropriate to the type, or types of universal waste handled at the facility.

2.8 RESPONSE TO RELEASES

(a) A small quantity handler of universal waste must immediately contain all releases of universal wastes and other residues from universal wastes.

(b) A small quantity handler of universal waste must determine whether any material resulting from the release is hazardous waste, and if so, must manage the hazardous waste in compliance with all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. The handler is considered the generator of the material resulting from the release, and must manage it in compliance with R315-5.

2.9 OFF-SITE SHIPMENTS

(a) A small quantity handler of universal waste is prohibited from sending or taking universal waste to a place other than another universal waste handler, a destination facility, or a foreign destination.

(b) If a small quantity handler of universal waste self-transports universal waste off-site, the handler becomes a universal waste transporter for those self-transportation activities and must comply with the transporter requirements of section 16-4 of this rule while transporting the universal waste.

(c) If a universal waste being offered for off-site transportation meets the definition of hazardous materials under 49 CFR parts 171 through 180, a small quantity handler of universal waste must package, label, mark and placard the shipment, and prepare the proper shipping papers in accordance with the applicable Department of Transportation regulations under 49 CFR parts 172 through 180;

(d) Prior to sending a shipment of universal waste to another universal waste handler, the originating handler must ensure that the receiving handler agrees to receive the shipment.

(e) If a small quantity handler of universal waste sends a shipment of universal waste to another handler or to a destination facility and the shipment is rejected by the receiving handler or destination facility, the originating handler must either:

(1) Receive the waste back when notified that the shipment has been rejected, or

(2) Agree with the receiving handler on a destination facility to which the shipment will be sent.

(f) A small quantity handler of universal waste may reject a shipment containing universal waste, or a portion of a shipment containing universal waste that he has received from another handler. If a handler rejects a shipment or a portion of a shipment, he must contact the originating handler to notify him of the rejection and to discuss reshipment of the load. The handler must:

(1) Send the shipment back to the originating handler, or

(2) If agreed to by both the originating and receiving handler, send the shipment to a destination facility.

(g) If a small quantity handler of universal waste receives a shipment containing hazardous waste that is not a universal waste, the handler must immediately notify the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste of the illegal shipment, and provide the name, address, and phone number of the originating shipper. The Division will provide instructions for managing the hazardous waste.

(h) If a small quantity handler of universal waste receives a shipment of non-hazardous, non-universal waste, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state or local solid waste regulations.

2.10 TRACKING UNIVERSAL WASTE SHIPMENTS

A small quantity handler of universal waste is not required to keep records of shipments of universal waste.

2.11 EXPORTS

A small quantity handler of universal waste who sends universal waste to a foreign destination other than to those OECD countries specified in R315-5-5, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262.58(a)(1), in which case the handler is subject to the requirements of R315-5-8, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262 subpart H, must:

(a) Comply with the requirements applicable to a primary exporter in 40 CFR 262.53, 262.56(a)(1) through (4) and (6), 262.53(b), and 262.57, as incorporated by reference at R315-5-5;

(b) Export such universal waste only upon consent of the receiving country and in conformance with the EPA Acknowledgment of Consent as defined in 40 CFR part 262 subpart E, as incorporated by reference at R315-5-5; and

(c) Provide a copy of the EPA Acknowledgment of Consent for the shipment to the transporter transporting the shipment for export.

2.12 TESTING REQUIREMENTS

A determination of whether or not mercury-containing lamps are hazardous waste shall be performed by a Utah certified laboratory using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure according to:

(a) R315-50-7, which incorporates the requirements of 40 CFR 261, Appendix II, 1993 ed.; and

(b) the Science Applications International Corporation report, "Analytical Results of Mercury in Fluorescent Lamps," section 6.0, "Summary Guidelines for the Extraction of Fluorescent Lamps," 1992, prepared for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R315-16-3. Standards for Large Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste.

3.1 APPLICABILITY

This section applies to large quantity handlers of universal waste as defined in section 16-1.9.

3.2 PROHIBITIONS

A large quantity handler of universal waste is:

(a) Prohibited from disposing of universal waste; and

(b) Prohibited from diluting or treating universal waste, except by responding to releases as provided in section 16-3.8; or by managing specific wastes as provided in section 16-3.4.

3.3 NOTIFICATION

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) of this section, a large quantity handler of universal waste must have sent written notification of universal waste management to the Executive Secretary, and received an EPA Identification Number, before meeting or exceeding the 5,000 kilogram storage limit.

(2) A large quantity handler of universal waste who has already notified the Division of his hazardous waste management activities and has received an EPA Identification Number is not required to renotify under this section.

(3) A large quantity handler of universal waste who manages recalled universal waste pesticides as described in section 16-1.3(a)(1) and who has sent notification to EPA as required by 40 CFR part 165 is not required to notify for those recalled universal waste pesticides under this section.

(b) This notification must include:

(1) The universal waste handler's name and mailing address;

(2) The name and business telephone number of the person at the universal waste handler's site who should be contacted regarding universal waste management activities;

(3) The address or physical location of the universal waste management activities;

(4) A list of all of the types of universal waste managed by the handler, e.g., batteries, pesticides, thermostats, lamps;

(5) A statement indicating that the handler is accumulating more than 5,000 kilograms of universal waste at one time and the types of universal waste, e.g., batteries, pesticides, thermostats, and lamps, the handler is accumulating above this quantity.

3.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

(a) Universal waste batteries. A large quantity handler of universal waste must manage universal waste batteries in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment, as follows:

(1) A large quantity handler of universal waste must contain any universal waste battery that shows evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions in a container. The container must be closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the battery, and must lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(2) A large quantity handler of universal waste may conduct the following activities as long as the casing of each individual battery cell is not breached and remains intact and closed, except that cells may be opened to remove electrolyte but must be immediately closed after removal:

(i) Sorting batteries by type;

(ii) Mixing battery types in one container;

(iii) Discharging batteries so as to remove the electric charge;

(iv) Regenerating used batteries;

(v) Disassembling batteries or battery packs into individual batteries or cells;

(vi) Removing batteries from consumer products; or

(vii) Removing electrolyte from batteries.

(3) A large quantity handler of universal waste who removes electrolyte from batteries, or who generates other solid waste, e.g., battery pack materials, discarded consumer products as a result of the activities listed above, must determine whether the electrolyte or other solid waste, or both, exhibits a characteristic of hazardous waste identified in R315-2-9.

(i) If the electrolyte or other solid waste exhibits a characteristic of hazardous waste, it must be managed in compliance with all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. The handler is considered the generator of the hazardous electrolyte or other waste and is subject to R315-5.

(ii) If the electrolyte or other solid waste is not hazardous, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state or local solid waste regulations.

(b) Universal waste pesticides. A large quantity handler of universal waste must manage universal waste pesticides in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment. The universal waste pesticides must be contained in one or more of the following:

(1) A container that remains closed, structurally sound, compatible with the pesticide, and that lacks evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under

reasonably foreseeable conditions; or

(2) A container that does not meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section, provided that the unacceptable container is overpacked in a container that does meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or

(3) A tank that meets the requirements of R315-7-17, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR part 265 subpart J, excluding the requirements of 40 CFR 265.197(c), 265.200, and 265.201; or

(4) A transport vehicle or vessel that is closed, structurally sound, compatible with the pesticide, and that lacks evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(c) Universal waste thermostats. A large quantity handler of universal waste must manage universal waste thermostats in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment, as follows:

(1) A large quantity handler of universal waste must contain any universal waste thermostat that shows evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions in a container. The container must be closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the thermostat, and must lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(2) A large quantity handler of universal waste may remove mercury-containing ampules from universal waste thermostats provided the handler:

(i) Removes the ampules in a manner designed to prevent breakage of the ampules;

(ii) Removes ampules only over or in a containment device, e.g., tray or pan sufficient to contain any mercury released from an ampule in case of breakage;

(iii) Ensures that a mercury clean-up system is readily available to immediately transfer any mercury resulting from spills or leaks from broken ampules, from the containment device to a container that meets the requirements of R315-5-3.34;

(iv) Immediately transfers any mercury resulting from spills or leaks from broken ampules from the containment device to a container that meets the requirements of R315-5-3.34;

(v) Ensures that the area in which ampules are removed is well ventilated and monitored to ensure compliance with applicable OSHA exposure levels for mercury;

(vi) Ensures that employees removing ampules are thoroughly familiar with proper waste mercury handling and emergency procedures, including transfer of mercury from containment devices to appropriate containers;

(vii) Stores removed ampules in closed, non-leaking containers that are in good condition;

(viii) Packs removed ampules in the container with packing materials adequate to prevent breakage during storage, handling, and transportation; and

(3)(i) A large quantity handler of universal waste who removes mercury-containing ampules from thermostats must determine whether the following exhibit a characteristic of hazardous waste identified in R315-2-9:

(A) Mercury or clean-up residues resulting from spills or leaks; or

(B) Other solid waste generated as a result of the removal of mercury-containing ampules, e.g., remaining thermostat units.

(ii) If the mercury, residues, or other solid waste exhibit a characteristic of hazardous waste, it must be managed in compliance with all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. The handler is considered the generator of the mercury, residues, or other waste and is subject to R315-5.

(iii) If the mercury, residues, or other solid waste is not hazardous, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state or local solid waste regulations.

(d) Lamps. A large quantity handler of universal waste shall manage lamps in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component of a universal waste to the environment, as follows:

(1) A large quantity handler of universal waste shall contain any lamp in containers or packages that are structurally sound, adequate to prevent breakage, and compatible with the contents of the lamps. Such containers and packages shall remain closed and shall lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

(2) A large quantity handler of universal waste shall immediately clean up and place in a container any lamp that is broken and shall place in a container any lamp that shows evidence of breakage, leakage, or damage that could cause the release of mercury or other hazardous constituents to the environment. Containers shall be closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the lamps and shall lack evidence of leakage, spillage, or damage that could cause leakage or releases of mercury or other hazardous constituents to the environment under reasonably foreseeable conditions.

3.5 LABELING/MARKING

A large quantity handler of universal waste must label or mark the universal waste to identify the type of universal waste as specified below:

(a) Universal waste batteries, i.e., each battery, or a container or tank in which the batteries are contained, must be labeled or marked clearly with the following phrase: "Universal Waste Battery" or "Universal Waste Batteries";

(b) A container, or multiple container package unit, tank, transport vehicle or vessel in which recalled universal waste pesticides as described in R315-16-1-3(a)(1) are contained must be labeled or marked clearly with:

(1) The label that was on or accompanied the product as sold or distributed; and

(2) The words "Universal Waste Pesticide" or "Universal Waste Pesticides";

(c) A container, tank, or transport vehicle or vessel in which unused pesticide products as described in R315-16-1-3(a)(2) are contained must be labeled or marked clearly with:

(1)(i) The label that was on the product when purchased, if still legible;

(ii) If using the labels described in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section is not feasible, the appropriate label as required under the Department of Transportation regulation 49 CFR part 172;

(iii) If using the labels described in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (1)(ii) of this section is not feasible, another label prescribed or designated by the pesticide collection program; and

(2) The words "Universal Waste Pesticide" or "Universal Waste Pesticides".

(d) Universal waste thermostats, i.e., each thermostat, or a container or tank in which the thermostats are contained, must be labeled or marked clearly with the following phrase: "Universal Waste Mercury Thermostat" or "Universal Waste Mercury Thermostats".

(e) Each lamp or a container or package in which such lamps are contained shall be labeled or marked clearly with any one of the following phrases: "Universal Waste - Lamp(s)," or "Waste Lamp(s)," or "Used Lamp(s)."

3.6 ACCUMULATION TIME LIMITS

(a) A large quantity handler of universal waste may accumulate universal waste for no longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, or received from another handler, unless the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section are met.

(b) A large quantity handler of universal waste may

accumulate universal waste for longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, or received from another handler, if such activity is solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of universal waste as necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal. However, the handler bears the burden of proving that such activity was solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of universal waste as necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal.

(c) A large quantity handler of universal waste must be able to demonstrate the length of time that the universal waste has been accumulated from the date it becomes a waste or is received. The handler may make this demonstration by:

(1) Placing the universal waste in a container and marking or labeling the container with the earliest date that any universal waste in the container became a waste or was received;

(2) Marking or labeling the individual item of universal waste, e.g., each battery, lamp, or thermostat) with the date it became a waste or was received;

(3) Maintaining an inventory system on-site that identifies the date the universal waste being accumulated became a waste or was received;

(4) Maintaining an inventory system on-site that identifies the earliest date that any universal waste in a group of universal waste items or a group of containers of universal waste became a waste or was received;

(5) Placing the universal waste in a specific accumulation area and identifying the earliest date that any universal waste in the area became a waste or was received; or

(6) Any other method which clearly demonstrates the length of time that the universal waste has been accumulated from the date it becomes a waste or is received.

3.7 EMPLOYEE TRAINING

A large quantity handler of universal waste must ensure that all employees are thoroughly familiar with proper waste handling and emergency procedures, relative to their responsibilities during normal facility operations and emergencies.

3.8 RESPONSE TO RELEASES

(a) A large quantity handler of universal waste must immediately contain all releases of universal wastes and other residues from universal wastes.

(b) A large quantity handler of universal waste must determine whether any material resulting from the release is hazardous waste, and if so, must manage the hazardous waste in compliance with all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. The handler is considered the generator of the material resulting from the release, and is subject to R315-5.

3.9 OFF-SITE SHIPMENTS

(a) A large quantity handler of universal waste is prohibited from sending or taking universal waste to a place other than another universal waste handler, a destination facility, or a foreign destination.

(b) If a large quantity handler of universal waste self-transports universal waste off-site, the handler becomes a universal waste transporter for those self-transportation activities and must comply with the transporter requirements of section 16-4 while transporting the universal waste.

(c) If a universal waste being offered for off-site transportation meets the definition of hazardous materials under 49 CFR 171 through 180, a large quantity handler of universal waste must package, label, mark and placard the shipment, and prepare the proper shipping papers in accordance with the applicable Department of Transportation regulations under 49 CFR parts 172 through 180;

(d) Prior to sending a shipment of universal waste to another universal waste handler, the originating handler must ensure that the receiving handler agrees to receive the shipment.

(e) If a large quantity handler of universal waste sends a shipment of universal waste to another handler or to a destination facility and the shipment is rejected by the receiving handler or destination facility, the originating handler must either:

(1) Receive the waste back when notified that the shipment has been rejected, or

(2) Agree with the receiving handler on a destination facility to which the shipment will be sent.

(f) A large quantity handler of universal waste may reject a shipment containing universal waste, or a portion of a shipment containing universal waste that he has received from another handler. If a handler rejects a shipment or a portion of a shipment, he must contact the originating handler to notify him of the rejection and to discuss reshipment of the load. The handler must:

(1) Send the shipment back to the originating handler, or

(2) If agreed to by both the originating and receiving handler, send the shipment to a destination facility.

(g) If a large quantity handler of universal waste receives a shipment containing hazardous waste that is not a universal waste, the handler must immediately notify the Division of the illegal shipment, and provide the name, address, and phone number of the originating shipper. The Division will provide instructions for managing the hazardous waste.

(h) If a large quantity handler of universal waste receives a shipment of non-hazardous, non-universal waste, the handler may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal, state or local solid waste regulations.

3.10 TRACKING UNIVERSAL WASTE SHIPMENTS

(a) Receipt of shipments. A large quantity handler of universal waste must keep a record of each shipment of universal waste received at the facility. The record may take the form of a log, invoice, manifest, bill of lading, or other shipping document. The record for each shipment of universal waste received must include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the originating universal waste handler or foreign shipper from whom the universal waste was sent;

(2) The quantity of each type of universal waste received, e.g., batteries, pesticides, lamps, or thermostats;

(3) The date of receipt of the shipment of universal waste.

(b) Shipments off-site. A large quantity handler of universal waste must keep a record of each shipment of universal waste sent from the handler to other facilities. The record may take the form of a log, invoice, manifest, bill of lading or other shipping document. The record for each shipment of universal waste sent must include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the universal waste handler, destination facility, or foreign destination to whom the universal waste was sent;

(2) The quantity of each type of universal waste sent, e.g., batteries, pesticides, thermostats, or lamps;

(3) The date the shipment of universal waste left the facility.

(c) Record retention.

(1) A large quantity handler of universal waste must retain the records described in paragraph (a) of this section for at least three years from the date of receipt of a shipment of universal waste.

(2) A large quantity handler of universal waste must retain the records described in paragraph (b) of this section for at least three years from the date a shipment of universal waste left the facility.

3.11 EXPORTS

A large quantity handler of universal waste who sends universal waste to a foreign destination other than to those OECD countries specified in R315-5-5, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262.58(a)(1), in which case the handler is

subject to the requirements of R315-5-8, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262 subpart H, must:

(a) Comply with the requirements applicable to a primary exporter in R315-5-5;

(b) Export such universal waste only upon consent of the receiving country and in conformance with the EPA Acknowledgement of Consent as defined in subpart E of 40 CFR, part 262, as incorporated by reference at R315-5-5; and

(c) Provide a copy of the EPA Acknowledgement of Consent for the shipment to the transporter transporting the shipment for export.

3.12 TESTING REQUIREMENTS

A determination of whether or not mercury-containing lamps are hazardous waste shall be performed by a Utah certified laboratory using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure according to:

(a) R315-50-7, which incorporates the requirements of 40 CFR 261, Appendix II, 1993 ed.; and

(b) the Science Applications International Corporation report, "Analytical Results of Mercury in Fluorescent Lamps," section 6.0, "Summary Guidelines for the Extraction of Fluorescent Lamps," which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R315-16-4. Standards for Universal Waste Transporters.

4.1 APPLICABILITY

This section applies to universal waste transporters, as defined in R315-16-1.9.

4.2 PROHIBITIONS

A universal waste transporter is:

(a) Prohibited from disposing of universal waste; and

(b) Prohibited from diluting or treating universal waste, except by responding to releases as provided in section 16-4.5.

4.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT

(a) A universal waste transporter must comply with all applicable U.S. Department of Transportation regulations in 49 CFR part 171 through 180 for transport of any universal waste that meets the definition of hazardous material in 49 CFR 171.8. For purposes of the Department of Transportation regulations, a material is considered a hazardous waste if it is subject to the Hazardous Waste Manifest Requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency specified in 40 CFR part 262. Because universal waste does not require a hazardous waste manifest, it is not considered hazardous waste under the Department of Transportation regulations.

(b) Some universal waste materials are regulated by the Department of Transportation as hazardous materials because they meet the criteria for one or more hazard classes specified in 49 CFR 173.2. As universal waste, shipments do not require a manifest under 40 CFR 262, they may not be described by the DOT proper shipping name "hazardous waste, (l) or (s), n.o.s.", nor may the hazardous material's proper shipping name be modified by adding the word "waste."

4.4 ACCUMULATION TIME LIMITS

(a) A universal waste transporter may only store the universal waste at a universal waste transfer facility for ten days or less.

(b) If a universal waste transporter stores universal waste for more than ten days, the transporter becomes a universal waste handler and must comply with the applicable requirements of sections 16-2 or 16-3 of this rule while storing the universal waste.

4.5 RESPONSE TO RELEASES

(a) A universal waste transporter must immediately contain all releases of universal wastes and other residues from universal wastes.

(b) A universal waste transporter must determine whether any material resulting from the release is hazardous waste, and if so, it is subject to all applicable requirements of R315-1 through R315-101. If the waste is determined to be a hazardous waste, the transporter is subject to R315-5.

4.6 OFF-SITE SHIPMENTS

(a) A universal waste transporter is prohibited from transporting the universal waste to a place other than a universal waste handler, a destination facility, or a foreign destination.

(b) If the universal waste being shipped off-site meets the Department of Transportation's definition of hazardous materials under 49 CFR 171.8, the shipment must be properly described on a shipping paper in accordance with the applicable Department of Transportation regulations under 49 CFR part 172.

4.7 EXPORTS

A universal waste transporter transporting a shipment of universal waste to a foreign destination other than to those OECD countries specified in R315-5-5, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262.58(a)(1), in which case the transporter is subject to the requirements of R315-5-8, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262 subpart H, may not accept a shipment if the transporter knows the shipment does not conform to the EPA Acknowledgment of Consent. In addition the transporter must ensure that:

(a) A copy of the EPA Acknowledgment of Consent accompanies the shipment; and

(b) The shipment is delivered to the facility designated by the person initiating the shipment.

R315-16-5. Standards for Destination Facilities.

5.1 APPLICABILITY

(a) The owner or operator of a destination facility as defined in section 16-1.9 is subject to all applicable requirements of R315-3, R315-7, R315-8, R315-13, R315-14, and the notification requirement under section 3010 of RCRA.

(b) The owner or operator of a destination facility that recycles a particular universal waste without storing that universal waste before it is recycled must comply with 40 CFR 261.6(c)(2), as incorporated by reference at R315-2-6.

5.2 OFF-SITE SHIPMENTS

(a) The owner or operator of a destination facility is prohibited from sending or taking universal waste to a place other than a universal waste handler, another destination facility or foreign destination.

(b) The owner or operator of a destination facility may reject a shipment containing universal waste, or a portion of a shipment containing universal waste. If the owner or operator of the destination facility rejects a shipment or a portion of a shipment, he must contact the shipper to notify him of the rejection and to discuss reshipment of the load. The owner or operator of the destination facility must:

(1) Send the shipment back to the original shipper, or

(2) If agreed to by both the shipper and the owner or operator of the destination facility, send the shipment to another destination facility.

(c) If the a owner or operator of a destination facility receives a shipment containing hazardous waste that is not a universal waste, the owner or operator of the destination facility must immediately notify the appropriate regional EPA office of the illegal shipment, and provide the name, address, and phone number of the shipper. The Division will provide instructions for managing the hazardous waste.

(d) If the owner or operator of a destination facility receives a shipment of non-hazardous, non-universal waste, the owner or operator may manage the waste in any way that is in compliance with applicable federal or state solid waste regulations.

5.3 TRACKING UNIVERSAL WASTE SHIPMENTS.

(a) The owner or operator of a destination facility must keep a record of each shipment of universal waste received at the facility. The record may take the form of a log, invoice,

manifest, bill of lading, or other shipping document. The record for each shipment of universal waste received must include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the universal waste handler, destination facility, or foreign shipper from whom the universal waste was sent;

(2) The quantity of each type of universal waste received, e.g., batteries, pesticides, thermostats, or lamps;

(3) The date of receipt of the shipment of universal waste.

(b) The owner or operator of a destination facility must retain the records described in paragraph (a) of this section for at least three years from the date of receipt of a shipment of universal waste.

R315-16-6. Import Requirements.

Persons managing universal waste that is imported from a foreign country into the United States are subject to the applicable requirements of this rule, immediately after the waste enters the United States, as indicated in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section:

(a) A universal waste transporter is subject to the universal waste transporter requirements of section 16-4 of this rule.

(b) A universal waste handler is subject to the small or large quantity handler of universal waste requirements of sections 16-2 or 16-3, as applicable.

(c) An owner or operator of a destination facility is subject to the destination facility requirements of section 16-5 of this rule.

(d) Persons managing universal waste that is imported from an OECD country as specified in R315-5-5, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262,58(a)(1), are subject to paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, in addition to the requirements of R315-5-8, which incorporates by reference 40 CFR 262, subpart H.

R315-16-7. Petitions to Include Other Wastes Under R315-16.

7.1 GENERAL

(a) Any person seeking to add a hazardous waste or a category of hazardous waste to R315-16 may petition for a regulatory amendment under this section and R315-2.

(b) To be successful, the petitioner must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive Secretary that regulation under the universal waste regulations of R315-16 is: appropriate for the waste or category of waste; will improve management practices for the waste or category of waste; and will improve implementation of the hazardous waste program. The petition must include the information required by R315-2-17(b). The petition should also address as many of the factors listed in R315-16-7.2 as are appropriate for the waste or waste category addressed in the petition.

(c) The Executive Secretary will evaluate petitions using the factors listed in R315-16-7.2. The Executive Secretary will grant or deny a petition using the factors listed in section 16-7-2. The decision will be based on the weight of evidence showing that regulation under R315-16 is appropriate for the waste or category of waste, will improve management practices for the waste or category of waste, and will improve implementation of the hazardous waste program.

(d) The Executive Secretary may request additional information needed to evaluate the merits of the petition.

7.2 FACTORS FOR PETITIONS TO INCLUDE OTHER WASTES UNDER R315-16

(a) The waste or category of waste, as generated by a wide variety of generators, is listed in R315-2-10, 2-11, and 2-26 (which incorporate by reference 40 CFR 261 Subpart D), and R315-2-24, or if not listed, a proportion of the waste stream exhibits one or more characteristics of hazardous waste identified in R315-2-9. When a characteristic waste is added to the universal waste regulations of R315-16 by using a generic name to identify the waste category, e.g., batteries, the definition of universal waste in section 16-1.9 will be amended to include only the hazardous waste portion of the waste category, e.g., hazardous waste batteries. Thus, only the portion of the waste stream that does exhibit one or more characteristics, i.e., is hazardous waste, is subject to the universal waste regulations of R315-16;

(b) The waste or category of waste is not exclusive to a specific industry or group of industries, is commonly generated by a wide variety of types of establishments, including, for example, households, retail and commercial businesses, office complexes, conditionally exempt small quantity generators, small businesses, government organizations, as well as large industrial facilities;

(c) The waste or category of waste is generated by a large number of generators, e.g., more than 1,000 nationally, and is frequently generated in relatively small quantities by each generator;

(d) Systems to be used for collecting the waste or category of waste, including packaging, marking, and labeling practices, would ensure close stewardship of the waste;

(e) The risk posed by the waste or category of waste during accumulation and transport is relatively low compared to other hazardous wastes, and specific management standards proposed or referenced by the petitioner, e.g., waste management requirements appropriate to be added to R315-16, sections 2.4, 3.4, and 4.3; and applicable Department of Transportation requirements would be protective of human health and the environment during accumulation and transport;

(f) Regulation of the waste or category of waste under R315-16 will increase the likelihood that the waste will be diverted from non-hazardous waste management systems, e.g., the municipal waste stream, non-hazardous industrial or commercial waste stream, and municipal sewer or stormwater systems, to recycling, treatment, or disposal in compliance with Utah Code Annotated 19-6.

(g) Regulation of the waste or category of waste under R315-16 will improve implementation of and compliance with the hazardous waste regulatory program; and

(h) Such other factors as may be appropriate.

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R315. Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste.
R315-102. Penalty Policy.
R315-102-1. Purpose, Scope, and Applicability.

(a) Subsection 19-6-113(2) of the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Act and Subsection 19-6-721(1) of the Used Oil Management Act provide that any person who violates any order, plan, rule, or other requirement issued or adopted under the Acts is subject in a civil proceeding to a penalty of not more than $10,000 per day for each day of violation. Subsection 19-6-104(1)(e) of the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Act allows the board to settle or compromise administrative or civil actions initiated to compel compliance with the Act or rules adopted under the Act.

(b) The following criteria are to be used by the Executive Secretary of the Board for determining amounts which (1) may be sought in settlement of enforcement actions, and which (2) may be accepted in settlement of enforcement actions.

(c) The procedures in R315-102 are intended solely for the guidance of the Executive Secretary and are not intended, and cannot be relied upon, to create a cause of action against the State.

R315-102-2. Criterion 1: Factors.

The Executive Secretary shall consider the following factors when calculating a settlement amount:

(a) Economic benefit of noncompliance. These are the costs a person may save by delaying or avoiding compliance with applicable laws or rules.

(b) Gravity of the violation. This component of the calculation shall be based on:

(1) the extent of deviation from the rules, and

(2) the potential for harm to human health and the environment, regardless of the extent of harm that actually occurred.

(c) The number of days of noncompliance.

(d) Good faith efforts to comply or lack of good faith. This takes into account the openness in dealing with the violations, promptness in correction of the problems, and the degree of cooperation with the State to include accessibility to information and the amount of State effort necessary to bring the person into compliance.

(e) Degree of willfulness or negligence. Factors to be considered include how much control the violator had over the events constituting the violation, the foreseeability of the events constituting the violation, whether the violator took reasonable precautions to prevent the violation, and whether the violator knew, or should have known, of the hazards associated with the conduct or the legal requirements which were violated.

(f) History of compliance or noncompliance. The settlement amount may be adjusted upward in consideration of previous violations and the degree of recidivism. Likewise, the settlement amount may be adjusted downward when it is shown that the violator has a good compliance record.

(g) Ability to pay. The settlement amount may be adjusted downward based on a person's inability to pay. This should be distinguished from a person's unwillingness to pay. In cases of financial hardship, the Executive Secretary may accept payment of the settlement under an installment plan, delayed payment schedule, reduced penalty amount, or any combination of these options.

(h) Other unique factors.

R315-102-3. Criterion 2: Calculation of Settlement Amounts.

(a) Violations are grouped into the following categories based on the gravity of the violation:

(1) Major potential for harm, major extent of deviation from the requirement: $8,000 to $10,000.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a relatively high risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a relatively high adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste, or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator deviates from requirements of the regulation or statute to such an extent that most, or important aspects, of the requirements are not met, resulting in substantial noncompliance.

(2) Major potential for harm, moderate extent of deviation from the requirement: $6,000 to $8,000.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a relatively high risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a relatively high adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste, or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator significantly deviates from the requirements of the regulation or statute but some of the requirements are implemented as intended.

(3) Major potential for harm, minor extent of deviation from the requirement: $4,400 to $6,000.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a relatively high risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a relatively high adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste, or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator deviates somewhat from the regulatory or statutory requirements but most, or all important aspects, of the requirements are met.

(4) Moderate potential for harm, major extent of deviation: $3,200 to $4,400.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a medium risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a medium adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator deviates from requirements of the regulation or statute to such an extent that most, or important aspects, of the requirements are not met, resulting in substantial noncompliance.

(5) Moderate potential for harm, moderate extent of deviation from the requirement: $2,000 to $3,200.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a medium risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a medium adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator significantly deviates from the requirements of the regulation or statute but some of the requirements are implemented as intended.

(6) Moderate potential for harm, minor extent of deviation from the requirement: $1,200 to $2,000.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a medium risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a medium adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator deviates somewhat from the regulatory or statutory requirements but most, or all important aspects, of the requirements are met.

(7) Minor potential for harm, major extent of deviation from the requirement: $600 to $1,200.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a relatively low risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to

hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a small adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste, or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator deviates from requirements of the regulation or statute to such an extent that most, or important aspects, of the requirements are not met, resulting in substantial noncompliance.

(8) Minor potential for harm, moderate extent of deviation from the requirements: $200 to $600.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a relatively low risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a small adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste, or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator significantly deviates from the requirements of the regulation or statute but some of the requirements are implemented as intended.

(9) Minor potential for harm, minor extent of deviation from the requirements: $40 to $200.

(i) The violation: poses, or may pose, a relatively low risk of exposure of humans or other environmental receptors to hazardous waste or constituents, solid waste, or used oil; or has, or may have, a small adverse effect on statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the hazardous waste, solid waste, or used oil programs.

(ii) The violator deviates somewhat from the regulatory or statutory requirements but most, or all important aspects, of the requirements are met.

(b) The Executive Secretary shall have the discretion to determine the appropriate amount within these ranges.

(c) If applicable, a multi-day component may be added to the settlement amount determined in R315-102-3(b). The amount used in a multi-day calculation will typically range from 5% to 20%, with a minimum of $40 per day, of the amount determined in R315-102-3(b) for each day of violation up to 179 days following the first day of violation. However, discretion is retained to consider amounts (1) of up to $10,000 per day of violation and (2) for days of violation after the first 179 days following the first day of violation.

(d) The amount calculated above may be adjusted by taking into account the factors specified in R315-102-2(d) through (h).

(e) This amount will then be added to any economic benefit gained by the person as specified in R315-102-2(a).

(f) If applicable, partial credit may be given for an approved supplemental environmental project.

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R396. Health, Community and Family Health Services, Immunization.
R396-100. Immunization Rule for Students.
R396-100-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) This rule implements the immunization requirements of Title 53A, Chapter 11, Part 3. It establishes minimum immunization requirements for attendance at a public, private, or parochial kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school through grade 12, nursery school, licensed day care center, child care facility, family home care, or Head Start program in this state. It establishes:

(a) required doses and frequency of vaccine administration;

(b) reporting of statistical data; and

(c) time periods for conditional enrollment.

(2) This rule is required by Section 53A-11-303 and authorized by Section 53A-11-306.

R396-100-2. Definitions.

As used in this rule:

"Department" means the Utah Department of Health.

"Early Childhood Program" means a nursery or preschool, licensed day care center, child care facility, family care home, or Head Start program.

"Exemption" means a relief from the statutory immunization requirements by reason of qualifying under Sections 53A-11-302 and 302.5.

"Parent" means a biological or adoptive parent who has legal custody of a child; a legal guardian, or the student, if of legal age.

"School" means a public, private, or parochial kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school through grade 12.

"School entry" means a student, at any grade, entering a Utah school or an early childhood program for the first time.

"Student" means an individual enrolled or attempting to enroll in a school or early childhood program.

R396-100-3. Required Immunizations.

(1) A student born before July 1, 1993 must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to school entry for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

(2) A student born after July 1, 1993 must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to school entry for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Hepatitis B.

(3) Commencing July 1, 2006, a student born after July 1, 1993, must also meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to entry into the seventh grade for the following antigens: Adult Tetanus/Diphtheria and Varicella.

(4) A student born after July 1, 1996 must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to school entry for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, and Varicella.

(5) To attend a Utah early childhood program, a student must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Haemophilus Influenza Type b prior to school entry.

(6) The vaccinations must be administered according to the recommendations of the United States Public Health Service's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as listed below which are incorporated by reference into this rule:

(a) General Recommendations on Immunization: February 8, 2002/Vol.51/No. RR-2;

(b) Immunization of Adolescents: November 22, 1996/Vol. 45/No. RR-13;

(c) Combination Vaccines for Childhood Immunization: May 14, 1999/Vol. 48/No.RR-5;

(d) Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis: Recommendations for Vaccine Use and Other Preventive Measures: August 8, 1991/Vol. 40/No. RR-10;

(e) Pertussis Vaccination: Use of Acellular Pertussis Vaccines Among Infants and Children: March 28, 1997/Vol. 46/No. RR-7;

(f) Use of Diphtheria Toxoid-Tetanus Toxoid-Acellular Pertussis Vaccine as a Five-Dose Series: Supplemental Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: November 17, 2000/Vol. 49/No. RR-13;

(g) Protection Against Viral Hepatitis: February 9, 1990/Vol. 39/No. RR-2;

(h) Hepatitis B: A Comprehensive Strategy for Eliminating Transmission in the United States Through Universal Childhood Vaccination: November 22, 1991/Vol. 40/No. RR-13;

(i) Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccines for Prevention of Haemophilus influenzae Type b Disease Among Infants and Children Two Months of Age and Older: January 11, 1991/Vol. 40/No. RR-1;

(j) Recommendations for Use of Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccines and a Combined Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis, and Haemophilus b Vaccine: September 17, 1993/Vol. 42/No. RR-13;

(k) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella-Vaccine Use and Strategies for Elimination of Measles, Rubella, and Congenital Rubella Syndrome and Control of Mumps: May 22, 1998/Vol. 47/No. RR-8;

(l) Poliomyelitis Prevention in the United States: May 19, 2000/Vol. 49/No. RR-5;

(m) Prevention of Varicella: July 12, 1996/Vol. 45/No. RR-11;

(n) Prevention of Varicella: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: May 28, 1999/Vol. 48/No. RR-6; and

(o) Prevention of Hepatitis A Through Active or Passive Immunization: October 1, 1999/Vol. 48/No. RR-12.

R396-100-4. Official Utah School Immunization Record (USIR).

(1) Schools and early childhood programs shall use the official Utah School Immunization Record (USIR) form as the record of each student's immunizations. The Department shall provide copies of the USIR to schools, early childhood programs, physicians, and local health departments upon each of their requests.

(2) Each school or early childhood program shall accept any immunization record provided by a licensed physician, registered nurse, or public health official as certification of immunization. It shall transfer this information to the USIR with the following information:

(a) name of the student;

(b) student's date of birth;

(c) vaccine administered; and

(d) the month, day, and year each dose of vaccine was administered.

(3) Each school and early childhood program shall maintain a file of the USIR for each student in all grades and an exemption form for each student claiming an exemption.

(a) The school and early childhood programs shall maintain up-to-date records of the immunization status for all students in all grades such that it can quickly exclude all non-immunized students if an outbreak occurs.

(b) If a student withdraws, transfers, is promoted or otherwise leaves school, the school or early childhood program shall either:

(i) return the USIR and any exemption form to the parent of a student; or

(ii) transfer the USIR and any exemption form with the

student's official school record to the new school or early childhood program.

(4) A representative of the Department or the local health department may examine, audit, and verify immunization records maintained by any school or early childhood program.

(5) Schools and early childhood programs may meet the record keeping requirements of this section by keeping its official school immunization records in the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS).

R396-100-5. Exemptions.

A parent claiming an exemption to immunization for medical, religious or personal reasons, as allowed by Section 53A-11-302, shall provide to the student's school or early childhood program the required completed forms. The school or early childhood program shall attach the forms to the student's USIR.

R396-100-6. Reporting Requirements.

(1) Each school and early childhood program shall report the following to the Department in the form or format prescribed by the Department:

(a) by November 30 of each year, a statistical report of the immunization status of students enrolled in a licensed day care center, Head Start program, and kindergartens;

(b) by November 30 of each year, a statistical report of the two-dose measles immunization status of all kindergarten through twelfth grade students;

(c) by November 30 of each year, a statistical report of diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis B, varicella, and the two-dose measles immunization status of all seventh grade students; and

(d) by June 15 of each year, a statistical follow-up report of those students not appropriately immunized from the November 30 report in all public schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade.

(2) The information that the Department requires in the reports shall be in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

R396-100-7. Conditional Enrollment and Exclusion.

A school or early childhood program may conditionally enroll a student who is not appropriately immunized as required in this rule. To be conditionally enrolled, a student must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and be on schedule for subsequent immunizations. If subsequent immunizations are one calendar month past due, the school or early childhood program must immediately exclude the student from the school or early childhood program.

(1) A school or early childhood program with conditionally enrolled students shall routinely review every 30 days the immunization status of all conditionally enrolled students until each student has completed the subsequent doses and provided written documentation to the school or early childhood program.

(2) Once the student has met the requirements of this rule, the school or early childhood program shall take the student off conditional status.

R396-100-8. Exclusions of Students Who Are Under Exemption and Conditionally Enrolled Status.

(1) A local or state health department representative may exclude a student who has claimed an exemption to all vaccines or to one vaccine or who is conditionally enrolled from school attendance if there is good cause to believe that the student has a vaccine preventable disease and:

(a) has been exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease; or

(b) will be exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease as a result of school attendance.

(2) An excluded student may not attend school until the local health officer is satisfied that a student is no longer at risk of contracting or transmitting a vaccine-preventable disease.

R396-100-9. Penalties.

Enforcement provisions and penalties for the violation or for the enforcement of public health rules, including this Immunization Rule for Students, are prescribed under Section 26-23-6. A violation is punishable as a class B misdemeanor on the first offense, a class A misdemeanor on the second offense or by civil penalty of up to $5,000 for each violation.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-14A. Hospice Care.
R414-14A-1. Introduction and Authority.

This rule is authorized by Utah Code sections 26-1-5 and 26-18-3(2)(a). It implements Medicaid hospice care services as found in 42 USCS 1396d(o).

R414-14A-2. Definitions.

The definitions in R414-1 apply to this rule. In addition:

(1) "Attending physician" means a physician who:

(a) is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy; and

(b) is identified by the recipient at the time he or she elects to receive hospice care as having the most significant role in the determination and delivery of the recipient's medical care.

(2) "Cap period" means the 12 month period ending October 31 used in the application of the cap on reimbursement for inpatient hospice care as described in R414-14A-22(5).

(3) "Employee" means an employee of the hospice provider or, if the hospice provider is a subdivision of an agency or organization, an employee of the agency or organization who is appropriately trained and assigned to the hospice unit. "Employee" includes a volunteer under the direction of the hospice provider.

(4) "Hospice care" means care provided to terminally ill recipients by a hospice provider.

(5) "Hospice provider" means a provider that is licensed under the provisions of R432-750 and is primarily engaged in providing care to terminally ill individuals.

(6) "Physician" means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is licensed by the state of Utah.

(7) "Representative" means an individual who has been authorized under state law to make health care decisions, including initiating, continuing, refusing, or terminating medical treatments for a recipient who is mentally unable to make health care decisions.

(8) "Terminally ill" means the recipient has a medical prognosis that his or her life expectancy is six months or less if the illness runs its normal course.

R414-14A-3. Client Eligibility Requirements.

(1) A recipient who is terminally ill may obtain hospice care pursuant to this rule.

(2) A recipient's certification of a terminal condition required for hospice eligibility must be based on a face-to-face assessment by a physician conducted no more than 90 days prior to the date of enrollment.

(3) A recipient dually enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid must elect the hospice benefit for both Medicare and Medicaid. The recipient must receive hospice coverage under Medicare. Election for the Medicaid hospice benefit provides the recipient coverage for Medicare co-insurance and coverage for room and board expenses while a resident of a Medicare-certified nursing facility, Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR), or freestanding hospice facility.

R414-14A-4. Program Access Requirements.

(1) Hospice care may be provided only by a hospice provider licensed by the Department, that is Medicare certified in accordance with 42 CFR 418, and that is a Medicaid provider.

(2) A hospice provider must have a valid Medicaid provider agreement in place prior to initiating hospice care for Medicaid clients. The Medicaid provider agreement is effective on the date a Medicaid provider application is received in the Department and shall not be made retroactive to an earlier date, including an earlier effective date of Medicare hospice certification.

(3) At the time of a change of ownership, the previous owner's provider agreement terminates as of the effective date of the change of ownership.

(4) The Department accepts all waivers granted to hospice agencies by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of the Medicare certification process.

(5) Hospice agencies participating in the Medicaid program shall provide hospice care in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 418.3 through 418.204 as contained in this rule.

R414-14A-5. Service Coverage.

Hospice care categories eligible for Medicaid reimbursement are the following:

(1) "Routine home care day" is a day in which a recipient who has elected to receive hospice care is at home and is not receiving continuous home care as defined in subsection (5)(b)of this section. For purposes of routine home care day, extended stay residents of nursing facilities are considered at home.

(2) "Continuous home care day" is a day in which a recipient who has elected to receive hospice care receives a minimum of eight aggregate hours of care from the hospice provider during a 24-hour day, which begins and ends at midnight. The eight aggregate hours of care must be predominately nursing care provided by either a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. Continuous home care is only furnished during brief periods of crisis in which a patient requires continuous care that is primarily nursing care to achieve palliation or management of acute medical symptoms. For purposes of routine home care day, extended stay residents of nursing facilities are considered at home.

(3) "Inpatient respite care day" is a day in which the recipient who has elected hospice care receives short-term inpatient care when necessary to relieve family members or other persons caring for the individual at home.

(4) "General inpatient care day" is a day in which a recipient who has elected hospice care receives general inpatient care for pain control or acute or chronic symptom management that cannot be managed in a home or other outpatient setting. General inpatient care may be provided in a hospice inpatient unit, a hospital, or a nursing facility.

(5) "Room and Board" is medication administration, performance of personal care, social activities, routine and therapeutic dietary services, meal service including direct feeding assistance, maintaining the cleanliness of the recipient's room, assistance with activities of daily living, durable equipment, prescribed therapies, and all other services unrelated to care associated with the terminal illness that would be covered under the Medicaid State plan nursing facility benefit.

R414-14A-6. Hospice Election.

(1) A recipient who meets the eligibility requirement for Medicaid hospice must file an election statement with a particular hospice. If the recipient is physically or mentally incapacitated, his or her legally authorized representative may file the election statement.

(2) The election statement must include the following:

(a) identification of the particular hospice that will provide care to the recipient;

(b) the recipient's or representative's acknowledgment that he or she has been given a full understanding of the palliative rather than curative nature of hospice care, as it relates to the recipient's terminal illness;

(c) acknowledgment that the recipient waives certain Medicaid services as set forth in R414-14A-11;

(d) acknowledgment that the recipient or representative may revoke the election of the hospice benefit at any time in the future and therefore become eligible for Medicaid services waived at the time of hospice election as set forth in R414-14A-

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(f) the signature of the recipient or representative.

(3) The effective date of the election may be the first day of hospice care or a later date, but may be no earlier than the date of the election statement

(4) An election to receive hospice care remains effective through the initial election period and through the subsequent election periods without a break in care as long as the recipient:

(a) remains in the care of a hospice;

(b) does not revoke the election; and

(c) is not discharged from the hospice.

(5) The hospice provider must notify the Department at the time a Medicaid recipient selects the hospice benefit, including selecting the hospice provider under a change of designated hospice. The notification must include a copy of the hospice election statement and the recipient's plan of care for hospice care. Authorization for reimbursement of hospice care begins no earlier than the date notification is received by the Department for an eligible Medicaid client, except as provided in R414-14A-19.

(6) Subject to the conditions set forth in this rule, a recipient may elect to receive hospice care during one or more of the following election periods:

(a) an initial 90-day period;

(b) a subsequent 90-day period; or

(c) an unlimited number of subsequent 60-day periods.

R414-14A-7. Change in Hospice Provider.

(1) A recipient or representative may change, once in each election period, the designation of the particular hospice from which hospice care will be received.

(2) The change of the designated hospice is not a revocation of the election for the period in which it is made.

(3) To change the designation of hospice provider, the recipient must file, with the hospice provider from which care has been received and with the newly designated hospice provider, a statement that includes the following information:

(a) the name of the hospice provider from which the recipient has received care;

(b) the name of the hospice provider from which the recipient plans to receive care; and

(c) the date the change is to be effective.

(4) The recipient must file the change on or before the effective date.

R414-14A-8. Revocation and Re-election of Hospice Revocation.

(1) A recipient or representative may revoke the recipient's election of hospice care at any time during an election period.

(2) To revoke the election of hospice care, the recipient or representative must file a statement with the hospice provider that includes the following information:

(a) a signed statement that the recipient or representative revokes the recipient's election for Medicaid coverage of hospice care for the remainder of that election period; and

(b) the date that the revocation is to be effective, which may not be earlier than the date that the revocation is made.

(3) Upon revocation of the election of Medicaid coverage of hospice care for a particular election period, a recipient:

(a) is no longer covered under Medicaid for hospice care;

(b) resumes Medicaid coverage for the benefits waived under R414-14A-6; and

(c) may at any time elect to receive hospice coverage for any other hospice election periods that he or she is eligible to receive.

(4) If an election has been revoked, the recipient, or his or her representative if the recipient is mentally incapacitated, may at any time file an election, in accordance with this rule, for any other election period that is still available to the recipient.

R414-14A-9. Rights Waived to Some Medicaid.

(1) For the duration of an election for hospice care, a recipient waives all rights to Medicaid to the following services:

(a) hospice care provided by a hospice other than the hospice designated by the recipient, unless provided under arrangements made by the designated hospice; and

(b) any Medicaid services that are related to the treatment of the terminal condition for which hospice care was elected or a related condition or are duplicative of hospice care except for services:

(i) provided by the designated hospice;

(ii) provided by another hospice under arrangements made by the designated hospice; and

(iii) provided by the recipient's attending physician if the services provided are not otherwise covered by the payment made for hospice care.

(2) Medicaid services for illnesses or conditions not related to the recipient's terminal illness are not covered through the hospice program but are covered when provided by the appropriate provider.

R414-14A-10. Notice of Hospice Care in a Nursing Facility, ICF/MR, or Freestanding Inpatient Hospice Facility.

(1) The hospice provider must notify the Department at the time a Medicaid recipient residing in a Medicare certified nursing facility, a Medicaid certified ICF/MR, or a Medicare freestanding inpatient hospice facility elects the Medicaid hospice benefit or at the time a Medicaid recipient who has elected the Medicaid hospice benefit is admitted to a Medicare certified nursing facility, a Medicaid certified ICF/MR, or a Medicare freestanding inpatient hospice facility.

(2) The notification must include a prognosis of the time the individual will require skilled nursing facility services under the hospice benefit.

(3) Except as provided in R414-14A-20, reimbursement for room and board begins no earlier than the date the hospice provider notifies the Department that the recipient has elected the Medicaid hospice benefit.

R414-14A-11. Notice of Independent Attending Physician.

The hospice provider must notify the Department at the time a Medicaid recipient designates an attending physician who is not a hospice employee.

R414-14A-12. Independent Review of Extended Hospice Care.

Recipients who accumulate 12 or more months of hospice benefits are subject to an independent utilization review by a physician with expertise in end-of-life and hospice care selected by the Department.

R414-14A-13. Involuntary Discharge Review.

(1) A hospice provider may not involuntary discharge a Medicaid recipient from hospice care without first obtaining approval from the Department.

(2) The hospice provider must notify the Department in writing of the intent to involuntarily discharge the recipient from hospice care.

(3) The hospice provider may involuntary discharge the recipient only if it can demonstrate to the Department that the hospice, in conjunction with other Medicaid services, cannot protect the recipient's health and safety or cannot address the recipient's needs identified through the plan of care required as a condition of participation in 42 CFR 418.58

R414-14A-14. Hospice Room and Board Service.

If a recipient residing in a nursing facility, ICF/MR or a freestanding hospice inpatient unit elects hospice care, the hospice provider and the facility must have a written agreement

under which the total care of the individual must be specified in a comprehensive service plan, the hospice provider is responsible for the professional management of the recipient's hospice care, and the facility agrees to provide room and board and services unrelated to the care of the terminal condition to the recipient. The agreement must include:

(1) identification of the services to be provided by each party and the method of care coordination to assure that all services are consistent with the hospice approach to care and are organized to achieve the outcomes defined by the hospice plan of care;

(2) a stipulation that Medicaid services may be provided only with the express authorization of the hospice;

(3) the manner in which the contracted services are coordinated, supervised and evaluated by the hospice provider;

(4) the delineation of the roles of the hospice provider and the facility in the admission process; needs assessment process, and the interdisciplinary team care conference and service planning process;

(5) requirements for documenting that services are furnished in accordance with the agreement;

(6) the qualifications of the personnel providing the services; and

(7) the billing and reimbursement process by which the nursing facility will bill the hospice provider for room and board and receive payment from the hospice provider.

R414-14A-15. In Home Physician Services.

In-home physician visits by the attending physician are authorized for hospice recipients if the attending physician determines that direct management of the recipient in the home setting is necessary to achieve the goals associated with a hospice approach to care.

R414-14A-16. Continuous Home Care.

When the hospice provider determines that a patient requires at least eight hours of primarily nursing care in order to manage an acute medical crisis, the hospice provider will maintain documentation to support the requirement that the services provided were reasonable and necessary and were in compliance with an established plan of care in order to meet a particular crisis situation. Continuous home care is a covered benefit only as necessary to maintain the terminally ill individual at home.

R414-14A-17. General Inpatient Care.

(1) General inpatient care is authorized without prior authorization for an initial five-day length of stay. Prior authorization is required for any additional general inpatient care days during the same stay to verify that the recipient's needs meet the requirements for general inpatient care. If a hospice provider requests additional days, the subsequent requests are subject to clinical review and approval by qualified Department staff.

(2) General inpatient care days may not be used due to the breakdown of the primary care giving living arrangements or the collapse of other sources of support for the recipient.

(3) Prior authorization for additional days beyond the initial five-day stay must be obtained before the hospice care is provided, except as allowed in R414-14A-19.

R414-14A-18. Inpatient Respite Care.

When the hospice provider determines that a patient requires a short-term inpatient respite stay in order to relieve the family members or other persons caring for the individual at home, the hospice provider will maintain documentation to support the requirement that the services provided were reasonable and necessary to relieve a particular caregiver situation. Inpatient respite care may not be reimbursed for more than five consecutive days at a time. Inpatient respite care may not be reimbursed for a patient residing in a nursing facility, ICF/MR, or freestanding hospice inpatient unit.

R414-14A-19. Notification and Prior Authorization Grace Periods.

During weekends, holidays, and after regular Department business hours, a hospice provider may begin service to a new Medicaid hospice enrollee, including covering room and board, or initiate a different hospice care requiring prior authorization for a period up to five days before notifying the Department. During the five-day period, the hospice provider must complete the required contact and notifications to the Department as outlined in R414-14A-4, 9, 15, 16, and 17. The Department pays for services during the allowed five-day grace period only if the hospice provider completes the required contact and notifications within the grace period and the Department determines that the individual met Medicaid eligibility requirements at the time the service was provided. If the hospice provider fails to complete the required contact and notifications to the Department within the allowed five day period, the Department does not reimburse the hospice provider for any hospice care delivered prior to the date the hospice provider completes the contact and notifications.

R414-14A-20. Post-Payment for Services Provided While in Medicaid-Pending Status.

(1) The Department will reimburse a hospice provider retroactively for up to three months prior to the individual's establishing Medicaid eligibility if:

(a) the Department determines that the individual met Medicaid eligibility requirements at the time the service was provided;

(b) the hospice care met the prior authorization criteria at the time of delivery; and

(c) the hospice provider reimburses the Department for care related to the individual's terminal illness delivered by other Medicaid providers during the retroactive period.

(2) The hospice provider must provide documentation to the Department adequate to demonstrate the service met prior authorization criteria at the time of delivery.

R414-14A-21. Hospice Care Reimbursement.

(1) Medicaid payment for covered hospice care is made in accordance with the methodology set forth in the Utah Medicaid State Plan.

(2) A hospice provider may not charge a Medicaid recipient for services for which the recipient is entitled to have payment made under Medicaid.

(3) Medicaid reimbursement to a hospice provider for services provided during a cap period is limited to the cap amount specified in R414-14A-22(5).

(4) Medicaid does not apply the aggregate caps used by Medicare.

(5) Payment for hospice care is made on the basis of the geographic location where the service is provided as described in the Medicaid State Plan.

(6) Routine home care, continuous home care, general inpatient care, inpatient respite care services, and hospice room and board, are reimbursable to the hospice provider only.

(7) Hospice general inpatient care and inpatient respite care are not reimbursed by Medicaid for services provided in a Veterans Administration hospital or military hospital.

R414-14A-22. Payment for Hospice Care Categories.

(1) The Department establishes payment amounts for the following categories:

(a) Routine home care.

(b) Continuous home care.

(c) Inpatient respite care.
(d) General inpatient care.
(e) Room and Board service.
(2) The Department reimburses the hospice provider at the appropriate payment amount for each day for which an eligible Medicaid recipient is under the hospice's care.
(3) The Medicaid reimbursement covers the same services and amounts covered by the equivalent Medicare reimbursement rate for comparable service categories.
(4) The Department makes payment according to the following procedures:
(a) Payment is made to the hospice for each day during which the recipient is eligible and under the care of the hospice, regardless of the amount of services furnished on any given day.
(b) Payment is made for only one of the categories of hospice care described in R414-14A-22(1) for any particular day.
(c) On any day in which the recipient is not an inpatient, the Department pays the hospice provider the routine home care rate, unless the recipient receives continuous home care as provided in subsection R414-14A-5(b) for a period of at least eight hours. In that case, the Department pays a portion of the continuous care day rate in accordance with subsection (5)(e).
(d) The hospice payment on a continuous care day varies depending on the number of hours of continuous services provided. The number of hours of continuous care provided during a continuous home care day is multiplied by the hourly rate to yield the continuous home care payment for that day. A minimum of eight hours of licensed nursing care must be furnished on a particular day to qualify for the continuous home care rate.
(e) Subject to the limitations described in subsection (5), on any day on which the recipient is an inpatient in an approved facility for inpatient care, the appropriate inpatient rate (general or respite) is paid depending on the category of care furnished. The inpatient rate (general or respite) is paid for the date of admission and all subsequent inpatient days, except the day on which the recipient is discharged. For the day of discharge, the appropriate home care rate is paid unless the recipient dies as an inpatient. In the case where the recipient dies as an inpatient, the inpatient rate (general or respite) is paid for the discharge day. Payment for inpatient respite care is subject to the requirement that it may not be provided consecutively for more than five days at a time.
(5) Payment for inpatient care is limited as follows:
(a) The total payment to the hospice for inpatient care (general or respite) is subject to a limitation that total inpatient care days for Medicaid recipients not exceed 20 percent of the total days for which these recipients had elected hospice care. Individuals afflicted with AIDS are excluded when calculating inpatient days.
(b) At the end of a cap period, the Department calculates a limitation on payment for inpatient care for each hospice to ensure that Medicaid payment is not made for days of inpatient care in excess of 20 percent of the total number of days of hospice care furnished to Medicaid recipients by the hospice.
(c) If the number of days of inpatient care furnished to Medicaid recipients is equal to or less than 20 percent of the total days of hospice care to Medicaid recipients, no adjustment is necessary.
(d) If the number of days of inpatient care furnished to Medicaid recipients exceeds 20 percent of the total days of hospice care to Medicaid recipients, the total payment for inpatient care is determined in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (5)(e) of this section. That amount is compared to actual payments for inpatient care, and any excess reimbursement must be refunded by the hospice.
(e) If a hospice exceeds the number of inpatient care days described in paragraph (5)(d), the total payment for inpatient care is determined as follows:
(i) Calculate the ratio of the maximum number of allowable inpatient days to the actual number of inpatient care days furnished by the hospice to Medicaid recipients.
(ii) Multiply this ratio by the total reimbursement for inpatient care made by the Department.
(iii) Multiply the number of actual inpatient days in excess of the limitation by the routine home care rate.
(iv) Sum the amounts calculated in subsections (5)(e)(ii) and (iii).
(6) The hospice provider may request an exception to the inpatient care payment limitation if the hospice provider demonstrates the volume of Medicaid enrollees during the cap period was insufficient to reasonably achieve the required 20% ratio.

R414-14A-23. Payment for Physician Services.
(1) The following services performed by hospice physicians are included in the rates described in R414-14A-21 and 22:
(a) General supervisory services of the medical director.
(b) Participation in the establishment of plans of care, supervision of care and services, periodic review and updating of plans of care, and establishment of governing policies by the physician member of the interdisciplinary group.
(2) For services not described in paragraph (1) of this section, direct care services related to the terminal illness or a related condition provided by hospice physicians are reimbursed according to the Medicaid reimbursement fee schedule for physician services. Services furnished voluntarily by physicians are not reimbursable.
(3) Services of the recipient's attending physician, including in-home services, are reimbursed according to the Medicaid fee schedule for State Plan physician services. Services furnished voluntarily by physicians are not reimbursable.

R414-14A-24. Hospice Payment Covers Special Modalities.
No additional Medicaid payment will be made for chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and other special modalities of care for palliative purposes regardless of the cost of the services.

R414-14A-25. Payment for Nursing Facility, ICF/MR, and Freestanding Inpatient Hospice Unit Room and Board.
(1) For recipients in a nursing facility, ICF/MR, or a freestanding hospice inpatient unit who elect to receive hospice care from a Medicaid enrolled hospice provider, Medicaid will pay the hospice provider an additional per diem for routine home care and continuous home care services to cover the cost of room and board in the facility. For nursing facilities and ICFs/MR, the room and board rate ise 95 percent of the amount that the Department would have paid to the nursing facility or ICF/MR provider for that recipient if the recipient had not elected to receive hospice care. For freestanding hospice inpatient facilities, the room and board rate is 95 percent of the statewide average paid by Medicaid for nursing facility services.
(2) Reimbursement for room and board is made to the hospice provider. The hospice provider is responsible to reimburse the facility the room and board payment received. The reimbursement is payment in full for the services described in R414-14A-14(2) The facility cannot bill Medicaid separately.
(3) If a hospice enrollee in a nursing facility, ICF/MR, or a freestanding hospice inpatient unit has a monetary obligation to contribute to his or her cost of care in the facility, the facility must collect and retain the contribution. The hospice must reimburse the facility the reduced amount received from Medicaid directly or from a Medicaid Health Plan.

R414-14A-26. Limitation on Liability for Certain Hospice Coverage Denials.

If a recipient is determined not to be terminally ill while hospice care were received under this rule, the recipient is not responsible to reimburse the Department. If the Department denies reimbursement to the hospice provider, the hospice provider may not seek reimbursement from the recipient.

R414-14A-27. Medicaid Health Plans and Hospice.

(1) If a Medicaid-only recipient is enrolled in a Medicaid health plan, the hospice selected by the recipient must have a contract with the health plan. The health plan is responsible to reimburse the hospice for hospice care. The Department will not directly reimburse a hospice provider for a Medicaid-only recipient covered by a health plan.

(2) If a Medicaid-only recipient enrolled in a health plan elects hospice care before being admitted to a nursing facility, ICF/MR, or a freestanding hospice inpatient unit, the health plan is responsible to reimburse the hospice provider for both the hospice care and the room and board until the individual is disenrolled from the health plan by the Department. At the point the health plan determines that the enrollee will require care in the nursing facility for greater than 30 days, the health plan will notify the Department of the prognosis of extended nursing facility services. The Department will schedule disenrollment from the health plan to occur in accordance with the terms of the health plan contract for care provided in skilled nursing facilities.

(3) If a hospice enrollee is covered by Medicare for hospice care, the Medicaid health plan is responsible for payment of the Medicare coinsurance and deductibles. The health plan is responsible for payment whether or not the Medicare covered service is rendered by a network provider or has been authorized by the health plan. If a Medicare covered service is rendered by an out-of-network Medicare provider or a non-Medicare participating provider, the health plan is responsible to pay the coinsurance and deductibles.

(4) The health plan is responsible for room and board expenses of a hospice enrollee receiving Medicare hospice care while the recipient is a resident of a Medicare-certified nursing facility, ICF/MR, or freestanding hospice facility until the individual is disenrolled from the health plan by the Department. On the 31st day, the recipient is disenrolled from the health plan and enrolled in the Medicaid fee-for-service hospice program. At the point the Department determines that the enrollee will require care in the nursing facility for greater than 30 days, The Department will schedule disenrollment from the health plan to occur in accordance with the terms of the health plan contract for care provided in skilled nursing facilities. The room and board expenses will be set in accordance with R414-14A-25.

(5) The hospice provider is responsible for determining if an applicant for hospice care is covered by a Medicaid health plan prior to enrolling the recipient, for coordinating services and reimbursement with the health plan during the period the recipient is receiving the hospice benefit, and for notifying the health plan when the recipient disenrolls from the hospice benefit.

R414-14A-28. Medicaid LTC Managed Care Projects and Hospice.

(1) A recipient receiving the Medicaid hospice benefit may enroll in a Medicaid LTC Managed Care project only if the LTC Managed Care project contractor and the recipient's hospice provider agree that the hospice care must be provided in the home. Medicaid recipients are not eligible for enrollment in a Medicaid LTC Managed Care project if the hospice care will be provided in a congregate care setting.

(2) For hospice enrollees covered by a Medicaid LTC Managed Care project, the LTC managed care contractor may provide services unrelated to the recipient's terminal illness as part of a coordinated care plan with the hospice provider.

R414-14A-29. Medicaid 1915c HCBS Waivers and Hospice.

For hospice enrollees covered by a Medicaid 1915c Home and Community-Based Services Waiver, the waiver program may provide services unrelated to the recipient's terminal illness as part of a coordinated care plan with the hospice provider.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-33D. Targeted Case Management by Community Mental Health Centers for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness.
R414-33D-1. Introduction and Authority.

(1) This rule outlines targeted case management services provided to individuals with serious mental illness to assist in gaining access to needed medical, educational, social, and other services.

(2) This rule implements 42 USC 1396n(g), which authorizes targeted case management services and is authorized under UCA 26-18-3.

R414-33D-2. Definitions.

"Serious mental illness" means a serious and often persistent mental illness in an adult or a serious emotional disorder in a child that severely limits the individual's welfare and development or functioning.

R414-33D-3. Client Eligibility Requirements.

Targeted case management is available for individuals with serious mental illness who are categorically or medically needy.

R414-33D-4. Program Access Requirements.

(1) Targeted case management is provided to individuals with serious mental illness for whom a case management needs assessment completed by a qualified targeted case manager documents that:

(a) the individual requires a comprehensive coordinated system of care and treatment or services from a variety of agencies and providers to meet his documented medical, social, educational, and other needs; and

(b) there is reasonable indication that the individual will access needed services only if assisted by a qualified targeted case manager who in accordance with an individualized case management service plan, locates, coordinates, and regularly monitors the service.

(2) Targeted case management services are at the option of the individual in the target population.

(3) Targeted case management services may not restrict an individual's free choice of providers of case management services or other Medicaid services.

R414-33D-5. Service Coverage.

(1) Covered services include:

(a) assessing and documenting the client's potential strengths, resources and needs;

(b) developing a written, individualized, and coordinated case management service plan to assure the client's adequate access to needed medical, social, educational, and other related services with input from the client, the client's family, and other agencies knowledgeable about the client's needs;

(c) linking the client with community resources and needed services, including assisting the client to establish and maintain eligibility for entitlements other than Medicaid;

(d) monitoring the client's symptomatology, functioning, medications, and medication regimen;

(e) coordinating the client's medications and medication regimen with other providers,

(f) coordinating the delivery of needed services, including CHEC screenings and follow-up and coordinating with hospital or nursing facility discharge planners in the 30-day period prior to the patient's discharge into the community;

(g) monitoring to assure the appropriateness and quality of services delivered and that they are being obtained in a timely manner;

(h) instructing the client or caretaker, as appropriate, in independently accessing needed services; and

(i) monitoring the client's progress and continued need for targeted case management and other services.

(2) The agency may bill Medicaid for the above activities only if the activities are identified in the case management service plan and the time spent in the activity involves a face-to-face encounter, telephone or written communication with the client, family, caretaker, service provider, or other individual with a direct involvement in providing or assuring the client obtains the necessary services documented in the service plan.

(3) Case management services provided to a hospital or nursing facility patient are limited to a maximum of five hours per admission.

R414-33D-6. Qualified Providers.

Targeted case management for individuals with serious mental illness must be provided by an individual employed by community mental health centers who is:

(1) a licensed physician, a licensed psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed certified social worker, a licensed social service worker, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed registered nurse, a licensed professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family counselor; or

(2) an individual working toward licensure in one of the professions identified in subsection (1) to the extent permitted by Utah Code Title 58; or

(3) a licensed practical nurse or a non-licensed individual who has met the State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health's training standards for case managers and who is working under the supervision of one of the individuals identified in subsection (1) or (2).

R414-33D-7. Reimbursement Methodology.

(1) For fee-for-service community mental health centers, the Department pays the lower of the amount billed or the rate on the mental health center's fee schedule. The fee schedule was initially established after consultation with provider representatives. A provider shall not charge the Department a fee that exceeds the provider's usual and customary charges for the provider's private-pay patients.

(2) For capitated community mental health centers, the Department pays monthly premiums to the centers for all mental health services, including targeted case management.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-301. Medicaid General Provisions.
R414-301-1. Authority.

The Department of Health may contract with the Department of Workforce Services and the Department of Human Services to do eligibility determinations for one or more of the medical programs listed below. The Department of Health is responsible for the administration of these programs:

(1) Aged Medicaid (AM);
(2) Blind Medicaid (BM);
(3) Disabled Medicaid (DM);
(4) Family Medicaid (FM);
(5) Child Medicaid (CM);
(6) Title IV-E Foster Care Medicaid (FC);
(7) Medicaid for Pregnant Women (PG);
(8) Prenatal Medicaid (PN);
(9) Newborn Medicaid (NB);
(10) Transitional Medicaid (TR);
(11) Refugee Medicaid (RM);
(12) Utah Medical Assistance Program (UMAP);
(13) Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB);
(14) Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLMB);
(15) Qualifying Individuals, Group 1 Program (QI-1);
(16) Medicaid Work Incentive;
(17) Medicaid Cancer Program;
(18) Primary Care Network Demonstration, which includes the Primary Care Network and the Covered-at-Work Programs.

R414-301-2. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in rules R414-301 through R414-308:

(1) "Agency" means any local office or outreach location of either the Department of Health or the Department of Workforce Services that accepts and processes applications for Medicaid and Medicare Cost-Sharing programs. In incorporated federal materials, "agency" means the Utah Department of Health.

(2) "Applicant" means any person requesting assistance under any of the programs listed in R414-301.

(3) "Assistance" means medical assistance under any of the programs listed in R414-301.

(4) "CHEC" means Child Health Evaluation and Care.

(5) "Client" means an applicant or recipient of any of the programs listed in R414-301.

(6) "Department" means the Department of Health.

(7) "Director" or "designee" means the director or designee of the Division of Health Care Financing.

(8) "Local" office means any community office location of the Department of Workforce Services, the Department of Human Services or the Department of Health where an individual may apply for medical assistance programs.

(9) "Outreach location" means any site other than a state office where state workers are located to accept applications for medical assistance programs. Locations include sites such as hospitals, clinics, homeless shelters, etc.

(10) "QI-1" means the Qualifying Individuals Group 1 program, a Medicare Cost-Sharing program.

(11) "QMB" means Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program, a Medicare Cost-Sharing program.

(12) "Recipient" means any individual receiving assistance under any of the programs listed in R414-301-1. It may also be used to mean someone who is receiving other assistance or benefits such as SSI, in which case the text will specify such other type of benefit or assistance.

(13) "Reportable change" means any change in circumstances which could affect a client's eligibility for Medicaid, including:

(a) change in the source of income;
(b) change of more than $25 in gross income;
(c) changes in household size;
(d) changes in residence;
(e) gain of a vehicle;
(f) change in resources;
(g) change of more than $25 in total allowable deductions;
(h) changes in marital status, deprivation, or living arrangements;
(i) pregnancy or termination of a pregnancy;
(j) onset of a disabling condition; and
(k) change in health insurance coverage including changes in the cost of coverage.

(14) "Resident of a medical institution" means a single client who is a resident of a medical institution from the month after entry into a medical institution until the month prior to discharge from the institution. Death in a medical institution is not considered a discharge from the institution and does not change the client's status as a resident of the medical institution. Married clients are residents of an institution in the month of entry into the institution and in the month they leave the institution.

(15) "SLMB" means Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary program, a Medicare Cost-Sharing program.

(16) "Spenddown" means an amount of income in excess of the allowable income standard that must be paid in cash to the department or incurred through the medical services not paid by Medicaid, or some combination of these.

(17) "Spouse" means any individual who has been married to a client or recipient and has not legally terminated the marriage.

(18) "Worker" means a state employee who determines eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare Cost-Sharing programs.

R414-301-3. Client Rights and Responsibilities.

(1) Anyone may apply or reapply any time for any program.

(2) If someone needs help to apply he may have a friend or family member help, or he may request help from the local office or outreach staff.

(3) Workers will identify themselves to clients.

(4) Clients will be treated with courtesy, dignity and respect.

(5) Workers will ask for verification and information clearly and courteously.

(6) If a client must be visited after working hours, the worker will make an appointment.

(7) Workers will not enter a client's home without the client's permission.

(8) Clients must provide requested verifications within the time limits given. The Department may grant additional time to provide information and verifications upon client request.

(9) Clients have a right to be notified about the decision made on an application or other action taken that affects their eligibility for benefits.

(10) Clients may look at most information about their case.

(11) Anyone may look at the policy manuals located at any department local office.

(12) The client must repay any understated liability. The client is responsible for repayments due to ineligibility including benefits received pending a fair hearing decision. In addition to payments made directly to medical providers, benefits include Medicare or other health insurance premiums, premium payments made in the client's behalf to Medicaid Health Plans and mental health providers even if the client does not receive a direct medical service from these entities.

(13) The client must report a reportable change as defined in R414-301-2(12) to the local office within ten days of the day the change becomes known.

R414-301-4. Safeguarding Information.

(1) The department adopts 42 CFR 431(F), 2001 ed., which is incorporated by reference. The department requires compliance with Sections 63-2-101 through 63-2-909.

(2) Workers shall safeguard all information about specific clients.

(3) There are no provisions for taxpayers to see any information from client records.

(4) The director or designee shall decide if a situation is an emergency warranting release of information to someone other than the client. The information may be released only to an agency with comparable rules for safeguarding records. The information released cannot include information obtained through an income match system.

R414-301-5. Complaints and Agency Conferences.

(1) A client may request an agency conference at any time to resolve a problem regarding the client's case. Requests shall be granted at the department's discretion. Clients may have an authorized representative attend the agency conference.

(2) Requesting an agency conference does not prevent a client from also requesting a fair hearing in the event the agency conference does not resolve the client's concerns.

(3) Having an agency conference does not extend the time period in which a client has to request a fair hearing. The client must request a fair hearing within 90 days of the date on the notice with which the client disagrees to assure the right to have a fair hearing if the client is not satisfied with the outcome of the agency conference.

(4) There is no appeal to the decisions made during an agency conference; however, if the client is not satisfied with the results of the agency conference, and makes a timely request for a fair hearing as defined in R414-306-6, the client may proceed with the formal fair hearing process.

(5) The department provides proper notice as defined in R414-308-5 if there are any additional adverse changes in the client's eligibility that are made as a result of the agency conference. The client then has a right to request a fair hearing based on the new decision letter of an additional adverse action.

R414-301-6. Hearings.

(1) The department adopts 42 CFR 431.220 through 431.246, 2001 ed., which is incorporated by reference. The department requires compliance with Title 63, Chapter 46b.

(2) If a client's hearing request concerns only medical assistance, the department shall conduct a formal hearing.

(3) If a client's hearing request concerns food stamps or financial assistance in addition to medical assistance, the Department of Workforce Services shall conduct an informal hearing.

(4) Hearings may be conducted by telephone if the client agrees to that procedure.

(5) Clients must request a hearing in writing. The written request must include a clear expression stating a desire to present their case.

(6) Clients must ask for the hearing within 90 days of the mailing date of the notice regarding a disagreement with any proposed action.

(7) The hearing officer may schedule one or more pre-hearing conferences to clarify the issues to be heard at the hearing and to arrange exchange of relevant documents.

(8) If the hearing was conducted by the department, the client may appeal the hearing decision to the Court of Appeals.

(9) If the hearing was conducted by the Department of Workforce Services, the client may appeal a hearing decision to the director of the Division of Adjudication within the Department of Workforce Services, or to the District Court.

(10) If an action requires advance notice, the recipient shall continue to receive assistance if the hearing is requested before the effective date of the action, or within ten days of the mailing date of the notice of action. If the agency action is upheld, the client is responsible for repayment of benefits paid by the department on behalf of the client pending a final hearing decision. The recipient may choose not to accept the benefits offered pending a hearing decision.

(11) If an agency action does not require advance notice, assistance shall be reinstated if a hearing is requested within ten days of the mailing date of the notice unless the sole issue is one of state or federal law or policy.

(12) An applicant who has requested a hearing shall receive medical assistance if the hearing decision has not been issued within 21 days of the request. To receive benefits pending the hearing decision, the applicant must request the hearing within 10 days of the mailing date of the notice with which the applicant disagrees. The benefits shall begin on the same date had the application been approved but no earlier than the first day of the application month. If the agency action is upheld, the client is responsible for repayment of benefits paid by the department on behalf of the client pending a final hearing decision. Retroactive benefits shall not be approved unless the applicant would be eligible even if the department prevailed at the hearing. The applicant may choose not to accept the benefits offered pending a hearing decision.

(13) Final administrative action shall be taken within 90 days from the request for a hearing unless the client asks for a postponement or additional time is needed to allow all parties time to present and respond to the issues. The period of postponement may be added to the 90 days.

(14) Hearings shall be conducted only at the request of a client; the client's spouse; a minor client's parent; or a guardian of the client, client's spouse, minor client or minor client's parent; or a representative chosen by the client, client's spouse, or minor client's parent.

(15) A hearing contesting resource assessment shall not be conducted until an institutionalized individual has applied for Medicaid.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-304. Income and Budgeting.
R414-304-1. Definitions.

(1) The definitions in R414-1 and R414-301 apply to this rule. In addition:

(a) "Allocation for a spouse" means an amount of income that is the difference between the SSI federal benefit rate for a couple minus the federal benefit rate for an individual.

(b) "Basic maintenance standard" or "BMS" means the income level for eligibility for 1931 Family Medicaid, and for coverage of the medically needy based on the number of family members who are counted in the household size.

(c) "Benefit month" means a month or any portion of a month for which an individual is eligible for Medicaid.

(d) "Deeming" or "deemed" means a process of counting income from a spouse or a parent, or the sponsor of a qualified alien, to decide what amount of income after certain allowable deductions, if any, must be considered income to the applicant or recipient.

(e) "Federal poverty guideline" or "FPL" means the U.S. federal poverty measure issued annually by the Department of Health and Human Services that is used to determine financial eligibility for certain means-tested federal programs. Any usage in this rule of poverty means the federal poverty guideline.

(f) "Household size" means the number of family members, including the client, who are counted based on the criteria of the particular program to decide what level of income to use to determine eligibility.

(g) "Medically needy" means medical assistance coverage under the provisions of 42 CFR 435.301, 2001 ed., and that uses the Basic Maintenance Standard as the income limit for eligibility.

(h) "Poverty-related" refers to any one of a variety of medical assistance programs that use a percentage of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved as the income limit to determine eligibility.

(i) "Qualified Domestic Relations Order" means a domestic relations order that creates or recognizes the existence of an alternate payee's right to, or assigns to an alternate payee the right to, receive all or a portion of the benefits payable with respect to a participant under a pension plan pursuant to a state domestic relations law.

(j) "Sponsor" means one or more persons who have signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act on or after December 19, 1997 for an alien immigrating to the United States on or after December 19, 1997.

(k) "Temporarily absent" means a member of a household is living away from the home for a period of time but intends to return to the home when the reason for the temporary absence is accomplished. Reasons for a temporary absence may include an absence for the purpose of education, medical care, visits, military service, temporary religious service or other volunteer service such as the Peace Corps.

R414-304-2. A, B and D Medicaid and A, B and D Institutional Medicaid Unearned Income Provisions.

(1) This rule establishes how the Department treats unearned income to determine eligibility for Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid and Aged, Blind and Disabled Institutional Medicaid coverage groups.

(2) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.725, 435.726, 435.811 through 435.832, 2004 ed., and 20 CFR 416.1102, 416.1103, 416.1120 through 416.1148, 416.1150, 416.1151, 416.1163 through 416.1166, and Appendix to Subpart K of 416, 2004 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsection 404(h)(4) and 1612(b)(22) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2003, which are incorporated by reference. The Department does not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(3) The following definitions apply to this section:

(a) "Eligible spouse" means the member of a married couple who is either aged, blind, or disabled.

(b) "In-kind support donor" means an individual who provides food or shelter without receiving full market value compensation in return.

(c) "Presumed maximum value" means the allowed maximum amount an individual is charged for the receipt of food and shelter. This amount will not exceed 1/3 of the SSI federal benefit rate plus $20.

(4) The agency does not count VA (Veteran's Administration) payments for aid and attendance or the portion of a VA payment that is made because of unusual medical expenses. Other VA income based on need is countable income, but is not subject to the $20 general income disregard.

(5) The agency only counts as income the portion of a VA check to which the client is legally entitled. If the payment includes an amount for a dependent, that amount counts as income for the dependent. If the dependent does not live with the veteran or surviving spouse, the portion for the dependent counts as the dependent's income unless the dependent has applied to VA to receive the payment directly, VA has denied that request, and the dependent does not receive the payment. In this case, the amount for a dependent also counts as income of the veteran or surviving spouse who receives the payment.

(6) SSA reimbursements of Medicare premiums are not countable income.

(7) The agency does not count as income, the value of special circumstance items if the items are paid for by donors.

(8) For A, B and D Medicaid, the agency counts as income two-thirds of current child support received in a month for the disabled child. It does not matter if the payments are voluntary or court-ordered. It does not matter if the child support is received in cash or in-kind. If there is more than one child for whom the payment is made, the amount is divided equally among the children unless a court order indicates a different division. Child support payments that are payments owed for past months or years are countable income to determine eligibility for the parent or guardian receiving the payments.

(9) For A, B and D Institutional Medicaid, court-ordered child support payments must be paid to the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) when the child resides out-of-home in a Medicaid 24-hour care facility. If the child has no income or insufficient income to provide for a personal needs allowance, ORS will allow the parent to retain up to the amount of the personal needs allowance to send to the child for personal needs. All other current child support payments received by the child or guardian that are not subject to collection by ORS count as unearned income to the child.

(10) The agency counts as unearned income, the interest earned from a sales contract on either or both the lump sum and installment payments when it is received or made available to the client.

(11) If the client, or the client and spouse do not live with an in-kind support donor, in-kind support and maintenance is the lesser of the value or the presumed maximum value of food or shelter received. If the client, or the client and spouse live with an in-kind support donor and do not pay a prorated share of household operating expenses, in-kind support and maintenance is the difference between the prorated share of household operating expenses and the amount the client, or the client and spouse actually pay, or the presumed maximum value, whichever is less.

(12) Payments under a contract, retroactive payments from

SSI and SSA reimbursements of Medicare premiums are not considered lump sum payments.

(13) The agency does not count as income educational loans, grants, and scholarships received from Title IV programs of the Higher Education Act or from Bureau of Indian Affairs educational programs. The agency does not count as income grants, scholarships, fellowships, or gifts from other sources that are actually used to pay, or will be used to pay, allowable educational expenses. Any amount of grants, scholarships, fellowships, or gifts from other sources that are used or will be used for non-educational expenses including food and shelter expenses, counts as income in the month received. Allowable educational expenses include:

(a) tuition;

(b) fees;

(c) books;

(d) equipment;

(e) special clothing needed for classes;

(f) travel to and from school at a rate of 21 cents a mile, unless the grant identifies a larger amount;

(g) child care necessary for school attendance.

(14) Except for an individual eligible for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the following provisions apply to non-institutional medical assistance:

(a) For A, B, or D Medicaid, the agency does not count income of a spouse or a parent to determine Medicaid eligibility of a person who receives SSI or meets 1619(b) criteria. SSI recipients and 1619(b) status individuals who meet all other Medicaid eligibility factors are eligible for Medicaid without spending down.

(b) If an ineligible spouse of an aged, blind, or disabled person has more income after deductions than the allocation for a spouse, the agency deems the spouse's income to the aged, blind, or disabled spouse to determine eligibility.

(c) The agency determines household size and whose income counts for A, B or D Medicaid as described below.

(i) If only one spouse is aged, blind or disabled:

(A) the agency deems income of the ineligible spouse to the eligible spouse when that income exceeds the allocation for a spouse. The agency compares the combined income to 100% of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household. If the combined income exceeds that amount, the agency compares it, after allowable deductions, to the BMS for two to calculate the spenddown.

(B) If the ineligible spouse's income does not exceed the allocation for a spouse, the agency does not count the ineligible spouse's income and does not include the ineligible spouse in the household size. Only the eligible spouse's income is compared to 100% of the federal poverty guideline for one. If the income exceeds that amount, it is compared, after allowable deductions, to the BMS for one to calculate the spenddown.

(ii) If both spouses are either aged, blind or disabled, the income of both spouses is combined and compared to 100% of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household. SSI income is not counted.

(A) If the combined income exceeds that amount, and one spouse receives SSI, only the income of the non-SSI spouse, after allowable deductions, is compared to the BMS for a one-person household to calculate the spenddown.

(B) If neither spouse receives SSI and their combined income exceeds 100% of the federal poverty guideline, then the income of both spouses, after allowable deductions, is compared to the BMS for a two-person household to calculate the spenddown.

(C) If neither spouse receives SSI and only one spouse will be covered under the applicable program, the agency deems income of the non-covered spouse to the covered spouse when that income exceeds the spousal allocation. If the non-covered spouse's income does not exceed the spousal allocation, then the agency counts only the covered spouse's income. In both cases, the countable income is compared to 100% of the two-person poverty guideline. If it exceeds the limit, then income, after allowable deductions, is compared to the BMS.

(I) If the non-covered spouse has deemable income, the countable income, after allowable deductions, is compared to a two-person BMS to calculate a spenddown.

(II) If the non-covered spouse does not have deemable income, then only the covered spouse's income, after allowable deductions, is compared to a one-person BMS to calculate the spenddown.

(iii) In determining eligibility under (c) for an aged or disabled person whose spouse is blind, both spouses' income is combined.

(A) If the combined income after allowable deductions is under 100% of the federal poverty guideline, the aged or disabled spouse will be eligible under the 100% poverty group defined in 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act, and the blind spouse is eligible without a spenddown under the medically needy group defined in 42 CFR 435.301.

(B) If the combined income after allowable deductions is over 100% of poverty, both spouses are eligible with a spenddown under the medically needy group defined in 42 CFR 435.301.

(iv) If one spouse is disabled and working, the other is aged, blind, or disabled and not working, and neither spouse is an SSI recipient nor a 1619(b) eligible individual, the working disabled spouse may choose to receive coverage under the Medicaid Work Incentive program. If both spouses want coverage, however, the agency first determines eligibility for them as a couple. If a spenddown is owed for them as a couple, they must meet the spenddown to receive coverage for both of them.

(e) Except when determining countable income for the 100% poverty-related Aged and Disabled Medicaid programs, income will not be deemed from a spouse who meets 1619(b) protected group criteria.

(f) The agency determines household size and whose income counts for QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 assistance as described below.

(i) If both spouses receive Part A Medicare and both want coverage, the agency combines income of both spouses and compares it to the applicable percentage of the poverty guideline for a two-person household.

(ii) If one spouse receives Part A Medicare, and the other spouse is aged, blind, or disabled and that spouse either does not receive Part A Medicare or does not want coverage, then the agency deems income of the ineligible spouse to the eligible spouse when that income exceeds the allocation for a spouse. If the income of the ineligible spouse does not exceed the allocation for a spouse, then only the income of the eligible spouse is counted. In both cases, the countable income is compared to the applicable percentage of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household.

(iii) If one spouse receives Part A Medicare and the other spouse is not aged, blind or disabled, the agency deems income of the ineligible spouse to the eligible spouse when that income exceeds the allocation for a spouse. The combined countable income is compared to the applicable percentage of the federal poverty guideline for a two-person household. If the ineligible spouse's deemable income does not exceed the allocation for a spouse, only the eligible spouse's income is counted, and compared to the applicable percentage of the poverty guideline for a one-person household.

(iv) SSI income will not be counted to determine eligibility for QMB, SLMB or QI-1 assistance.

(g) If any parent in the home receives SSI or is eligible for 1619(b) protected group coverage, the agency will not count the income of either parent to determine a child's eligibility for B or

D Medicaid.

(h) Payments for providing foster care to a child are countable income. The portion of the payment that represents a reimbursement for the expenses related to providing foster care is not countable income.

(15) For institutional Medicaid including home and community based waiver programs, the agency counts only the client in the household size, and counts only the client's income and income deemed from an alien client's sponsor, to determine contribution to cost of care.

(16) The agency does not count interest accrued on an Individual Development Account as defined in Sections 404-416 of Pub. L. No. 105-285 effective October 27, 1998.

(17) The agency deems income, unearned and earned, from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act on or after December 19, 1997.

(18) Sponsor deeming will end when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. Beginning after December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(19) Sponsor deeming does not apply to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

(20) If income such as retirement income has been divided between divorced spouses by the divorce decree pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, only the amount paid to the individual is counted as income.

R414-304-3. Medicaid Work Incentive Program Unearned Income Provisions.

(1) This rule establishes how the Department treats unearned income for the Medicaid Work Incentive program.

(2) The Department adopts 20 CFR 416.1102, 416.1103, 416.1120 through 416.1148, 416.1150, 416.1151, and Appendix to Subpart K of 416, 2004 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsection 404(h)(4) and 1612(b)(22) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2003. The Department does not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(3) The Department allows the provisions found in R414-304-2 (4) through (13), and (16) through (20).

(4) The agency determines income from an ineligible spouse or parent by the total of the earned and unearned income using the appropriate exclusions in 20 CFR 416.1161, except that court ordered support payments are not allowed as an income deduction.

(5) For the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the income of a spouse or parent is not considered in determining eligibility of a person who receives SSI. SSI recipients who meet all other Medicaid Work Incentive Program eligibility factors are eligible without paying a Medicaid buy-in premium.

(6) The agency determines household size and whose income counts for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program as described below:

(a) If the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual is an adult and is not living with a spouse, the agency counts only the income of the individual. The agency includes in the household size, any dependent children under age 18, or who are 18, 19, or 20 and are full-time students. These dependent children must be living in the home or be temporarily absent. After allowable deductions, the net income is compared to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved.

(b) If the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual is living with a spouse, the agency combines their income before allowing any deductions. The agency includes in the household size the spouse and any children under age 18, or who are 18, 19, or 20 and are full-time students. These dependent children must be living in the home or be temporarily absent. The agency compares the net income of the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual and spouse to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved.

(c) If the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual is a child living with a parent, the agency combines the income of the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual and the parents before allowing any deductions. The agency includes in the household size the parents, any minor siblings, and siblings who are age 18, 19, or 20 and are full-time students, who are living in the home or temporarily absent. The agency compares the net income of the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual and the individual's parents to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for the household size involved.

R414-304-4. Family Medicaid and Institutional Family Medicaid Unearned Income Provisions.

(1) This rule establishes how the Department treatsunearned income to determine eligibility for Family Medicaid and Institutional Family Medicaid coverage groups.

(2) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.725, 435.726, 435.811 through 435.832, 2004 ed., and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(1), 233.20(a)(3)(iv), 233.20(a)(3)(vi)(A), and 233.20(a)(4)(ii), 2004 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsection 404(h)(4) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2003, which is incorporated by reference. The Department does not count as income any payments from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as income to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(3) The term "unearned income" means cash received for which the individual performs no service.

(4) The agency does not count as income money loaned to the individual if the individual proves the money is from a loan that the individual is expected to repay.

(5) The agency does not count as income support and maintenance assistance provided in-kind by a non-profit organization certified by the Department of Human Services.

(6) The agency does not count as income the value of food stamp assistance, USDA food donations or WIC vouchers received by members of the household.

(7) The agency does not count income that is received too irregularly or infrequently to count as regular income, such as cash gifts, up to $30 a calendar quarter per household member. Any amount that exceeds $30 a calendar quarter per household member counts as income when received. Irregular or infrequent income may be divided equally among all members of the household.

(8) The agency does not count as income the amount deducted from benefit income that is to repay an overpayment of such benefit income.

(9) The agency does not count as income the value of special circumstance items paid for by donors.

(10) The agency does not count as income home energy assistance.

(11) The agency does not count payments from any source that are to repair or replace lost, stolen or damaged exempt property. If the payments include an amount for temporary housing, the agency only counts the amount that the client does not intend to use or that is more than what is needed for temporary housing.

(12) The agency does not count as income SSA reimbursements of Medicare premiums.

(13) The agency does not count as income payments from the Department of Workforce Services under the Family

Employment program, the Working Toward Employment Program, and the Refugee Cash Assistance program. To determine eligibility for Medicaid, the agency counts income used to determine the amount of these payments, unless the income is an excluded income under other laws or regulations.

(14) The agency does not count as income the interest accrued on an Individual Development Account as defined in 42 U.S.C. 604(h).

(15) The agency does not count as income interest or dividends earned on countable resources. The agency does not count as income interest or dividends earned on resources that are specifically excluded by federal laws from being counted as available resources to determine eligibility for federally-funded, means-tested medical assistance programs, other than resources excluded by 42 U.S.C. 1382b(a).

(16) The agency does not count as income the increase in pay for a member of the armed forces that is called "hostile fire pay" or "imminent danger pay," which is compensation for active military duty in a combat zone.

(17) The agency counts as income SSI and State Supplemental payments received by children who are included in the coverage under Child, Family, Newborn, or Newborn Plus Medicaid.

(18) The agency counts unearned rental income. The agency deducts $30 a month from the rental income. If the amount charged for the rental is consistent with community standards, the agency deducts the greater of either $30 or the following actual expenses that the client can verify.

(a) taxes and attorney fees needed to make the income available;

(b) upkeep and repair costs necessary to maintain the current value of the property, including utility costs paid by the applicant or recipient;

(c) interest paid on a loan or mortgage made for upkeep or repair; and,

(d) the value of a one-person food stamp allotment, if meals are provided to a boarder.

(19) The agency counts deferred income when it is received by the client if it was not deferred by choice and receipt can be reasonably anticipated. If the income was deferred by choice, it counts as income when it could have been received. The amount deducted from income to pay for benefits like health insurance, medical expenses or child care counts as income in the month the income could have been received.

(20) The agency counts the amount deducted from income that is to pay an obligation such as child support, alimony or debts in the month the income could have been received.

(21) The agency counts payments from trust funds as income in the month the payment is received by the individual or made available for the individual's use.

(22) The agency only counts as income the portion of a Veterans Administration check to which the client is legally entitled. If the payment includes an amount for a dependent, that amount counts as income for the dependent. If the dependent does not live with the veteran or surviving spouse, the portion for the dependent counts as the dependent's income unless the dependent has applied to VA to receive the payment directly, VA has denied that request, and the dependent does not receive the payment. In this case, the amount for a dependent counts as income of the veteran or surviving spouse who receives the payment.

(23) The agency counts as income deposits to financial accounts jointly owned between the client and one or more other individuals, even if the deposits are made by a non-household member. If the client disputes ownership of the deposits and provides adequate proof that the deposits do not represent income to the client, the agency does not count those funds as income. The agency may require the client to terminate access to the jointly held accounts.

(24) The agency counts as unearned income the interest earned from a sales contract on lump sum payments and installment payments when the interest payment is received by or made available to the client.

(25) The agency counts current child support payments as income to the child for whom the payments are being made. If a payment is for more than one child, the amount is divided equally among the children unless a court order indicates a different division. Child support payments made for past months or years (arrearages) are countable income to determine eligibility of the parent or guardian who is receiving the payment. Arrearages are payments collected for past months or years that were not paid on time and are like repayments for past-due debts. If the Office of Recovery Services is collecting current child support, it is counted as current even if the Office of Recovery Services mails the payment to the client after the month it is collected.

(26) The agency counts payments from annuities as unearned income in the month the payment is received.

(27) If income such as retirement income has been divided between divorced spouses by the divorce decree pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, the agency only counts the amount paid to the individual.

(28) The agency deems both unearned and earned income from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act on or after December 19, 1997.

(29) The agency stops deeming income from a sponsor when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. Beginning after December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(30) Sponsor deeming does not apply to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

R414-304-5. A, B and D Medicaid and A, B and D Institutional Medicaid Earned Income Provisions.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.725, 435.726, 435.811 through 435.832, 2001 ed., and 20 CFR 416.1110 through 416.1112, 2002 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The department adopts Subsection 1612(b)(4)(A) and (B) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2001, which is incorporated by reference.

(2) If an SSI recipient has a plan for achieving self-support approved by the Social Security Administration, the Department shall not count income set aside in the plan that allows the individual to purchase work-related equipment or meet self support goals. This income shall be excluded and may include earned and unearned income.

(3) Expenses relating to the fulfillment of a plan to achieve self-support shall not be allowed as deductions from income.

(4) For A, B and D Medicaid, earned income used to compute a needs-based grant is not countable.

(5) For A, B and D Institutional Medicaid, $125 shall be deducted from earned income before contribution towards cost of care is determined.

(6) For A, B and D Institutional Medicaid impairment-related work expenses shall be allowed as an earned income deduction.

(7) Capital gains shall be included in the gross income from self-employment.

(8) To determine countable net income from self-employment, the state shall allow a 40 percent flat rate exclusion off the gross self-employment income as a deduction for business expenses. For self-employed individuals who have actual allowable business expenses greater than the 40 percent

flat rate exclusion amount, if the individual provides verification of the actual expenses, the self-employment net profit amount will be calculated using the same deductions that are allowed under federal income tax rules.

(9) No deductions shall be allowed for the following business expenses:

(a) transportation to and from work;

(b) payments on the principal for business resources;

(c) net losses from previous tax years;

(d) taxes;

(e) money set aside for retirement;

(f) work-related personal expenses.

(10) Net losses of self-employment from the current tax year may be deducted from other earned income.

(11) Earned income paid by the U.S. Census Bureau to temporary census takers shall be excluded for any A, B, or D category programs that use a percentage of the federal poverty guideline as an eligibility income limit.

(12) Deductions from earned income such as insurance premiums, savings, garnishments or deferred income is counted in the month when it could have been received.

R414-304-6. Family Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Earned Income Provisions.

This section provides eligibility criteria governing earned income for the determination of eligibility for Family Medicaid and Institutional Family Medicaid coverage groups.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.725, 435.726, 435.811 through 435.832, 2001 ed. and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(6)(iii) through (iv), 233.20(a)(6)(v)(B), 233.20(a)(6)(vi) through (vii), and 233.20(a)(11), 2003 ed., which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The following definitions apply to this section:

(a) "Full-time student" means a person enrolled for the number of hours defined by the particular institution as fulfilling full-time requirements.

(b) "Part-time student" means a person who is enrolled for at least one-half the number of hours or periods considered by the institution to be customary to complete the course of study within the minimum time-period. If no schedule is set by the school, the course of study must be no less than an average of two class periods or two hours a day, whichever is less.

(c) "School attendance" means enrollment in a public or private elementary or secondary school, a university or college, vocational or technical school or the Job Corps, for the express purpose of gaining skills that lead to gainful employment.

(d) "Full-time employment" means an average of 100 or more hours of work a month or an average of 23 hours a week.

(e) "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" (AFDC) means a state plan for aid that was in effect on June 16, 1996.

(f) "1931 Family Medicaid" is Medicaid coverage required by Subsection 1931(a), (b), and (g) of the Compilation of Social Security Laws.

(3) The income of a dependent child is not countable income if the child is:

(a) in school or training full-time;

(b) in school or training part-time, if employed less than 100 hours a month;

(c) in a job placement under the federal Workforce Information Act (WIA).

(4) For Family Medicaid, the AFDC $30 and 1/3 of earned income deduction is allowed if the wage earner has received 1931 Family Medicaid in one of the four previous months and this disregard has not been exhausted.

(5) The Department determines countable net income from self-employment by allowing a 40 percent flat rate exclusion off the gross self-employment income as a deduction for business expenses. If a self-employed individual provides verfication of actual business expenses greater than the 40 percent flat rate exclusion amount, the Department allows actual expenses to be deducted. The expenses must be business expenses allowed under federal income tax rules.

(6) Items such as personal business and entertainment expenses, personal transportation, purchase of capital equipment, and payments on the principal of loans for capital assets or durable goods, are not business expenses.

(7) For Family Medicaid, the Department shall deduct child-care costs, and the costs of providing care for an incapacitated adult who is included in the Medicaid household size, from the earned income of clients working 100 hours or more in a calendar month. A maximum of up to $200.00 per month per child under age 2 and $175.00 per month per child age 2 and older or incapacitated adult, may be deducted. A maximum of up to $160.00 per month per child under age 2 and $140.00 per month per child age 2 and older or incapacitated adult, may be deducted from the earned income of clients working less than 100 hours in a calendar month.

(8) For Family Institutional Medicaid, the Department shall deduct child-care costs from the earned income of clients working 100 hours or more in a calendar month. A maximum of up to $160 a month per child may be deducted. A maximum of up to $130 a month is deducted from the earned income of clients working less than 100 hours in a calendar month.

(9) Earned income paid by the U.S. Census Bureau to temporary census takers is excluded for any family Medicaid programs that use a percentage of the federal poverty guideline as an eligibility income limit, and for determining eligibility for 1931 Family Medicaid.

(10) Under 1931 Family Medicaid, for households that pass the 185% gross income test, if net income does not exceed the applicable BMS, the household is eligible for 1931 Family Medicaid. No health insurance premiums or medical bills are deducted from gross income to determine net income for 1931 Family Medicaid.

(11) For Family Medicaid recipients who otherwise meet 1931 Family Medicaid criteria, who lose eligibility because of earned income that does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty guideline, the state shall disregard earned income of the specified relative for six months to determine eligibility for 1931 Family Medicaid. Before the end of the sixth month, the state shall conduct a review of the household's earned income. If the earned income exceeds 185% of the federal poverty guideline, the household is eligible to receive Transitional Medicaid following the provisions of R414-303 as long as it meets all other criteria.

(12) After the first six months of disregarding earned income, if the average monthly earned income of the household does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty guideline for a household of the same size, the state shall continue to disregard earned income for an additional six months to determine eligibility for 1931 Family Medicaid. In the twelfth month of receiving such income disregard, if the household continues to have earned income, the household is eligible to receive Transitional Medicaid following the provisions of R414-303 as long as it meets all other criteria.

R414-304-7. A, B and D Medicaid and Family Medicaid Income Deductions.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.831, 2001 ed., which is incorporated by reference.

(2) For aged, blind and disabled individuals eligible under 42 CFR 435.301(b)(2)(iii),(iv),and (v), described more fully in 42 CFR 435.320, .322 and .324, the Department shall allow an income deduction equal to the difference between 100% of the federal poverty guideline and the current BMS income standard for the applicable household size, to determine the spenddown amount.

(3) The Department shall allow health insurance premiums

the client or a financially responsible family member pays providing coverage for any family members living with the client as deductions from income in the month of payment. The Department shall also allow an income deduction for health insurance premiums for the month it is due when the Department is paying the premium on behalf of the client as authorized by Section 1905(a) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 2001 ed., except no deduction is allowed for Medicare premiums the Department pays for recipients.

(a) The entire payment shall be allowed as a deduction in the month it is due and will not be prorated.

(b) The Department shall not allow health insurance premiums as a deduction for determining eligibility for the poverty-related medical assistance programs or 1931 Family Medicaid.

(4) Health insurance premiums the client or a financially responsible family member paid in the application month or during the three month retroactive period which are not fully used as a deduction to reduce a spenddown in the month paid may be allowed as a deduction to reduce a spenddown in any month after the month paid but only through the month of application.

(5) Medicare premiums shall not be allowed as income deductions if the state will pay the premium or will reimburse the client.

(6) Medical expenses shall be allowed as income deductions only if the expenses meet all of the following conditions:

(a) The medical service was received by the client, client's spouse, parent of an unemancipated client or unemancipated sibling of an unemancipated client, a deceased spouse or a deceased dependent child.

(b) The medical bill shall not be paid by Medicaid or be payable by a third party.

(c) The medical bill remains unpaid, or the medical service was received and paid during the month of application or during the three-month time-period immediately preceding the date of application. The date the medical service was provided on an unpaid expense does not matter. Bills for services received and paid during the application month or the three-month time-period preceding the date of application can be used as deductions only through the month of application.

(7) A medical expense shall not be allowed as a deduction more than once.

(8) A medical expense allowed as a deduction must be for a medically necessary service. The Department shall be responsible for deciding if services are not medically necessary.

(9) The Department shall not allow as a medical expense, co-payments or co-insurance amounts required under the State Medicaid Plan that are owed or paid by the client to receive Medicaid-covered services.

(10) For poverty-related medical assistance, an individual or household shall be ineligible if countable income exceeds the applicable income limit. Medical costs are not allowable deductions for determining eligibility for poverty-related medical assistance programs. No spenddown shall be allowed to meet the income limit for poverty-related medical assistance programs.

(11) As a condition of eligibility, clients must certify on a form approved by the Department that medical expenses in the benefit month are expected to exceed the spenddown amount. The client must do this when spenddown starts and at each review when the client continues to be eligible under the spenddown program. If medical expenses are less than or equal to the spenddown, the client shall not be eligible for that month. The client may elect to use allowable medical expenses the client still owes from previous months to reduce the spenddown so that expected medical expenses for the benefit month exceed the remaining spenddown owed, if neither Medicaid nor a third party will pay the bill.

(12) Pre-paid medical expenses shall not be allowed as deductions.

(13) The Department elects not to set limits on the amount of medical expenses that can be deducted.

(14) Clients may choose to meet their spenddown obligation by incurring medical expenses or by paying a corresponding amount to the Department.

(15) For A, B and D Medicaid, institutional costs shall be allowed as deductions if the services are medically necessary. The Department shall be responsible for deciding if services for institutional care are not medically necessary.

(16) No one shall be required to pay a spenddown of less than $1.

(17) Medicaid covered medical costs incurred in a current benefit month cannot be used to meet spenddown when the client is enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan. Bills for mental health services incurred in a benefit month cannot be used to meet spenddown if the client will be eligible for Medicaid and lives in a county which has a single mental health provider under contract with Medicaid to provide services to all Medicaid clients who live in that county. Bills for mental health services received in a retroactive or application month that the client has fully-paid during that time can be used to meet spenddown as long as the services were not provided by the mental health provider in the client's county of residence which is under contract with Medicaid to provide services to all Medicaid clients.

R414-304-8. Medicaid Work Incentive Program Income Deductions.

(1) The Department shall allow the provisions found in R414-304-7 (1), (3) and (5).

(2) The Department shall apply the following deductions from income in determining countable income that is compared to 250% of the federal poverty guideline:

(a) $20 from unearned income. If there is less than $20 in unearned income, deduct the balance of the $20 from earned income;

(b) $65 plus one half of the remaining earned income.

(3) For the Medicaid Work Incentive Program (MWI), an individual or household shall be ineligible if countable income exceeds the applicable income limit. Health insurance premiums and medical costs will not be deducted from income before comparing countable income to the applicable limit.

(4) Health insurance premiums paid by the Medicaid Work Incentive Program individual or a financially responsible household member, to purchase health insurance for himself or other family members in the household shall be deducted from income before determining the MWI buy-in premium.

(5) An eligible individual may meet the MWI buy-in premium with cash, check or money order payable to the Office of Recovery Services.

(6) No one will be required to pay a MWI buy-in premium of less than $1.

R414-304-9. A, B, and D Institutional Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Income Deductions.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.725, 435.726, and 435.832, 2001 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsection 1902(r)(1) and 1924 of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2001, which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The following definitions apply to this section:

(a) "Family member" means a son, daughter, parent, or sibling of the client or the client's spouse who lives with the spouse.

(b) "Dependent" means earning less than $2,000 a year, not being claimed as a dependent by any other individual, and

receiving more than half of one's annual support from the client or the client's spouse.

(3) Health insurance premiums:

(a) For institutionalized and waiver eligible clients, the Department shall allow an income deduction for health insurance premiums only for the institutionalized or waiver eligible client and only if paid with the institutionalized or waiver eligible client's funds. Health insurance premiums shall be allowed as an income deduction in the month due. The payment shall not be pro-rated. The Department also allows an income deduction for health insurance premiums for the month it is due if the Department is paying the premium on behalf of the client as authorized by Section 1905(a) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 2001 ed., except no deduction is allowed for Medicare premiums the Department pays for recipients.

(b) The Department shall allow the portion of a combined premium, attributable to the institutionalized or waiver-eligible client, as an income deduction if the combined premium includes a spouse or dependent family member and is paid from the funds of the institutionalized or waiver eligible client.

(4) Medicare premiums shall not be allowed as income deductions if the state pays the premium or reimburses the client.

(5) Medical expenses shall be allowed as income deductions only if the expenses meet all of the following conditions:

(a) the medical service was received by the client;

(b) the unpaid medical bill shall not be paid by Medicaid or be payable by a third party;

(c) the paid medical bill can be allowed only in the month paid. No portion of any paid bill can be allowed after the month of payment.

(6) A medical expense shall not be allowed as an income deduction more than once.

(7) A medical expense allowed as an income deduction must be for a medically necessary service. The Department of Health shall be responsible for deciding if services are not medically necessary.

(8) Pre-paid medical expenses shall not be allowed as income deductions.

(9) The Department shall not allow as a medical expense, co-payments or co-insurance amounts required under the State Medicaid Plan that are owed or paid by a client to receive Medicaid-covered services.

(10) The Department elects not to set limits on the amount of medical expenses that can be deducted.

(11) Institutionalized clients are to contribute all countable income remaining after allowable income deductions to the institution as their contribution to the cost of their care.

(12) The personal needs allowance shall be equal to $45.

(13) When a doctor verifies that a single person, or a person whose spouse resides in a medical institution is expected to return home within six months of entering a medical institution or nursing home, the Department shall deduct a personal needs allowance equal to the current Medicaid Income Limit (BMS) for one person, defined in R414-304-11(5), for up to six months to maintain the individual's community residence.

(14) Except for an individual eligible for the Personal Assistance Waiver, an individual receiving assistance under the terms of a Home and Community-Based Services Waiver shall be eligible to receive a deduction for a non-institutionalized, non-waiver-eligible spouse and dependent family member as if that individual were institutionalized.

(a) Income received by the spouse or dependent family member shall be counted in calculating the deduction if that type of income is countable to determine Medicaid eligibility. No income disregards shall be allowed. Certain needs-based income and state supplemental payments shall not be counted in calculating the deduction. Tribal income shall be counted.

(b) If the income of a spouse or dependent family member is not reported, no deduction shall be allowed for the spouse or dependent family member.

(15) A client shall not be eligible for Medicaid coverage if medical costs are not at least equal to the contribution required towards the cost of care.

(16) To determine an income deduction for a community spouse, the standard utility allowance for households with heating costs shall be equal to the standard utility allowance used by the federal food stamp program. For households without heating costs, actual utility costs shall be used. The maximum allowance for a telephone bill is equal to the amount allowed by the federal food stamp program. Clients shall not be required to verify utility costs more than once in a certification period.

(17) Medicaid covered medical costs incurred in a current benefit month cannot be used to meet spenddown when the client is enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan. Bills for mental health services incurred in a benefit month cannot be used to meet spenddown if the client will be eligible for Medicaid and lives in a county which has a single mental health provider under contract with Medicaid to provide services to all Medicaid clients who live in that county. Bills for mental health services received in a retroactive or application month that the client has fully-paid during that time can be used to meet spenddown as long as the services were not provided by the mental health provider in the client's county of residence which is under contract with Medicaid to provide services to all Medicaid clients.

R414-304-10. Budgeting.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.601 and 435.640, 2001 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(iii), 233.31, and 233.33, 2001 ed., which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The following definitions apply to this section:

(a) "Best estimate" means that income is calculated for the upcoming certification period based on current information about income being received, expected income deductions, and household size.

(b) "Prospective eligibility" means that eligibility is determined each month for the immediately following month based on a best estimate of income.

(c) "Prospective budgeting" is the process of calculating income and determining eligibility and spenddown for future months based on the best estimate of income, deductions, and household size.

(d) "Income averaging" means using a history of past income and expected changes, and averaging it over a determined period of time that is representative of future monthly income.

(e) "Income anticipating" means using current facts regarding rate of pay and number of working hours to anticipate future monthly income.

(f) "Income annualizing" means using total income earned during one or more past years, or a shorter applicable time period, and anticipating any future changes, to estimate the average annual income. That estimated annual income is then divided by 12 to determine the household's average monthly income.

(g) "Factoring" means that a monthly amount shall be determined to take into account the months of pay where an individual receives a fifth paycheck when paid weekly or a third paycheck when paid every other week. Weekly income shall be factored by multiplying the weekly amount by 4.3 to obtain a monthly amount. Income paid every other week shall be factored by 2.15 to obtain a monthly amount.

(h) "Reportable income changes" include any change in the source of income and any change that causes income to

change by more than $25. All income changes must be reported for an institutionalized individual.

(3) The Department shall do prospective budgeting on a monthly basis.

(4) A best estimate of income based on the best available information shall be an accurate reflection of client income in that month.

(5) The Department shall use the best estimate of income to be received or made available to the client in a month to determine eligibility and spenddown.

(6) Methods of determining the best estimate are income averaging, income anticipating, and income annualizing.

(7) The Department shall count income in the following manner:

(a) For QMB, SLMB, QI-1, Medicaid Work Incentive Program, and A, B, D, and Institutional Medicaid income shall be counted as it is received. Income that is received weekly or every other week shall not be factored.

(b) For Family Medicaid programs, income that is received weekly or every other week shall be factored.

(8) Lump sums are income in the month received. Any amount of a lump sum remaining after the end of the month of receipt is a resource, unless otherwise excluded under statute or regulation. Lump sum payments can be earned or unearned income.

(9) Income paid out under a contract shall be prorated to determine the countable income for each month. Only the prorated amount shall be used to determine spenddown or eligibility for a month. If the income will be received in fewer months than the contract covers, the income shall be prorated over the period of the contract. If received in more months than the contract covers, the income shall be prorated over the period of time in which the money will be received.

(10) To determine the average monthly income for farm and self-employment income, the Department shall determine the annual income earned during one or more past years, or other applicable time period, and factor in any current changes in expected income for future months. Less than one year's worth of income may be used if this income has recently begun, or a change occurs making past information unrepresentative of future income. The monthly average income shall be adjusted during the year when information about changes or expected changes is received by the Department.

(11) Student income received other than monthly shall be prorated to determine the monthly countable income. This is done by dividing the total amount by the number of calendar months that classes are in session.

(12) Income from Indian trust accounts not exempt by federal law shall be prorated to determine the monthly countable income when the income varies from month to month, or it is received less often than monthly. This is done by dividing the total amount by the number of months it covers.

(13) Eligibility for retroactive assistance shall be based on the income received in the month for which retroactive coverage is sought. When income is being prorated or annualized, then the monthly countable income determined using this method shall be used for the months in the retroactive period, except when the income was not being received during, and was not intended to cover, those specific months in the retroactive period. Income will not be factored for retroactive months.

R414-304-11. Income Standards.

(1) The Department adopts Sections 1902(a)(10)(E), 1902(l), 1902(m), 1903(f) and 1905(p) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2001, which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The Aged and Disabled poverty-related Medicaid income standard shall be calculated as 100% of the federal non-farm poverty guideline. If an Aged or Disabled person's income exceeds this amount, the current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) shall apply unless the disabled individual or a disabled aged individual has earned income. In this case, the income standards of either the Medically Needy (BMS) program or the Medicaid Work Incentive program may be applied. The individual may choose coverage under either program if the individual meets all other eligibility criteria for both programs.

(3) The income standard for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program shall be equal to 250% of the federal poverty guideline for a family of the size involved. If income exceeds this amount, the current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) shall apply. The Department shall charge a MWI buy-in premium for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program when the countable income of the eligible individual, or the eligible individual and spouse, when the spouse is also eligible or has deemable income, exceeds 100% of the federal poverty guideline for the Aged and Disabled 100% poverty-related coverage group. When the eligible individual is a minor child, the Department shall charge a MWI buy-in premium when the child's countable income, including income deemed from parents, exceeds 100% of the federal poverty guideline for a one-person household. The premium will be calculated as 15% percent of only the eligible individual's, or eligible couple's, countable income.

(4) The income limit for pregnant women, and children under one year of age, shall be equal to 133% of the federal poverty guideline for a family of the size involved. If income exceeds this amount, the current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) shall apply.

(5) The current Medicaid Income Standards (BMS) are as follows:

TABLE

Household Size	Medicaid Income Standard (BMS)
1	382
2	468
3	583
4	683
5	777
6	857
7	897
8	938
9	982
10	1,023
11	1,066
12	1,108
13	1,150
14	1,192
15	1,236
16	1,277
17	1,320
18	1,364

R414-304-12. A, B and D Medicaid, Medicaid Work Incentive, QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 Filing Unit.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.601 and 435.602, 2001 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsections 1902(l)(1), (2), and (3), 1902(m)(1) and (2), and 1905(p) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 2001, which are incorporated by reference.

(2) The following individuals shall be counted in the BMS for A, B and D Medicaid:

(a) the client;

(b) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse is eligible for A, B, or D Medicaid, and is included in the coverage;

(c) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse has deemable income above the allocation for a spouse.

(3) The following individuals shall be counted in the household size for the 100% of poverty A or D Medicaid program:

(a) the client;

(b) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse is

aged, blind, or disabled, regardless of the type of income the spouse receives, or whether the spouse is included in the coverage;

(c) a spouse who lives in the same home, if the spouse is not aged, blind or disabled, but has deemable income above the allocation for a spouse.

(4) The following individuals shall be counted in the household size for a QMB, SLMB, or QI-1 case:

(a) the client;

(b) a spouse living in the same home who receives Part A Medicare or is Aged, Blind, or Disabled, regardless of whether the spouse has any deemable income or whether the spouse is included in the coverage;

(c) a spouse living in the same home who does not receive Part A Medicare and is not Aged, Blind, or Disabled, if the spouse has deemable income above the allocation for a spouse.

(5) The following individuals shall be counted in the household size for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program:

(a) the client;

(b) a spouse living in the same home;

(c) parents living with a minor child;

(d) children under age 18;

(e) children age 18, 19, or 20 if they are in school full-time.

(6) Eligibility for A, B and D Medicaid and the spenddown, if any; A and D 100% poverty-related Medicaid; and QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 programs shall be based on the income of the following individuals:

(a) the client;

(b) parents living with the minor client;

(c) a spouse who is living with the client. Income of the spouse is counted based on R414-304-2;

(d) an alien client's sponsor, and the spouse of the sponsor, if any.

(7) Eligibility for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program shall be based on income of the following individuals:

(a) the client;

(b) parents living with the minor client;

(c) a spouse who is living with the client;

(d) an alien client's sponsor, and the spouse of the sponsor, if any.

(8) If a person is "included" in the BMS, it means that family member shall be counted as part of the household and his or her income and resources shall be counted to determine eligibility for the household, whether or not that family member receives medical assistance.

(9) If a person is "included" in the household size, it means that family member shall be counted as part of the household to determine what income limit applies, regardless of whether that family member's income will be counted or whether that family member will receive medical assistance.

R414-304-13. Family Medicaid Filing Unit.

This section provides criteria governing who is included in a family Medicaid household.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.601 and 435.602, 2001 ed., 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(iii), 233.20(a)(1) and 233.20(a)(3)(vi), 2001 ed., which are incorporated by reference.

(2) For Family Medicaid programs, if a household includes individuals who meet the U.S. citizen or qualified alien status requirements and family members who do not meet U.S. citizen or qualified alien status requirements, the Department includes the ineligible alien family members in the household size to determine the applicable income limit for the eligible family members. The ineligible alien family members do not receive regular Medicaid coverage, but may be able to qualify for Medicaid that covers only emergency services under other provisions of Medicaid law.

(3) Except for determinations under 1931 Family Medicaid, any unemancipated minor child may be excluded from the Medicaid coverage group, and an ineligible alien child may be excluded from the household size, at the request of the specified relative responsible for the children. An excluded child is considered an ineligible child and is not counted as part of the household size for deciding what income limit is applicable to the family. Income and resources of an excluded child are not considered when determining eligibility or spenddown.

(4) The Department does not use a grandparent's income to determine eligibility or spenddown for a minor child, and the grandparent is not counted in the household size. A cash contribution from the grandparents received by the minor child or parent of the minor child is countable income.

(5) Except for determinations under 1931 Family Medicaid, if anyone in the household is pregnant, the unborn child is included in the household size. If a medical authority confirms that the pregnant woman will have more than one child, all of the unborn children are included in the household size.

(6) If a child is voluntarily placed in foster care and is in the custody of a state agency, the parents are included in the household size.

(7) Parents who have relinquished their parental rights shall not be included in the household size.

(8) If a court order places a child in the custody of the state, and the child is temporarily placed in an institution, the parents shall not be included in the household size.

(9) If a person is "included" or "counted" in the household size, it means that that family member is counted as part of the household and his or her income and resources are counted to determine eligibility for the household, whether or not that family member receives medical assistance. The household size determines which BMS income level or, in the case of poverty-related programs, which poverty guideline income level applies to determine eligibility for the client or family.

R414-304-14. A, B and D Institutional and Waiver Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Filing Unit.

(1) For A, B, and D institutional, and home and community-based waiver Medicaid, the Department shall not use income of the client's parents or the client's spouse to determine eligibility and the contribution to cost of care, which may be referred to as a spenddown.

(2) For Family institutional, and home and community-based waiver Medicaid programs, the Department adopts 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(vii), 2001 ed., which is incorporated by reference.

(3) The Department shall base eligibility and the contribution to cost of care, which may be referred to as a spenddown on the income of the client and the sponsor of an alien who is subject to deeming according to the rules described in 20 CFR 416.1166a, 2002 ed., which is incorporated by reference.

(4) The Department shall base eligibility and the contribution to cost of care, which may be referred to as a spenddown, on the income of the client and the income deemed from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act on or after December 19, 1997. Sponsor deeming will end when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. Beginning after December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-305. Resources.
R414-305-1. A, B and D Medicaid and A, B and D Institutional Medicaid Resource Provisions.

(1) The Department adopts 42 CFR 435.735, 435.840 through 435.845, 2001 ed., and 20 CFR 416.1201 through 416.1202 and 416.1204 through 416.1266, 2002 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsection 1902(k) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, 1993 ed., which is incorporated by reference. The Department adopts 1917(d) and (e), 404(h)(4) and 1613(a)(13) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 1999, which are incorporated by reference. The Department shall not count as an available resource any assets that are prohibited under other federal laws from being counted as a resource to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(2) The definitions in R414-1 and R414-301 apply to this rule, in addition:

(a) "Burial plot" means a burial space and any item related to repositories customarily used for the remains of any deceased member of the household. This includes caskets, concrete vaults, urns, crypts, grave markers and the cost of opening and closing a grave site.

(b) "Sanction" means a period of time during which a person is not eligible for Medicaid services for institutional care or services provided under a Home and Community Based waiver due to a transfer of assets for less than fair market value.

(c) "Transfer" in regard to assets means a person has disposed of assets for less than fair market value.

(3) A resource is available when the client owns it or has the legal right to sell or dispose of the resource for the client's own benefit.

(4) Except for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the resource limit is $2,000 for a one person household, $3,000 for a two member household and $25 for each additional household member.

(5) For an individual who meets the criteria for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the resource limit is $15,000. This limit applies whether the household size is one or more than one.

(6) The Department bases Medicaid eligibility on all available resources owned by the client. Eligibility cannot be granted based upon the client's intent to or action of disposing of non-liquid resources.

(7) Any resource or the interest from a resource held within the rules of the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act is not countable. Any money from the resource that is given to the child as unearned income is countable.

(8) The resources of a ward that are controlled by a legal guardian are counted as the ward's resources.

(9) Lump sum payments received on a sales contract for the sale of an exempt home are not counted if the entire proceeds are committed to replacement of the property sold within 30 days and the purchase is completed within 90 days. The individual shall receive one extension of 90 days, if more than 90 days is needed to complete the actual purchase. Proceeds is defined as all payments made on the principal of the contract. Proceeds does not include interest earned on the principal.

(10) If a resource is potentially available, but a legal impediment to making it available exists, it is not a countable resource until it can be made available. The applicant or recipient must take appropriate steps to make the resource available unless one of the following conditions exist:

(a) Reasonable action would not be successful in making the resource available.

(b) The probable cost of making the resource available exceeds its value.

(11) Water rights attached to the home and the lot on which the home sits are exempt providing it is the client's principal place of residence.

(12) For an institutionalized individual, a home or life estate is not considered an exempt resource. Therefore, a home transferred to a trust becomes a countable resource or constitutes a transfer of a resource. A home or life estate so transferred could continue to be excluded under the provisions of Section 1924 of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 1999.

(13) For A, B and D Medicaid, the Department shall not count up to $6,000 of equity value of non-business property used to produce goods or services essential to home use daily activities.

(14) For A, B and D Institutional Medicaid where the resources are determined to exceed the limits for Medicaid, eligibility shall not be given conditioned upon disposition of resources as described in 20 CFR 416.1240, 2002 ed.

(15) A previously unreported resource may be retroactively designated for burial and thereby exempted effective the first day of the month in which it was designated for burial or intended for burial. However, it cannot be exempted retroactively prior to November 1982 or earlier than 2 years prior to the date of application. Such resources shall be treated as funds set aside for burial.

(16) One vehicle is exempt if it is used at least four times per calendar year to obtain necessary medical treatment.

(17) The Department allows SSI recipients, who have a plan for achieving self support approved by the Social Security Administration, to set aside resources that allow them to purchase work-related equipment or meet self support goals. These resources are excluded.

(18) An irrevocable burial trust is not counted as a resource. However, if the owner is institutionalized or on home and community based waiver Medicaid, the value of the trust, which exceeds $7,000, is considered a transferred resource.

(19) Business resources required for employment or self-employment are not counted.

(20) The Department shall exclude as a resource the contributions made by an individual into and the interest accrued on an Individual Development Account as defined in Sections 404-416 of Pub. L. No. 105-285 effective October 27, 1998.

(21) For the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, the Department shall exclude the following additional resources of the eligible individual:

(a) Retirement funds held in an employer or union pension plan, retirement plan or account, including 401(k) plans, or an Individual Retirement Account, even if such funds are available to the individual.

(b) A second vehicle when it is used by a spouse or child of the eligible individual living in the household to get to work.

(22) After qualifying for the Medicaid Work Incentive Program, these resources described in R414-305-1(21) will continue to be excluded throughout the lifetime of the individual to qualify for A, B or D Medicaid programs other than the Medicaid Work Incentive, even if the individual ceases to have earned income or no longer meets the criteria for the Work Incentive Program.

(23) Assets shall be deemed from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act on or after December 19, 1997. Sponsor deeming will end when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. Beginning after December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(24) Sponsor deeming does not apply to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

(25) Life estates.

(a) For non-institutional Medicaid life estates shall be counted as resources only when a market exists for the sale of the life estate as established by knowledgeable sources.

(b) For Institutional Medicaid, life estates are countable resources even if no market exists for the sale of the life estate.

(c) The client may dispute the value of the life estate by verifying the property value to be less than the established value or by submitting proof based on the age and life expectancy of the life estate owner that the value of the life estate is lower. The value of a life estate shall be based upon the age of the client and the current market value of the property.

(d) The following table lists the life estate figure corresponding to the client's age. This figure is used to establish the value of a life estate:

TABLE

Age	Life Estate Figure
0	.97188
1	.98988
2	.99017
3	.99008
4	.98981
5	.98938
6	.98884
7	.98822
8	.98748
9	.98663
10	.98565
11	.98453
12	.98329
13	.98198
14	.98066
15	.97937
16	.97815
17	.97700
18	.97590
19	.97480
20	.97365
21	.97245
22	.97120
23	.96986
24	.96841
25	.96678
26	.96495
27	.96290
28	.96062
29	.95813
30	.95543
31	.95254
32	.94942
33	.94608
34	.94250
35	.93868
36	.93460
37	.93026
38	.92567
39	.92083
40	.91571
41	.91030
42	.90457
43	.89855
44	.89221
45	.88558
46	.87863
47	.87137
48	.86374
49	.85578
50	.84743
51	.83674
52	.82969
53	.82028
54	.81054
55	.80046
56	.79006
57	.77931
58	.76822
59	.75675
60	.74491
61	.73267
62	.72002
63	.70696
64	.69352
65	.67970
66	.66551
67	.65098
68	.63610
69	.62086
70	.60522
71	.58914
72	.57261
73	.55571
74	.53862
75	.52149
76	.50441
77	.48742
78	.47049
79	.45357
80	.43659
81	.41967
82	.40295
83	.38642
84	.36998
85	.35359
86	.33764
87	.32262
88	.30859
89	.29526
90	.28221
91	.26955
92	.25771
93	.24692
94	.23728
95	.22887
96	.22181
97	.21550
98	.21000
99	.20486
100	.19975
101	.19532
102	.19054
103	.18437
104	.17856
105	.16962
106	.15488
107	.13409
108	.10068
109	.04545

R414-305-2. Family Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid Resource Provisions.

(1) This section establishes the rules for treatment of resources to determine eligibility for Family Medicaid and Family Institutional Medicaid programs.

(2) The Department adopts 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(i)(B)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), and 233.20(a)(3)(vi)(A), 2004 ed., which are incorporated by reference. The Department adopts Subsection 1902(k) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, 1993 ed., which is incorporated by reference. The Department adopts 1917(d) and (e), Subsection 404(h) and 1613(a)(13) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 2003, which are incorporated by reference. The Department does not count as an available resource retained funds from sources that federal laws specifically prohibit from being counted as a resource to determine eligibility for federally-funded medical assistance programs.

(3) A resource is available when the client owns it or has the legal right to sell or dispose of the resource for the client's own benefit.

(4) Except for pregnant women who meet the criteria under Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) of the Social Security Act in effect January 1, 2003, the resource limit is $2,000 for a one person household, $3,000 for a two person household and $25 for each additional household member. For pregnant women defined above, the resource limit is defined in R414-303-11.

(5) Except for the exclusion for a vehicle, the agency uses the same methodology for treatment of resources for all medically needy and categorically needy individuals.

(6) To determine countable resources for Medicaid

eligibility, the agency considers all available resources owned by the client. The agency does not consider a resource unavailable based upon the client's intent to or action of disposing of non-liquid resources.

(7) The agency counts resources of a sanctioned household member.

(8) If a legal guardian, conservator, authorized representative, or other responsible person controls any resources of an applicant or recipient, the agency counts the resources as the applicant's or recipient's. The arrangement may be formal or informal.

(9) If a resource is potentially available, but a legal impediment to making it available exists, the agency does not count the resource until it can be made available. Before an applicant can be made eligible, or to continue eligibility for a recipient, the applicant or recipient must take appropriate steps to make the resource available unless one of the following conditions exist:

(a) Reasonable action would not be successful in making the resource available.

(b) The probable cost of making the resource available exceeds its value.

(10) Except for determining countable resources for 1931 Family Medicaid, the agency excludes a maximum of $1,500 in equity value of one vehicle.

(11) The agency does not count as resources the value of household goods and personal belongings that are essential for day-to-day living. Any single household good or personal belonging with a value that exceeds $1000 must be counted toward the resource limit. The agency does not count as a resource the value of any item that a household member needs because of the household member's medical or physical condition.

(12) The agency does not count the value of one wedding ring and one engagement ring as a resource.

(13) The agency does not count the value of a life estate as an available resource if the life estate is the applicant's or recipient's principal residence. If the life estate is not the principal residence, the rule in Subsection R414-305-1(25) applies.

(14) The agency does not count the resources of a child who is not counted in the household size to determine eligibility of other household members.

(15) The agency does not count as a resource, the value of the lot on which the excluded home stands if the lot does not exceed the average size of residential lots for the community in which it is located. The agency counts as a resource the value of the property in excess of an average size lot.

(16) The agency does not count as a resource the value of water rights attached to an excluded home and lot.

(17) The agency does not count any resource, or interest from a resource held within the rules of the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. The agency counts as a resource any money from such a resource that is given to the child as unearned income and retained beyond the month received.

(18) Lump sum payments received on a sales contract for the sale of an exempt home are not counted if the entire proceeds are committed to replacement of the property sold within 30 days and the purchase is completed within 90 days. The individual shall receive one extension of 90 days, if more than 90 days is needed to complete the actual purchase. Proceeds are defined as all payments made on the principal of the contract. Proceeds do not include interest earned on the principal.

(19) Retroactive benefits received from the Social Security Administration and the Railroad Retirement Board are not counted as a resource for the first 9 months after receipt.

(20) The agency excludes from resources, a burial and funeral fund or funeral arrangement up to $1500 for each household member who is counted in the household size. Burial and funeral agreements include burial trusts, funeral plans, and funds set aside expressly for the purposes of burial. All such funds must be separated from non-burial funds and clearly designated as burial funds. Interest earned on exempt burial funds and left to accumulate does not count as a resource. If exempt burial funds are used for some other purpose, remaining funds will be counted as an available resource as of the date funds are withdrawn.

(21) Assets shall be deemed from an alien's sponsor, and the sponsor's spouse, if any, when the sponsor has signed an Affidavit of Support pursuant to Section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act on or after December 19, 1997. Sponsor deeming will end when the alien becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen, or has worked 40 qualifying quarters as defined under Title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters. Beginning after December 31, 1996, a creditable qualifying work quarter is one during which the alien did not receive any federal means-tested public benefit.

(22) Sponsor deeming does not apply to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for emergency services only.

(23) Business resources required for employment or self employment are not counted.

(24) For 1931 Family Medicaid households, the agency will not count as a resource either the equity value of one vehicle that meets the definition of a "passenger vehicle" as defined in 26-18-2(6), or $1,500 of the equity of one vehicle, whichever provides the greatest disregard for the household.

(25) For eligibility under Family-related Medicaid programs, the agency will not count as a resource retirement funds held in an employer or union pension plan, retirement plan or account including 401(k) plans and Individual Retirement Accounts of a disabled parent or disabled spouse who is not included in the coverage.

(26) The agency will not count as a resource the contributions made by an individual and the interest accrued on funds held in an Individual Development account as defined in Sections 404-416 of Pub. L. No. 105-285, effective October 27, 1998.

(27) The agency will not count as a resource, funds received from the Child Tax credit or the Earned Income Tax credit for nine months following the month received. Any remaining funds will count as a resource in the 10th month after being received.

R414-305-3. Spousal Impoverishment Resource Rules for Married Institutionalized Individuals.

(1) The Department adopts Section 1924 of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 1999, which is incorporated by reference.

(2) The resource limit is $2,000.

(3) The Department shall determine the joint owned resources of married couples as available to each other. One half of the joint owned resources shall count towards the institutional client's resource eligibility determination.

(4) When a client is unable to comply with spousal impoverishment rules and claims undue hardship because of an uncooperative spouse or because the spouse cannot be located, assignment of support rights shall be done by signing the Form 048.

(5) "Undue hardship" in regard to counting a spouse's resources as available to the institutionalized client means:

(a) The client completes the Form 048.

(b) The client will not be able to get the medical care needed without Medicaid.

(c) The client is at risk of death or permanent disability without institutional care.

(6) The client may be eligible for Medicaid without regard to the spouse's resources if both of the following conditions are

met:

(a) The spouse cannot be located or will not provide information needed to determine eligibility.

(b) The client signs the Form 048.

(7) The assessed spousal share of resources shall not be less than the minimum amount nor more than the maximum amount mandated by section 1924(f) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws in effect January 1, 1999.

(8) Any resource owned by the community spouse in excess of the assessed spousal share is counted to determine the institutionalized client's initial Medicaid eligibility.

(9) A protected period, after eligibility is established, lasting until the time of the next regularly scheduled eligibility redetermination is allowed for an institutionalized client to transfer resources to the community spouse.

(10) After eligibility is established for the institutionalized client, those resources held in the name of the community spouse will not be considered available to the institutionalized client.

R414-305-4. Medicaid Qualifying Trusts.

The Department adopts Section 1902(k) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, 1993 ed., which is incorporated by reference.

R414-305-5. Transfer of Resources for A, B and D Medicaid and Family Medicaid.

There is no sanction for the transfer of resources.

R414-305-6. Transfer of Resources for Institutional Medicaid.

(1) The Department adopts Subsection 1917(c) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, in effect January 1, 1999, which is incorporated by reference.

(2) The average private-pay rate for nursing home care in Utah is $3,618 per month.

(3) To determine if a resource is transferred for the sole benefit of a spouse, disabled or blind child, or disabled individual, a binding written agreement must be in place which establishes that the resource transferred can only be used to benefit the spouse, disabled child, or disabled individual, and is actuarially sound. The written agreement must specify the payment amounts and schedule. Any provisions in such agreement that would benefit another person at any time nullifies the sole benefit provision except for exempt trusts established under section 1917(d) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, January 1, 1999 ed., that provide for repayment of the state Medicaid agency or provide for a pooled trust to retain a portion of the remainder.

(4) No sanction is imposed when the total value of a whole life insurance policy is irrevocably assigned to the state; and the recipient is the owner of and the insured in the policy; and no further premium payments are necessary for the policy to remain in effect. At the time of the client's death, the state shall distribute the benefits of the policy as follows:

(a) Up to $7,000 can be distributed to cover burial and funeral expenses. The total value of this distribution plus the value of any irrevocable burial trusts and/or the burial and funeral funds for the client can not exceed $7,000.

(b) An amount to the state that is not more than the total amount of previously unreimbursed medical assistance correctly paid on behalf of the client.

(c) Any amount remaining after payments are made as defined in a. and b. will be made to a beneficiary named by the client.

(5) Clients that claim an undue hardship as a result of a transfer of resources must meet both of the following conditions:

(a) The client has exhausted all reasonable legal means to regain possession of the transferred resource. It is considered unreasonable to require the client to take action if a knowledgeable source confirms that it is doubtful those efforts will succeed. It is unreasonable to require the client to take action more costly than the value of the resource.

(b) The client is at risk of death or permanent disability if not admitted to a medical institution or Waiver service. This decision will be based upon the client's medical condition and the financial situation of the client. Income of the client, client's spouse, and parents of an unemancipated client shall be used to decide if the financial situation creates undue hardship.

(6) After Institutional Medicaid eligibility is determined, the client's spouse, not living in the institution, may transfer any resource to any person without impacting the Medicaid eligibility of the institutionalized spouse.

(7) The portion of an irrevocable burial trust that exceeds $7,000 is considered a transfer of resources. The value of any fully paid burial plot, as defined in R414-305-1(2)(a), shall be deducted from such burial trust first before determining the amount transferred.

(8) If more than one transfer has occurred and the sanction periods would overlap, the sanctions will be applied consecutively, so that they do not overlap. A sanction begins on the first day of the month in which the resource was transferred unless a previous sanction is in effect, in which case the sanction begins on the first day of the month immediately following the month the previous sanction ends. If resources were transferred before August 11, 1993, applicable sanction periods for those transfers may overlap.

R414-305-7. Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Resource Provisions.

(1) The resource limit is $2,000.

(2) Following the initial month of eligibility, continued eligibility is determined by counting only the resources that belong to the client.

(3) For married clients, spousal impoverishment resource rules apply as defined in R414-305-3.

R414-305-8. QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 Resource Provisions.

(1) The Department adopts Subsection 1905(p) of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws, 1999 ed., which is incorporated by reference.

(2) The resource limit is the same for all medically needy individuals.

(3) The QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 resource limit is $4,000 for an individual and $6,000 for a couple.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-309. Medicare Drug Benefit Low-Income Subsidy Determination.
R414-309-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by Title 26, Chapter18, UCA.

(2) The Medicare Modernization Act requires the state to have the ability, upon request, to determine eligibility for the Medicare drug benefit low-income subsidies as set forth in 42 CFR 423.904. This rule sets forth the requirements for completing eligibility determinations for the Medicare Part D low-income subsidies.

R414-309-2. General Provisions.

(1) The Utah Department of Health shall make Medicare Part D Subsidy applications from the Social Security Administration available at State Medical Assistance Offices to individuals who want to apply for the Medicare drug benefit low-income subsidies, and may help individuals complete and send the form to the Social Security Administration.

(2) The Department shall apply the eligibility criteria for the Medicare drug benefit low-income subsidy programs as defined in 42 CFR 423.904 in making any determinations that the state is required to make and shall notify the applicant of that decision.

(3) If the Department determines that an applicant is not eligible for a Medicare drug benefit low-income subsidy, the applicant may appeal the Department's decision pursuant to the provisions of R410-14.

(4) As required by 42 CFR 423.904, the Department exchanges information on Medicare Part D subsidy applicants and eligible individuals with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and with the Social Security Administration.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-507. Medicaid Long Term Care Managed Care.
R414-507-1. Introduction and Authority.

(1) The Medicaid LTC Managed Care program is designed to enable an adult Medicaid recipient who needs a level of care consistent with the need for services provided in a nursing facility to receive an individualized package of services to maintain health and safety in a variety of appropriate service settings.

(2) This rule is authorized by Utah Code Section 26-18-3. This program is authorized by 42 USC 1396n(a) and is a component of the Utah Medicaid State Plan. As provided in 42 USC 1396n(a), the state is not out of compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (1), (10) or (23) of 42 USC 1396a solely because the state has entered into a contract with an organization that has agreed to provide care and services in addition to those offered under the State Plan to individuals eligible for medical assistance. The Department may enter into one or more contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations for the operation of projects under the LTC Managed Care program.

R414-507-2. Definitions.

The definitions in R414-1 apply to this rule. In addition:

(1) "Care Coordination" is a process where representatives of Medicaid programs serving an individual, and the individual's attending physician when possible, participate in the exchange of information and service planning to assure that the individual's health and welfare needs are identified, develop a comprehensive service plan, and implement the service plan to achieve integration of care across programs.

(2) "Long Term Care" (LTC) means a comprehensive array of services provided to persons of all ages who are experiencing chronic functional limitations due to illness, disability or injury.

(3) "LTC Managed Care Project Contractor" is a Medicaid Primary Inpatient Health Plan or a Medicaid Prepaid Mental Health Plan that has contracted with the Medicaid agency to provide a long term care service package as part of its array of covered services.

(4) "Minimum Data Set-HOME CARE (MDS-HC)" is a trademark standardized assessment instrument developed by the nonprofit consortium known as interRAI.

R414-507-3. Client Eligibility Requirements.

(1) Participation in the LTC Managed Care program is limited to individuals who:

(a) have been in a medical institution for at least 30 consecutive days as a Medicare or Medicaid patient; or

(b) have been in a Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver for at least 30 consecutive days.

(2) A client must meet all financial eligibility requirements for institutional care.

(3) Consistent with the provisions of 42 USC 1396n(a), individuals enrolled in the LTC Managed Care program remain eligible under 42 USC 1396a(10)(A), regardless of the setting in which the services of the program are delivered.

R414-507-4. Program Access Requirements.

(1) Participation in the LTC Managed Care program is limited to Medicaid recipients who:

(a) require the level of care provided in a nursing facility as determined under in R414-502 of the Utah Administrative Code;

(b) are age 18 or older; and

(c)(i) reside in a Medicaid certified nursing facility on an extended stay basis;

(ii) are on an inpatient status in a licensed Utah medical institution other than a Medicaid certified nursing facility and have been designated by the attending physician for discharge to a nursing facility for an extended stay of 30 days or more; or

(iii) are enrolled in a Medicaid 1915c Home and Community-Based Services waiver as an alternative to nursing facility placement and have been determined by the state to require disenrollment from the 1915c Home and Community-Based Services waiver due to health and welfare concerns.

(2) In the case of acute care hospitals, specialty hospitals, and Medicare skilled nursing facilities, participation is limited to persons who are admitted for the purpose of receiving a medical, non-psychiatric level of care more acute than the Medicaid nursing facility level of care provided in R414-502.

(3) Persons who meet the intensive skilled level of care as provided in R414-502 are not eligible for participation in the LTC Managed Care program.

(4) Persons who meet the level of care criteria for admission to an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded as provided in R414-502 are not eligible for participation in the LTC Managed Care program.

(5) Residents of a nursing facility who have selected the Medicare or Medicaid hospice benefit are eligible to participate in the LTC Managed Care program only if enrollment in the LTC Managed Care program results in the individual's receiving continued hospice care in his or her own home or the home of a family member or personal caregiver.

R414-507-5. Service Coverage.

(1) An enrollee in the LTC Managed Care program receives medical, mental health , and institutional and home and community-based LTC services to address the individual's health and safety needs.

(2) The LTC Managed Care program provides the Medicaid State Plan nursing facility service, care coordination, and home and community based long term care services.

(3) The LTC Managed Care Project Contractor must:

(i) use the InterRAI Minimum Data Set- HOME CARE assessment instrument and other clinical assessments necessary to identify the individual's needs;

(ii) develop, in consultation with the individual and the individual's attending physician when possible, a comprehensive written service plan that:

(A) addresses identified needs in an appropriate setting;

(B) coordinates LTC Managed Care program benefits between all service providers; and

(iii) assure implementation of the comprehensive written service plan.

(4) The LTC Managed Care Project Contractor may not pay for LTC services provided by persons who otherwise have a legal responsibility for providing the care, such as a spouse or legally appointed guardian.

(5) A resident of a nursing facility who is admitted from a home or community setting is not eligible for the LTC Managed Care program until a 90-day continuous stay has been completed in a Utah nursing facility or a Utah Medicaid enrolled nursing facility in an adjoining state.

(6) A participant in a Medicaid 1915c Home and Community-Based Services Waiver who is eligible for the LTC Managed Care program in accordance with R414-507-4(1)(e) may enroll in the LTC Managed care program without completing a stay in a Utah nursing facility if the state determines the LTC Managed care program can meet the health and safety needs of the individual in a community setting at the time of enrollment.

(7) An individual residing in a Medicare skilled unit is not eligible to enroll in the LTC Managed Care program until the full available Medicare Part A benefit for skilled nursing care is exhausted.

(8) An individual enrolled in the LTC Managed Care

program must exhaust all available Medicare Part B benefits and other third party benefits before utilizing comparable services through the LTC Managed care program.

R414-507-6. Freedom of Choice.

(1) Upon enrollment in the LTC Managed Care program, the individual may choose among the LTC Managed Care Project Contractors serving in the individual's desired service area.

(2) Upon selecting the LTC Managed Care Project Contractor, the individual is bound by the requirements of the LTC Managed Care program and the Department-approved policies and procedures adopted by the LTC Managed Care Project Contractor for operation of the program.

(3) A LTC Managed Care program enrollee may disenroll from the program at any time with or without cause. A voluntary disenrollment is effective when the enrollee has notified the Department and the Department issues a new Medicaid card that indicates disenrollment on the eligibility transmission.

(4) An enrollee of the LTC Managed Care program who desires to change LTC Managed Care Project Contractors is subject to the provisions of R414-140.

R414-507-7. Evaluation and Reevaluation of Nursing Facility Level of Care.

The Department Director, or designee, may initially evaluate, or periodically reevaluate at least annually each LTC Managed Care enrollee to determine whether the individual meets the admission criteria of R414-502.

R414-507-8. Reimbursement for Services.

(1) Each LTC Managed Care Project Contractor receives a monthly pre-payment per enrollee in an amount established by the Department at the beginning of each state fiscal year.

(2) The LTC Managed Care Project Contractor must submit a financial report on a Department-approved form for the fiscal year reporting period, in accordance with the particular project contract requirements.

(3) After the conclusion of each fiscal year, the Department conducts a cost settlement with each LTC Managed Care Project Contractor. To conduct the cost settlement, the Department first reviews LTC Managed Care Project Contractor expense records and documentation to determine the amount of allowable program expenses. The Department then compares the allowable program expense amount with the aggregate amount of the prepayments the Department paid the LTC Managed Care Project Contractor during the prior fiscal year. The Department also calculates any financial incentives for which the LTC Managed Care Project Contractor qualifies. Based on these calculations, the Department determines an amount due to or owed by the LTC Managed Care Project Contractor.

R414-507-9. Cost Neutrality.

(1) Cost-effectiveness of the LTC Managed Care program is measured as an aggregate of all enrollees over time. The Department's total expenditures for the LTC Managed Care program and other Medicaid services provided to individuals enrolled in the LTC Managed Care program, shall in any given year, not exceed the amount that would be incurred by the Medicaid program for a comparable population in a nursing facility.

(2) The LTC Project Contractor must meet each enrollee's assessed needs regardless of the individual's cost or complexity of care. The LTC Project Contractor cannot place an expenditure cap on any enrollee.

R414-507-10. New Project and Project Expansion Proposals.

(1) Organizations interested in partnering with the Department of Health in a new LTC Managed Care project or to expand the geographical area served by an existing LTC Managed Care project must submit a written project proposal demonstrating the feasibility of the project for consideration by the Department.

(2) The written project proposal must include as a minimum the following topics to demonstrate the added value that the project will contribute to the LTC Managed Care program and the long term viability of the project for the specific geographical area to be served.

(a) project purpose, goals and objectives;

(b) project organizational structure;

(c) a description of services and supports to be provided and the general sequence in which the various elements of the long term care array will be developed;

(d) a description of the residential and work settings where services will be delivered;

(e) a description of the geographical area to be covered;

(f) a project development and implementation schedule;

(g) project quarterly growth projections and estimated maximum capacity;

(h) a description of the target populations;

(i) a description of the referral network to be accessed to identify potential project participants and the outreach approaches to be utilized to educate the referral network about the project;

(j) a description of the specific performance indicators to guide the progress of the project and to measure the level of achievement of stated goals and objectives;

(k) a description of long term care best practices incorporated into the project, that includes a self-directed approach to service planning and budgeting for enrollees who have the ability to be actively involved in their health care decisions;

(l) a financial pro forma statement for the project; and

(m) a description of other publicly financed programs that the project contractor or partners are involved with that present opportunities to integrate multiple program activities and strengthen common priorities or that pose potential conflicting priorities between programs and how the contributing and conflicting issues will be managed.

(3) Each proposal must include sufficient information to allow the Department to evaluate the project's ability to operate in accordance with R414-507, to protect the health and safety of persons served through an alternative delivery approach to nursing facility care, and to maintain financial stability.

(4) The Department will issue a written notice authorizing or denying a proposed project within 90 days of receipt of the written proposal. If the Department issues a written request for additional information, the additional information must be submitted within 30 days of the date of the Department's request and the maximum review time frame is extended to 120 days.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-2. Administration.
R477-2-1. Rules Applicability.

These rules apply to all career and career service exempt state employees except those specifically exempted in Section 67-19-12.

(1) Certificated employees of the State Board of Education are covered by these rules except for rules governing classification and compensation, found in R477-3 and R477-6.

(2) Nonstate agencies with employees protected by the career service provisions of these rules in R477-4, R477-5, R477-9 and R477-11 are exempted by contract from any provisions deemed inappropriate in their jurisdictions by the Executive Director, DHRM.

(3) Unless employees in exempt positions have written contracts of employment for a definite period of time, they are career service exempt employees. The following employees are exempt from mandatory compliance with these rules:

(a) members of the Legislature and legislative employees;

(b) members of the judiciary and judicial employees;

(c) elected members of the executive branch and their direct staff who are career service-exempt employees;

(d) officers, faculty, and other employees of state institutions of higher education;

(e) any positions for which the salary is set by law;

(f) attorneys in the Attorney General's Office;

(g) agency heads and other persons appointed by the governor when authorized by statute;

(h) employees of the Department of Community and Economic Development whose positions have been designated executive/professional by the executive director of the Department of Community and Economic Development with the concurrence of the Executive Director, DHRM.

(4) All other exempt positions are covered by provisions of these rules except rules governing career service status in R477-4, R477-5, R477-9 and R477-11.

(5) The above positions may or may not be exempt from federal and other state regulations.

R477-2-2. Compliance Responsibility.

Agencies shall manage their own human resources in compliance with these rules. Agencies are authorized to correct any administrative errors.

(1) The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to provisions of these rules when one or more of the following criteria are satisfied:

(a) Applying the rule prevents the achievement of legitimate government objectives;

(b) Applying the rule impinges on the legal rights of an employee.

(2) Agency personnel records, practices, policies and procedures, employment and actions, shall comply with these rules and are subject to compliance audits by DHRM.

(3) In cases of noncompliance with the State Personnel Management Act, Title 67, Chapter 19, and these rules, the Executive Director, DHRM, may find the responsible agency official to be subject to the penalties prescribed by Section 67-19-18(1) pertaining to misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office.

R477-2-3. Fair Employment Practice.

All state personnel actions must provide equal employment opportunity for all individuals.

(1) Employment actions including appointment, tenure or term, condition or privilege of employment shall be based on the ability to perform the essential duties, functions, and responsibilities assigned to a particular position.

(2) Employment actions shall not be based on race, religion, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, protected activity under the anti-discrimination statutes, political affiliation, military status or affiliation or any other non-job related factor, nor shall any person be subjected to unlawful harassment by a state employee.

(3) An employee who alleges illegal discrimination may submit a claim to the agency head.

(a) The employee may file a charge with the Utah Anti-Discrimination and Labor Division within 180 days of the alleged harm, or directly with the EEOC within 300 days of the alleged harm.

(b) No state official shall impede any employee from the timely filing of a discrimination complaint in accordance with state and federal requirements.

R477-2-4. Control of Personal Service Expenditures.

(1) Statewide control of personal service expenditures shall be the shared responsibility of the employing agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Human Resource Management and the Division of Finance.

(2) Agency management may request changes to the Position Management Report which are justified as cost reduction or improved service measures.

(a) Changes in the numbers, job identification, or salary ranges of positions listed in the Position Management Report shall be approved by the Executive Director, DHRM or designee.

(3) No person shall be placed or retained on an agency payroll unless that person occupies a position listed in an agency's approved Position Management Report.

R477-2-5. Records.

(1) DHRM shall maintain a computerized file for each employee that contains the following, as appropriate:

(a) performance ratings;

(b) records of actions affecting employee salary, current classification, title and salary range, salary history, and other personal data, status or standing.

(2) Agencies shall maintain the following records in each employee's personnel file:

(a) applications for employment, Employment Eligibility Certification record, Form I-9, and other documents required by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Regulations, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, employee signed overtime agreement, personnel action records, notices of corrective or disciplinary actions, new employee orientation form, performance evaluation records, separation and leave without pay records, including employee benefits notification forms for PEHP and URS;

(b) references to or copies of transcripts of academic, professional, or training certification or preparation;

(c) copies of items recorded in the DHRM computerized file and other materials required by agency management to be placed in the personnel file. The agency personnel file shall be considered a supplement to the DHRM computerized file and shall be subject to the rules governing personnel files;

(d) leave and time records; and

(e) copies of any documents affecting the employee's conduct, status or salary. The agency shall inform employees of any changes in their records based on conduct, status or salary no later than when changes are entered into the file.

(3) Agencies shall maintain a separate file from the personnel file if the agency obtains confidential employee medical information.

(a) Information in this file shall include all written and orally obtained information pertaining to medical issues, including Family Medical and Leave Act forms, medical and dental enrollment forms which contain health related information, health statements, applications for additional life insurance, fitness for duty evaluations, drug testing results, and

any other medical information.

(b) Information in this file is considered private or controlled information. Communication shall adhere to the Government Records Access and Management Act, Section 63-2-101.

(c) An employee who violates confidentiality is subject to state disciplinary procedures.

(4) An employee has the right to review the employee's personnel file, upon request, in DHRM or the agency, as governed by law and as provided through agency policy.

(a) An employee may correct, amend, or challenge any information in the DHRM computerized or agency personnel file, through the following process:

(i) The employee shall request in writing that changes occur.

(ii) The employing agency shall be given an opportunity to respond.

(iii) Disputes over information that are not resolved between the employing agency and the employee shall be decided in writing by the Executive Director, DHRM. DHRM shall maintain a record of the employee's letter, the agency's response, and the DHRM Executive Director's decision.

(5) When a disciplinary action is rescinded or disapproved upon appeal, forms, documents and records pertaining to the case shall be removed from the personnel file.

(a) When the record in question is on microfilm, a seal will be placed on the record and a suitable notice placed on the carton or envelope. This notice shall indicate the limits of the sealed section and the authority for the action.

(6) Upon employee separation, DHRM and agencies shall retain computerized records for thirty years. Agency hard copy records shall be retained by the agency for a minimum of two years, then transferred to the State Record Center to be retained according to the record retention schedule.

(7) Information classified as private in both DHRM and agency personnel and payroll files shall be available only to the following people:

(a) the employee;

(b) users authorized by the Executive Director, DHRM, who have a legitimate need to know;

(c) individuals who have the employee's written consent.

(8) Utah is an open records state, according to Chapter 2, Title 63, the Government Records Access and Management Act. Requests for information shall be in writing. The following information concerning current or former state employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of advisory boards or commissions shall be given to the public upon written request where appropriate with the exception of employees whose records are private or protected:

(a) the employee's name;

(b) gross compensation;

(c) salary range;

(d) contract fees;

(e) the nature of employer paid benefits;

(f) the basis for and the amount of any compensation in addition to salary, including expense reimbursement;

(g) job title;

(h) performance plan;

(i) education and training background as it relates to qualifying the individual for the position;

(j) previous work experience as it relates to qualifying the individual for the position;

(k) date of first and last employment in state government;

(l) the final disposition of any appeal action by the Career Service Review Board;

(m) the final disposition of any disciplinary action;

(n) work location;

(o) a work telephone number;

(p) city and county of residence, excluding street address;

(q) honors and awards as they relate to state government employment;

(r) number of hours worked per pay period;

(s) gender;

(t) other records as approved by the State Records Committee.

(9) When an employee transfers from one agency to another, the former agency shall transfer the employee's original file to the new agency. The file shall contain a record of all actions that have affected the employee's status and standing.

(10) An employee may request a copy of any documentary evidence used for disciplinary purposes in any formal hearing, regardless of the document's source, prior to such use. This shall not apply to documentary evidence used for rebuttal.

(11) Employee medical information obtained orally or documented in separate confidential files is considered private or controlled information. Communication must adhere to the Government Records Access and Management Act, Section 63-2-101. Employees who violate confidentiality are subject to state disciplinary procedures and may be personally liable for slander or libel.

(12) In compliance with the Government Records Access and Management Act, only information classified as public or private which can be determined to be related to and necessary for the disposition of a long term disability or unemployment insurance determination shall be approved for release on a need to know basis. The agency human resource manager or authorized manager in DHRM shall make the determination.

(13) An employee may verbally request the release of information for personal use, or authorize in writing the release of personal performance records for use by an outside agent based on a need to know authorization. Private data shall only be released, except to the employee, after a written request has been evaluated and approved.

R477-2-6. Release of Information in a Reference Inquiry.

Reference checks or inquiries made regarding current or former public employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of advisory boards or commissions can be released if the information falls under a category outlined in R477-2-5(8), or if the subject of the record has signed and provided a reference release form for information authorized under Title 63, Chapter 2.

(1) The employment record is the property of Utah State Government with all rights reserved to utilize, disseminate or dispose of in accordance with the Government Records Access and Management Act.

(2) Additional information may be provided if authorized by law.

R477-2-7. Employment Eligibility Certification (Immigration Reform and Control Act - 1986).

(1) All career and career service exempt employees appointed on and after November 7, 1986, as a new hire, rehire, agency transfer or through reciprocity with or assimilation from another career service jurisdiction must provide verifiable documentation of their identity and eligibility for employment in the United States as required under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

(2) Agency hiring officials are responsible for verifying the identity and employment eligibility of these employees, by completing all sections of the Employment Eligibility Certification Form I-9 in conformance with Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) Regulations. The I-9 form shall be maintained in the agency personnel file.

R477-2-8. Disclosure by Public Officers Supervising a Relative.

It is unlawful for a public officer to appoint, directly

supervise, or to make salary or performance recommendations for relatives except as prescribed in the Nepotism Act, Section 52-3-1.

(1) A public officer supervising a relative shall make a complete written disclosure of the relationship to the agency head in accordance with Section 52-3-1.

R477-2-9. Employee Liability.

An employee who becomes aware of any occurrence which may give rise to a law suit, who receives notice of claim, or is sued because of an incident related to his employment, shall give immediate notice to his supervisor and to the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Risk Management.

(1) In most cases, under provisions of the Governmental Immunity Act (GIA), Sections 63-30-36, 63-30-37, an employee shall receive defense and indemnification unless the case involves fraud, malice or the use of alcohol or drugs by the employee.

(2) If a law suit results against an employee, the GIA stipulates that the employee must request a defense from his agency head in writing within ten calendar days.

R477-2-10. Quality Service Award.

When requested by the Director, agencies shall assign employees to serve on the Utah Quality Award Evaluation Panel according to criteria established by section 67-19-6.4 and DHRM.

R477-2-11. Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Agency management may establish a voluntary alternative dispute resolution program in accordance with Chapter 63-46C, Utah Code Annotated.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-4. Filling Positions.
R477-4-1. Authorization to Fill a Position.

Agencies shall have sufficient funds to fill positions that are listed in the Position Management Report. The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to provisions of this rule, consistent with R477-2-2(1).

The DHRM approved recruitment and selection system is the state's recruitment and selection system for career service positions. Agencies shall use the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system unless an alternate system has been pre-approved by the Department of Human Resource Management.

R477-4-2. Selection for Career Service Exempt Positions.

(1) Agencies and managers may use any process to select an employee for a career service exempt position which complies with state and federal laws and regulations.

R477-4-3. Career Service Positions.

(1) Selection of a career service employee shall be governed by the following:

(a) DHRM standards and procedures;

(b) career service principles;

(c) equal employment opportunity principles;

(d) Utah Code governing nepotism found in Section 52-3-1;

(e) reasonable accommodation for qualified applicants covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

(2) DHRM shall take affirmative action to ensure that members of legally protected classes have the opportunity to apply and be considered for available positions in state government.

R477-4-4. Order of Selection for Career Service Positions.

(1) Prior to implementing the steps for order of selection, agencies may administer the following personnel actions:

(a) reemployment of a veteran eligible under USERRA;

(b) reassignment or transfer within an agency for the purposes of reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act;

(c) fill a position as a result of return to work from long term disability or workers compensation at the same or lesser salary range;

(d) reassignments made in order to avoid a reduction in force, or for reorganization or bumping purposes;

(e) reassignments, management initiated career mobility, or other movement of qualified career service employees at the same or lesser salary range to better utilize skills or assist management in meeting the organization's mission;

(f) reclassification.

(2) Agencies may carry out all the following steps for recruitment and selection of vacant career service positions concurrently. Appointing authorities may make appointments according to the following order of selection which applies to all vacant career service positions:

(a) First, agencies shall make appointments from the statewide reappointment register in compliance with R477-12-3(7) with the names of individuals who meet the position qualifications.

(b) Second, agencies may make appointments within an agency through promotion of a qualified career service employee, or through transfer or promotion of a qualified career service employee to another agency, career mobility assignments to a higher salary range, or conversions from schedule A to schedule B as authorized by R477-5-1.(3).

(c) Third, agencies may make appointments from a list of qualified applicants certified as eligible for appointment to the position, or from another competitive process pre-approved by the Executive Director, DHRM.

R477-4-5. Recruitment for Career Service Positions.

(1) Agencies shall use the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system for all career service position vacancies. This includes recruitments open within an agency, across agency lines, or to the general public. Recruitment shall comply with federal and state laws and DHRM rules and procedures.

(a) In addition to the DHRM required recruitment announcement, all other recruitment announcements shall include the following:

(i) position information about available vacancies;

(ii) information about the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system;

(iii) documented communication regarding examination methods and opening and closing dates, if applicable;

(iv) a strategy for equal employment opportunity, if applicable.

(2) Job information for career service positions shall be announced publicly for a minimum of five working days.

(3) Agencies are required to provide employees with information about the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system.

(4) Recruitment is not required for personnel actions outlined in R477-4-4(1).

(5) Appointment of an employee from the statewide reappointment register must comply with the order of selection specified in R477-4-4.

R477-4-6. Transfer and Reassignment.

(1) Positions may be filled by reassigning an employee without a reduction in pay for administrative reasons or corrective action pursuant to R477-10-2.

(2) The agency that receives a transfer or reassignment of an employee shall verify his career status and that the employee meets the job requirements for the position.

(a) An employee with a disability who is otherwise qualified may be eligible for transfer or reassignment to a vacant position within the agency as a reasonable accommodation measure.

(3) Agencies receiving a transfer or reassignment of an employee shall accept all of that employee's previously accrued sick, annual, and converted sick leave on the official leave records.

(4) A career service employee assimilated from another career service jurisdiction shall accrue leave at the same rate as a career service employee with the same seniority.

R477-4-7. Rehire.

(1) A former career service employee may be eligible for rehire to any career service position for which he is qualified.

(a) A rehired employee must compete through the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system and must serve a new probationary period, as designated in the official job description.

(i) The annual leave accrual rate for an employee who is rehired to a position which receives leave benefits shall be based on all state employment in which the employee was eligible to accrue leave.

(ii) An employee who is rehired within 12 months of separation to a position which receives sick leave benefits shall have his previously accrued sick leave credit reinstated.

(b) A rehired employee may be offered any salary within the regular salary range for the position.

(2) Career Service exempt employees cannot be rehired to career service positions, except as prescribed by Section 67-19-17.

R477-4-8. Examinations.

(1) Examinations shall be designed to measure and predict success of individuals on the job. Appointment to career service

positions shall be made through open, competitive selection.

(2) The Executive Director, DHRM, shall establish the standards for the development, approval and implementation of examinations. Examinations shall include the following:

(a) a documented job analysis;

(b) an initial, unbiased screening of the individual's qualifications;

(c) security of examinations and ratings;

(d) timely notification of individuals seeking positions;

(e) elimination from further consideration of individuals who abuse the process;

(f) unbiased evaluation and results;

(g) reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals with disabilities.

(3) When examinations utilizing ratings of training and experience are administered, agencies may establish maximum years of credit for training and experience for the purpose of rating qualified applicants. Separate maximums may be set for years of training and years of experience. These maximums shall be included in the agency's recruitment notice.

(4) The Executive Director, DHRM, may enter into delegation agreements with agencies to develop and administer examination instruments, subject to periodic administrative audits by DHRM.

R477-4-9. Hiring Lists.

(1) The hiring list shall include the names of qualified and interested applicants who are eligible to be considered for appointment or conditional appointment to a specific position.

(a) Hiring lists shall be constructed using the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system. All competitive processes shall be based on job related criteria.

(b) All applicants included on a hiring list shall be examined with the same examination or examinations.

(c) An individual shall be considered an applicant when he is determined to be both qualified for and interested in a particular position identified through a specific requisition.

(2) An applicant may be removed from further consideration when he, without valid reason, does not pursue appointment to a position.

(3) An individual who falsifies any information in the job application, examination or evaluation processes may be disqualified from further consideration prior to hire, or disciplined if already hired.

(4) Five percent of the total possible score shall be added to the rating or an appropriate adjustment shall be made on the hiring list for any applicant claiming veterans preference who:

(a) has served more than 180 consecutive days of active duty in and honorably discharged or released from the armed forces of the United States; or

(b) is the spouse or unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran.

(5) Ten percent of the total possible score shall be added to the rating or an appropriate adjustment shall be made on the hiring list for any applicant claiming veterans preference who:

(a) was honorably discharged or released from active duty with a disability incurred in the line of duty or is a recipient of a Purple Heart, whether or not that person completed 180 days of active duty;or

(b) is the spouse or unremarried surviving spouse of any disabled veteran.

(6) The Executive Director, DHRM, may enter into delegation agreements with agencies to develop and maintain hiring lists and certify eligible applicants to their appointing authorities, subject to periodic administrative audits by DHRM.

(7) When more than one RIF employee is certified by DHRM, the appointment shall be made from the most qualified.

(8) The appointing authority shall demonstrate and document that equal consideration was given to all applicants whose final score or rating is equal to or greater than that of the applicant hired.

(9) The appointing authority shall ensure that any employee hired meets the job requirements as outlined in the official job description.

R477-4-10. Time Limited Exempt Positions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may approve the creation and filling of career service exempt positions for temporary, emergency, seasonal, intermittent or other special and justified agency needs. These appointments shall be career service exempt as defined in Section 67-19-15.

(1) Time limited, temporary or seasonal career service exempt appointments, such as schedules AJ and AL, may be made without competitive examination, provided job requirements are met.

(a) The following appointments are temporary, and may not receive benefits:

(i) AJ appointments for positions which are half-time or more shall last no longer than 1560 working hours in any consecutive 12 month period.

(ii) AJ appointments which are less than half-time, 19 or fewer hours per week, do not have a limitation on the duration of the appointment.

(b) Appointments under schedules AE, AI and AL shall be career service exempt positions. AE, AI and AL employees may receive benefits on a negotiable basis.

(i) Schedule AL appointments shall work on time limited projects for a maximum of two years or on projects with time limited funding.

(ii) Only schedule A appointments made from a hiring list as prescribed by R477-4-10(1) may be considered for conversion to career service.

(2) Appointments to fill an employee's position who is on approved leave without pay shall only be made temporarily.

(3) A time limited agreement shall be signed by the parties.

R477-4-11. Job Sharing.

Agency management may establish a job sharing program as a means of increasing opportunities for career part-time employment. In the absence of an agency program, individual employees may request approval for job sharing status through agency management.

R477-4-12. Internships and Cooperative Education.

Interns or students in a practicum program may be appointed with or without competitive selection. Intern appointments shall be to temporary, career service exempt positions.

R477-4-13. Reorganization.

When an agency is reorganized, but an employee's position does not change substantially, he shall not be required to compete for his current position. However, a reduction in the number of positions in a certain class shall be treated as a reduction in force.

R477-4-14. Career Mobility Programs.

Employees and agencies are encouraged to promote career mobility programs.

(1) Agencies may provide career mobility assignments inside or outside state government to qualified employees. Career mobility programs are designed to develop agency resources and to enhance the employee's career growth.

(a) Agencies shall establish procedures governing career mobility programs.

(2) Agencies shall develop and use written career mobility contract agreements between employees and supervisors to

outline all program provisions and requirements. The career mobility shall be both voluntary and mutually acceptable.

(a) Programs shall conform to equal employment opportunities and practices.

(b) An eligible employee, the agency or supervisor may initiate a career mobility.

(c) A participating employee shall retain all rights, privileges, entitlements, tenure and benefits from the previous position while on career mobility.

(d) If a reduction in force affects a position vacated by a participating employee, the participating employee shall be treated the same as other RIF employees.

(3) If a career mobility assignment does not become permanent at its conclusion, the employee shall return to the previous position or a similar position and shall receive, at a minimum, the same salary rate and the same or higher salary range that the employee would have received without the career mobility assignment.

(a) An employee who has not attained career service status prior to the career mobility program cannot permanently fill a career service position until the employee obtains career service status through a competitive process.

R477-4-15. Assimilation.

(1) An employee assimilated by the state from another career service system shall receive career service status after completing a probationary period if originally selected through a competitive examination process judged by the Executive Director, DHRM, to be equivalent to the process used in the state career service.

(a) Assimilation agreements shall specify whether there are employees eligible for reemployment under USERRA in positions affected by the agreement.

R477-4-16. Underfill.

(1) Underfill shall only be used in circumstances that meet the following conditions:

(a) The position is in the same classification series, as reflected on the position management report. A position shall be underfilled only until the employee satisfactorily meets the job requirements of the next higher level position as determined by management.

(b) There must be discernible and documented differences between levels in career ladders.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-6. Compensation.
R477-6-1. Pay Plans.

(1) DHRM shall develop or modify pay plans for compensating employees.

(2) Market comparability salary range adjustments shall be legislatively approved.

R477-6-2. Allocation to the Pay Plans.

(1) Each job shall be assigned to a salary range on the applicable pay plan, except where compensation is established by statute.

(2) Salary range determination for benchmark jobs shall be based on salary survey data. The salary ranges for other jobs are determined by relative ranking with the appropriate benchmark job.

R477-6-3. Appointments.

(1) All appointments shall be placed on a salary step in the DHRM approved salary range for the job. Hiring officials shall receive approval from their agency head or agency human resource designee before making appointment offers to individuals.

(2) Reemployed veterans under USERRA shall be placed in their previous position or a similar position at their previous salary range. Reemployment shall include the same seniority status, any cost of living allowances, reclassification of the veteran's preservice position, or market comparability adjustments that would have affected the veteran's preservice position during the time spent by the affected veteran in the uniformed services. Performance related salary increases are not included.

R477-6-4. Salary.

(1) Merit increases. The following are applicable if merit increases are authorized and funded by the legislature:

(a) Employees who are not on a longevity step and who are not at the maximum step of their salary range, who receive a successful or higher rating on their performance evaluations and who have been in a paid status by the state for at least six months shall receive a merit increase of one or more salary steps at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

(b) Employees designated as schedule AE, AI and AL who are receiving benefits are eligible for merit step increases.

(c) Employees designated as schedule AJ are not eligible for merit step increases.

(2) Highest Level Performer.

(a) Employees designated by the agency as a highest level performer consistent with subsection R477-10-1(2) shall receive, as determined by the agency head, either:

(i) a salary step increase; or

(ii) a bonus; or

(iii) administrative leave; or

(iv) other appropriate recognition as determined by the agency.

(b) An employee who is on a longevity step or at the maximum step of the salary range is not eligible for a salary step increase but may receive a bonus, administrative leave or other appropriate recognition as determined by the agency.

(3) Promotions and Reclassifications.

(a) An employee promoted or reclassified to a job with a salary range exceeding the employee's current salary range maximum by one salary step shall receive a salary increase of a minimum of one salary step and a maximum of four salary steps. An employee who is promoted or reclassified to a job with a salary range exceeding the employee's current salary range maximum by two or more salary steps shall receive a salary increase of a minimum of two salary steps and a maximum of four salary steps.

(i) An employee may not be placed higher than the maximum salary step or lower than the minimum salary step in the new salary range. Placement of an employee in longevity shall be consistent with subsection R477-6-4(4).

(ii) An employee who remains in longevity status after a promotion or reclassification shall retain the same salary by being placed on the corresponding longevity step.

(b) To be eligible for a promotion, an employee shall:

(i) meet the job requirements and skills specified in the job description and position specific criteria as determined by the agency for the position unless the promotion is to a career service exempt position.

(c) An employee whose position is reclassified or changed by administrative adjustment to a job with a lower salary range shall retain the current salary. The employee shall be placed on the corresponding longevity step if the salary exceeds the maximum of the new salary range.

(4) Longevity.

(a) An employee shall receive a longevity increase of 2.75 percent when:

(i) the employee has been in state service for eight years or more. The employee may accrue years of service in more than one agency and such service is not required to be continuous; and

(ii) the employee has been at the maximum salary step in the current salary range for at least one year and received a performance appraisal rating of successful or higher within the 12-month period preceding the longevity increase.

(b) An employee on a longevity step shall be eligible for the same across the board pay plan adjustments authorized for all other employee pay plans.

(c) An employee on a longevity step shall only be eligible for additional step increases every three years. To be eligible, an employee must receive a performance appraisal rating of successful or higher within the 12-month period preceding the longevity increase.

(d) An employee on a longevity step who is reclassified to a lower salary range shall retain the current salary.

(e) An employee on a longevity step who is promoted or reclassified to a higher salary range shall only receive an increase if the current salary step is less than the highest salary step of the new range.

(f) Agency heads or time limited exempt employees identified in R477-4-11 are not eligible for the longevity program.

(5) Administrative Adjustment.

(a) An employee whose position has been allocated by DHRM from one job to another job or salary range for administrative purposes, shall not receive an adjustment in salary.

(b) Implementation of new job descriptions as an administrative adjustment shall not result in a salary increase unless the employee is below the minimum step of the new range.

(6) Reassignment.

When permitted by federal or state law, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, management may lower the salary of an employee one or more steps when the employee is reassigned to a position with a salary range having a lower maximum step.

(7) Transfer.

Management may increase or decrease the salary of an employee who initiates a transfer to another position consistent with R477-6-4.

(8) Demotion.

An employee demoted consistent with R477-11-2 shall receive a salary reduction of one or more salary steps as determined by the agency head or designee. The agency head or designee may move an employee to a position with a lower

salary range concurrent with the salary reduction.

(9) Productivity step adjustment.

Agency management may establish policies to reward an employee who assumes additional workloads which result from the elimination of a position for at least one year with a salary increase of up to four salary steps. An employee at the maximum step of the salary range or in longevity shall be given a one time lump sum bonus award of 2.75% of their annual salary.

(a) To implement this program, agencies shall apply the following criteria:

(i) either the employee or management can make the suggestion;

(ii) the employee and management agree;

(iii) the agency head approves;

(iv) a written program policy achieves increased productivity through labor and management collaboration;

(v) the agency human resource representative approves;

(vi) the position will be abolished from the position authorization plan for a minimum of one year;

(vii) staff receive additional duties which are substantially above a normal full workload;

(viii) the same or higher level of service or productivity is achieved without accruing additional overtime hours;

(ix) the total dollar increase, including benefits, awarded to the workgroup as a result of the additional salary steps does not exceed 50 percent of the savings generated by eliminating the position.

(10) Administrative Salary Increase.

The agency head authorizes and approves administrative salary increases under the following parameters:

(a) An employee shall receive one or more steps up to the maximum of the salary range.

(b) Administrative salary increases shall only be granted when the agency has sufficient funding within their annualized base budgets for the fiscal year in which the adjustment is given.

(c) Justifications for Administrative Salary Increases shall be:

(i) in writing;

(ii) approved by the agency head;

(iii) supported by issues such as: special agency conditions or problems or other unique situations or considerations in the agency.

(d) The agency head is the final authority for salary actions authorized within these guidelines. The agency head or designee shall answer any challenge or grievance resulting from an administrative salary increase.

(e) Administrative salary increases may be given during the probationary period. These increases alone do not constitute successful completion of probation or the granting of career service status.

(f) An employee at the maximum step of the range or on a longevity step may not be granted administrative salary increases.

(11) Administrative Salary Decrease.

The agency head authorizes and approves administrative salary decreases for nondisciplinary reasons according to the following:

(a) An employee shall receive a one or more step decrease not to exceed the minimum of the salary range.

(b) Justification for administrative salary decreases shall be:

(i) in writing;

(ii) approved by the agency head; and

(iii) supported by issues such as previous written agreements between the agency and employees to include career mobility; reasonable accommodation, special agency conditions or problems, or other unique situations or considerations in the agency.

(c) The agency head is the final authority for salary actions within these guidelines. The agency head or designee shall answer any challenge or grievance resulting from an administrative salary decrease.

(12) Market comparability adjustments shall be given on July 2, 2005 to all career service employees who qualify. Non career service employees who receive benefits and whose job title is assigned to a benchmark job shall also receive this increase.

(a) A one step increase shall be given to employees whose benchmark job is determined to be 15 percent to 30 percent below the market based on actual average pay.

(b) A two step increase shall be given to employees whose benchmark job is determined to be 30.1 percent or more below the market based on actual average pay.

(c) Employees on the top of the established pay range or in longevity are not eligible for this increase.

R477-6-5. Incentive Awards.

(1) Only agencies with written and published incentive award and bonus policies may reward employees with incentive awards or bonuses. Incentive awards and bonuses are discretionary, not an entitlement, and are subject to the availability of funds in the agency.

(a) Policies shall be approved annually by DHRM and be consistent with standards established in these rules and the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance, rules and procedures.

(b) Individual awards shall not exceed $4,000 per occurrence and $8,000 in a fiscal year. In exceptional circumstances, an award may exceed these limits upon application to DHRM and approval by the Governor.

(c) All cash incentive awards and bonuses shall be subject to payroll taxes.

(2) Performance Based Incentive Awards.

(a) Cash Incentive Awards

(i) Agencies may grant a cash incentive award to an employee or group of employees who:

(A) demonstrate exceptional effort or accomplishment beyond what is normally expected on the job for a unique event or over a sustained period of time.

(ii) All cash awards must be approved by the agency head or designee. They must be documented and a copy shall be maintained in the agency's individual employee file.

(b) Noncash Incentive Awards

(i) Agency heads may recognize an employee or group of employees with noncash incentive awards.

(ii) Individual noncash incentive awards shall not exceed a value of $50 per occurrence and $200 for each fiscal year.

(iii) Noncash incentive awards may not include cash equivalents such as gift certificates or tickets for admission.

(3) Cost Savings Bonus

(a) An agency may establish a bonus policy to increase productivity, generate savings within the agency, or reward an employee who submits a cost savings proposal.

(i) The agency shall document the cost savings involved.

(4) Market Based Bonuses

Agencies may give a cash bonus to an employee as an incentive to acquire or retain an employee with job skills that are critical to the state and difficult to recruit in the market.

(a) Retention Bonus

An agency may pay a bonus to an employee who has unusually high or unique qualifications that are essential for the agency to retain.

(b) Recruitment or Signing Bonus

An agency may pay a bonus to a qualified job candidate to convince the candidate to work for the state.

(c) Scarce Skills Bonus

An agency may pay a bonus to a qualified job candidate

that has the scarce skills required for the job.

(d) Relocation Bonus

An agency may pay a bonus to a current employee who must relocate to accept a position in a different commuting area.

(e) Referral Bonus

An agency may pay a bonus to a current employee who refers a job applicant who is subsequently selected and is successfully employed for at least six months.

R477-6-6. Employee Benefits.

(1) Agencies shall explain all benefits provided by the state to new hires or rehires within five working days of the hire date.

(2) Agency payroll or human resource staff shall submit personnel action forms to the appropriate agency levels within ten days of hire date.

(3) An employee must elect to enroll in the life, health, vision, and dental plans within 60 days of the hire date to avoid having to provide proof of insurability. An employee who does not enroll within 60 days can only enroll during the annual open enrollment period for all state employees. Agencies shall submit the enrollment forms to Group Insurance within three days of the date entered on the enrollment form.

(4) Flex Benefits

(a) A benefits eligible employee may participate in the FLEX benefits program. The annual open enrollment period will be held each November for the following FLEX plan year. Exceptions to this rule are as follows:

(i) A new employee wishing to participate in the FLEX benefits program shall enroll within the first 60 days of employment. Coverage becomes effective on the employment date.

(ii) An employee who has a change in family status such as marriage, divorce, or birth of a child, may enroll or make changes within 60 days of such event. A completed FLEX family status change form, accompanied by proper documentation such as a marriage license, divorce decree, or birth certificate, must be received by the plan administrator within 60 days of the change in family status.

(b) An employee must reenroll each year to participate in the FLEX benefits program.

(c) An employee's designated FLEX payroll deduction shall not be changed during the course of a year unless there is a change in family status.

(d) To be eligible for reimbursement, expenses must be incurred during the plan year.

(e) The claim submission deadline for any plan year shall be 90 days following the end of the calendar year.

(f) An employee terminating, retiring, or changing from eligible to ineligible status during the plan year may either submit claims incurred during employment no later than 90 days following the date of termination, retirement or status change, or elect COBRA for the health care account only.

(5) An employee in a position which normally requires working less than 40 hours per pay period is ineligible for benefits. An employee in a position which normally requires working 40 hours or more per pay period shall be eligible for all benefits, unless the employee is in a position specifically designated as ineligible for benefits. Leave benefits shall be determined on a prorated basis according to actual hours paid in a pay period.

(6) A reemployed veteran under USERRA shall be entitled to the same employee benefits given to other continuously employed eligible employees to include seniority based increased pension and leave accrual.

R477-6-7. Employee Converting from Career Service to Schedule AD, AR, or AS.

(1) A career service employee in a position meeting the criteria for career service exempt Schedule AD, AR, AS or AT shall have 60 days to elect to convert from career service to career service exempt. As an incentive to convert, an employee shall be provided the following:

(a) a base salary increase of one to three salary steps, as determined by the agency head. An employee at the maximum of the current salary range or on longevity shall receive, in lieu of the salary step adjustment, a one time bonus of 2.75 percent, 5.5 percent or 8.25 percent to be determined by the agency head;

(b) state paid term life insurance coverage if determined eligible by the Group Insurance Office to participate in the Term Life Program, Public Employees Health Plan:

(i) Salaries less than $50,000 shall receive $125,000 of term life insurance;

(ii) Salaries between $50,000 and $60,000 shall receive $150,000 of term life insurance;

(iii) Salaries more than $60,000 shall receive $200,000 of term life insurance.

(2) An employee electing to convert to career service exempt after the 60 day election period shall not be eligible for the salary increase, but shall be entitled to apply for the insurance coverage through the Group Insurance Office.

(3) An employee electing not to convert to career service exemption shall retain career service status even though the position shall be designated as Schedule AD, AR or AS. When these career service employees vacate these positions, subsequent appointments shall be career service exempt.

(4) An agency head may reorganize so that a current career service exempt position no longer meets the criteria for exemption. In this case, the employee shall be designated as career service if he had previously earned career service. However, the employee shall not be eligible for the severance package or the life insurance. In this situation, the agency and employee shall make arrangements through the Group Insurance Office to discontinue the coverage.

(5) A career service exempt employee without prior career service status shall remain exempt. When the employee leaves the position, subsequent appointments shall be consistent with R477-4.

(6) Agencies shall communicate to all impacted and future eligible employees the conditions and limitations of this incentive program.

R477-6-8. State Paid Life Insurance.

(1) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AA, AB, AD, AR and AT shall be provided the following benefits if the employee is approved through underwriting:

(a) State paid term life insurance coverage if determined eligible by the Group Insurance Office to participate in the Term Life Program Public Employees Health Plan:

(i) Salaries less than $50,000 shall receive $125,000 of term life insurance;

(ii) Salaries between $50,000 and $60,000 shall receive $150,000 of term life insurance;

(iii) Salaries more than $60,000 shall receive $200,000 of term life insurance.

(2) An employee on schedule AC, AK, AM and AS may be provided these benefits at the discretion of the appointing authority.

R477-6-9. Severance Benefit.

(1) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AB, AD, AR or AT who is separated from state service through an action initiated by management, to include resignation in lieu of termination, shall receive at the time of severance a benefit equal to:

(a) one week of pay, up to a maximum of 12 weeks, for

each year of consecutive exempt service in the executive branch; and

(b) if eligible for COBRA, one month of health insurance coverage, up to a maximum of six months, for each year of consecutive exempt service, at the level of coverage the employee has at the time of severance, to be paid in a lump sum payment to the state's health care provider.

(2) A severance benefit shall not be paid to an employee:

(a) whose statutory term has expired without reappointment;

(b) who is retiring from state service; or

(c) who is discharged for cause.

(3) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AB, AD or AR who accepts reassignment to a position with a lower salary range, without a break in service, shall receive a severance benefit equal to the difference between the current hourly rate of pay and the new hourly rate of pay multiplied by the number of accrued annual leave, converted sick leave, and excess hours on the date of reassignment.

(4) An employee on schedule AC, AK, AM or AS may be provided these same severance benefits at the discretion of the appointing authority.

R477-6-10. Human Resource Transactions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, shall publicize procedures for processing payroll and human resource transactions actions and documents.

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R477-7-1. Conditions of Leave.

(1) An employee who normally works 40 hours or more per pay period, except those identified as career service exempt in R477-4-10, is eligible for leave benefits. An employee receives leave benefits in proportion to the time paid.

(a) An eligible employee who works 40 or more hours per pay period shall accrue annual and sick leave in proportion to the time paid.

(b) An employee shall use leave in no less than quarter hour increments.

(2) A seasonal, temporary, or part-time employee working less than 40 hours per pay period is not eligible for paid leave.

(3) Accrual rates for sick, holiday and annual leave are determined on the Annual, Sick and Holiday Leave Accrual table available through DHRM.

(4) An employee may not use annual, sick, excess or holiday leave before accrued.

(5) An employee may not use compensatory, annual, converted sick leave used as annual, or excess leave without advance approval by management.

(6) An employee transferring from one agency to another is entitled to transfer all accrued annual, sick, and converted sick leave to the new agency.

(7) An employee on paid leave shall continue to accrue annual and sick leave.

(8) An employee separating from state service shall be paid in a lump sum for all annual leave, excess hours, and converted sick leave. An FLSA nonexempt employee shall also be paid in a lump sum for all compensatory hours. A retiring employee shall be paid for all eligible accrued leave.

(a) An employee may transfer this payout, minus all nondeferred taxes, to a 401(k) or 457 account up to the amount allowed by IRS regulation.

(b) No leave on leave may accrue or be paid on the cashed out leave.

(c) Leave cannot be used or accrued after the last day worked, except for FMLA or other medical reasons, or administrative leave specifically approved by management to be used after the last day worked.

(9) Contributions to benefits may not be paid on cashed out leave, other than FICA tax, except as it applies to converted sick leave in R477-7-5(2) and the Retirement Benefit in R477-7-6.

R477-7-2. Holiday Leave.

(1) The following dates are designated legal holidays:

(a) New Years Day -- January 1

(b) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- third Monday of January

(c) Washington and Lincoln Day -- third Monday of February

(d) Memorial Day -- last Monday of May

(e) Independence Day -- July 4

(f) Pioneer Day -- July 24

(g) Labor Day -- first Monday of September

(h) Columbus Day -- second Monday of October

(i) Veterans' Day -- November 11

(j) Thanksgiving Day -- fourth Thursday of November

(k) Christmas Day -- December 25

(l) The Governor may also designate any other day a legal holiday.

(2) If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday.

(3) If an employee is required to work on an observed holiday, the employee shall receive appropriate holiday leave, or shall receive compensation for the excess hours worked.

(4) The following employees are eligible to receive holiday leave:

(a) A full-time employee shall accrue eight hours of paid holiday leave on holidays.

(b) A part-time career service employee and a partner in a shared position who works 40 hours or more per pay period shall receive holiday leave in proportion to the hours paid in the pay period in which the holiday falls.

(c) An employee working flex time, as defined in R477-8-2, shall receive a maximum of 88 hours of holiday leave in each calendar year. If the holiday falls on a regularly scheduled day off, a flex time employee shall receive an equivalent workday off, not to exceed eight hours, or shall receive compensation for the excess hours at the later date.

(5) An employee receives holiday leave in proportion to the number of hours paid during the pay period in which the holiday falls.

(a) A new hire shall be in a paid status on or before the holiday in order to receive holiday leave.

(b) A separating employee shall be in a paid status on or after the holiday in order to receive holiday leave.

(c) An employee in a leave without pay status shall receive holiday leave in proportion to the time paid in the pay period in which the holiday falls.

R477-7-3. Annual Leave.

(1) An employee eligible for annual leave shall accrue leave based on the following years of state service:

(a) less than 5 years -- four hours per pay period;

(b) at least 5 and less than 10 years -- five hours per pay period;

(c) at least 10 and less than 20 years --six hours per pay period;

(d) 20 years or more -- seven hours per pay period.

(2) The accrual rate for an employee rehired to a position which receives leave benefits shall be based on all state employment in which the employee was eligible to accrue leave.

(3) An eligible employee may begin to use annual leave after completing the equivalent of two full pay periods of employment.

(4) The first eight hours of annual leave used by an employee in the calendar leave year shall be the employee's personal preference day.

(5) Agency management shall allow every employee the option to use annual leave each year for at least the amount accrued in the year.

(6) An employee may elect to convert unused annual leave to a 401(k) or 457 deferred compensation program sponsored by the Utah State Retirement Board when funded by the legislature.

(a) Only hours accrued in excess of 320 hours after the end of the last pay period of the leave year are eligible for conversion.

(b) The election to convert may only be made after the end of the last pay period of the leave year as determined by the Division of Finance.

(c) The conversion shall be in whole hour increments.

(d) An employee may convert up to 20 hours or $250 in value, whichever is less.

(e) The value of the converted leave may not cause the contribution to the 401(k) or 457 account to exceed the maximum authorized by the Internal Revenue Code.

(7) After the conversion in R477-7-3(5), unused accrued annual leave time in excess of 320 hours shall be forfeited at the beginning of the first full pay period of each calendar year.

(8) The maximum annual leave accrual rate shall be granted to a certain employee under the following conditions:

(a) an employee on the Executive Pay Plan, as described in 67-22-2, an employee in schedule AB, and agency deputy directors and division directors appointed to career service

exempt positions.

(b) an employee who is schedule A, FLSA exempt and who has a direct reporting relationship to an elected official, executive director, deputy director, commissioner or board.

(c) The maximum accrual rate shall be effective from the day the employee is appointed through the duration of the appointment. Employees in these positions on July 1, 2003, shall have the leave accrual rate adjusted prospectively.

(d) The employee may not be eligible for any transfer of leave from other jurisdictions.

(e) Other provisions of leave shall apply as defined in R477-7-1.

R477-7-4. Sick Leave.

(1) An employee shall accrue sick leave with pay at the rate of four hours each pay period. Sick leave shall accrue without limit.

(2) An employee may begin to use accrued sick leave after completing the equivalent of at least two full pay periods of employment.

(3) Sick leave shall be granted for:

(a) preventive health and dental care, maternity, paternity, and adoption care, or for absence from duty because of illness, injury or temporary disability of the employee, a spouse or dependents living in the employee's home;

(b) FMLA purposes under R477-7-15; or

(c) exceptions for other unique medical situations.

(4) An employee shall arrange for a telephone report to supervisors at the beginning of the scheduled workday the employee is absent due to illness or injury. Management may require reports for serious illnesses or injuries.

(5) Any application for a grant of sick leave to cover an absence that exceeds four successive working days shall be supported by administratively acceptable evidence. If there is reason to believe that an employee is abusing sick leave, a supervisor may require an employee to produce evidence regardless of the number of sick hours used.

(6) Any absence for illness beyond the accrued sick leave credit may continue under the following provisions:

(a) an approved leave without pay status, not to exceed 12 months;

(b) an approved Family Medical Leave Status; or

(c) in an annual or other accrued leave status.

(7) After filing a resignation notice, an employee must support a sick leave request with a doctor's certificate.

(8) An employee separating from state service may not receive compensation for accrued unused sick leave unless retiring.

(a) An employee who is rehired within 12 months of separation to a position that receives sick leave benefits shall have previously accrued unused sick leave credit reinstated.

(b) An employee who retires from state service and is rehired may not reinstate unused sick leave credit.

R477-7-5. Converted Sick Leave.

As an incentive to reduce sick leave abuse, an employee may convert sick leave hours to converted sick leave after the end of the last pay period of the calendar year in which the employee is eligible.

(1) To be eligible, an employee's sick leave account must have accrued a minimum total of 144 hours at the beginning of the first pay period of the calendar year.

(a) At the end of the last pay period of a calendar year in which an employee is eligible, all unused hours accrued that year in excess of 64 shall be converted to converted sick leave. In the event the employee has the maximum accrued in converted sick, these hours will be added to the annual leave account balance. An employee who does not wish to have the sick leave converted shall notify agency management no later than the end of February. The converted sick leave hours will then be returned to the sick leave account.

(b) Upon separation, an eligible employee may convert any unused hours accrued in the current calendar leave year in excess of 64 to converted sick.

(c) The maximum hours of converted sick leave an employee may accrue is 320.

(2) Converted sick leave may be used as annual leave, regular sick leave, or as paid health and life insurance at the time of retirement for employees under age 65. If an employee is 65 years of age or older at the time of retirement, converted sick leave may be used to purchase a Medicare supplement.

(a) Payment for health and life insurance is the responsibility of the employing agency.

(b) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of converted sick leave for the state paid portion of the premium for one month's coverage for health and life insurance.

(c) The retiree shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan.

R477-7-6. Sick Leave Retirement Benefit.

Upon retirement from active employment, an employee may be offered a retirement benefit program, according to Section 67-19-14(2).

(1) This program is optional for each agency. However, any decision whether or not to participate shall be agency wide and shall be consistent through an entire fiscal year.

(a) If an agency decides to withdraw for the next fiscal year after initially deciding to participate, the agency must notify all employees at least 60 days before the new fiscal year begins.

(b) The employing agency shall provide the same health and life insurance benefits as provided to current employees for five years or until the employee reaches the age eligible for Medicare, whichever comes first.

(i) Health insurance provided shall be the same coverage carried by the employee at the time of retirement; i.e., family, two-party, or single. If the employee has no health coverage in place upon retirement, none shall be offered or provided.

(ii) Life insurance provided shall be the minimum authorized coverage provided for all state employees at the time the employee retires.

(iii) The retiree shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan.

(2) Employee participation in any part of this incentive program shall be voluntary, but the decision to participate shall be made at retirement.

(3) An employee may elect to receive a cash payment, or transfer to an approved 401(k) or 457 account, up to 25 percent of his accrued unused sick leave at his current rate of pay.

(4) After the election for cash out is made, 480 hours shall be deducted from the employees remaining sick leave balance.

(5) The employee may use remaining sick leave hours to participate in the following incentive program.

(a) The retiree may purchase PEHP health insurance, or a state approved program, and life insurance coverage for himself until he reaches the age eligible for Medicare.

(i) Health insurance shall be the same coverage carried by the employee at the time of retirement; i.e., family, two-party, or single.

(ii) Life insurance provided shall be the minimum authorized coverage provided for state employees at the time the employee retires.

(iii) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for the state paid portion of one month's premium.

(iv) The employee shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan.

(b) After the employee reaches the age eligible for

Medicare, he may purchase PEHP Preferred Care health insurance, or a state approved cost equivalent program for a spouse until the spouse reaches the age eligible for Medicare.

(i) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(c) When the employee reaches the age eligible for Medicare, he may purchase a high option Medicare supplement policy for himself at the rate of eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(d) When the spouse reaches the age eligible for Medicare, the employee may purchase a high option Medicare supplement policy for the spouse at the rate of eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(e) In the event an employee is killed in the line of duty, the employee's spouse shall be eligible to use the employee's available sick leave hours for the purchase of health and dental insurance as provided in R477-7-6.

R477-7-7. Administrative Leave.

(1) Administrative leave may be granted consistent with agency policy for the following reasons:

(a) administrative;

(i) governor approved holiday leave;

(ii) during management decisions that benefit the organization;

(iii) when no work is available due to unavoidable conditions or influences; or

(iv) other reasons consistent with agency policy.

(b) protected;

(i) suspension with pay pending hearing results;

(ii) personal decision making prior to discipline;

(iii) removal from adverse or hostile work environment situations;

(iv) fitness for duty or employee assistance; or

(v) other reasons consistent with agency policy.

(c) reward in lieu of cash;

(i) the agency head or designee may grant paid administrative leave up to eight hours per occurrence;

(ii) administrative leave in excess of eight hours may be granted with written approval by the agency head.

(iii) administrative leave given as a reward in lieu of cash may not exceed 40 hours in a fiscal year.

(d) student educational assistance.

(2) With the exception of administrative leave used as a reward, as described in R477-7(1)(c), the agency head or designee may grant paid administrative leave up to ten consecutive working days per occurrence. Administrative leave in excess of ten consecutive working days per occurrence may be granted by the agency head.

(3) Administrative leave taken must be documented in the employee's leave record.

R477-7-8. Jury Leave.

(1) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence with full pay when, in obedience to a subpoena or direction by proper authority, the employee is required to:

(a) appear as a witness as part of the employee's position for the federal government, the State of Utah, or a political subdivision of the state; or

(b) serve as a witness in a grievance hearing as provided in Section 67-19-31 and Title 67, Chapter 19a; or

(c) serve on a jury.

(2) An employee who is absent in order to litigate in matters unrelated to state employment shall use eligible accrued leave or leave without pay.

(3) An employee choosing to use paid leave while on jury duty shall be entitled to keep juror's fees; otherwise, juror's fees received shall be returned to agency payroll clerks for deposit with the State Treasurer. The fees shall be deposited as a refund of expenditure in the low org. where the salary is recorded.

R477-7-9. Funeral Leave.

An employee may receive a maximum of 24 hours funeral leave per occurrence with pay, at management's discretion, to attend the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family. Funeral leave may not be charged against accrued sick or annual leave.

(1) The immediate family means relatives of the employee or spouse including in-laws, step-relatives, or equivalent relationship of the same degree as follows:

(a) spouse;

(b) parents;

(c) siblings;

(d) children;

(e) all levels of grandparents; or

(f) all levels of grandchildren.

R477-7-10. Military Leave.

One day of military leave is the equivalent to the employee's normal workday but not to exceed eight hours.

(1) An employee who is a member of the National Guard or Military Reserves is entitled to military leave not to exceed 15 days per calendar year without loss of pay, annual leave or sick leave. An employee shall be on official military orders and may not claim salary for nonworking days spent in military training or for traditional weekend training.

(2) After the first 15 days, officers and employees of the state shall be granted military leave without pay for the period of active service or duty, including travel time, Section 39-3-1.

(a) An employee may use accrued leave while on active duty.

(3) An employee shall give notice of active military service as soon as notified.

(4) Upon separation from active military service under honorable conditions, an employee shall be placed in the original position or one of like seniority, status and pay. The cumulative length of time allowed for reemployment may not exceed five years. An employee is entitled to reemployment rights and benefits including increased pension and leave accrual. An employee entering military leave may elect to have payment for annual leave deferred. In order to be reemployed, an employee shall present evidence of military service and leave without pay status, and:

(a) for service less than 31 days, return at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled work period on the first full day after release from service, taking into account safe travel home plus an eight hour rest period;

(b) for service of more than 31 days but less than 181 days, submit an application for reemployment within 14 days of release from service; or

(c) for service of more than 180 days, submit an application for reemployment within 90 days of release from service.

R477-7-11. Disaster Relief Volunteer Leave.

(1) An employee may be granted an aggregate of 15 working days or 120 work hours in any 12 month period to participate in disaster relief services for the American Red Cross. To request this leave an employee must be a certified disaster relief volunteer and file a written request with the employing agency. The request shall include:

(a) a copy of a written request for the employee's services from an official of the American Red Cross;

(b) the anticipated duration of the absence;

(c) the type of service the employee is to provide for the American Red Cross; and

(d) the nature and location of the disaster where the employee's services will be provided.

R477-7-12. Organ Donor Leave.

An employee who serves as a bone marrow or human organ donor shall be granted paid leave for the donation and recovery.

(1) An employee who donates bone marrow shall be granted up to seven days of paid leave.

(2) An employee who donates a human organ shall be granted up to 30 days of paid leave.

R477-7-13. Leave of Absence Without Pay.

(1) An employee shall apply in writing to agency management for approval of a leave of absence without pay. Approval may be granted for continuous leave for up to 12 months from the last day worked.

(a) The employee shall be entitled to previously accrued annual and sick leave.

(b) If unable to return to work within the time period granted, the employee shall be separated from state employment.

(c) If an employee returns to work on or before the expiration of leave without pay and is unable to perform the essential functions of the position because of a permanent disability that qualifies as a disability under the ADA, the agency shall offer the employee a reassignment to one or more immediately available vacant positions, for which the employee qualifies, and whose essential functions the employee is able to perform without a reasonable accommodation. If no position is immediately available the employee shall be separated from state employment.

(2) Nonmedical Reasons

(a) Leave without pay may be granted only when there is an expectation that the employee will return to work. This section does not apply for military leave.

(b) Agency management may approve leave without pay for an employee even though annual or sick leave balances exist. An employee may take up to ten consecutive working days of leave without pay without affecting the leave accrual rate.

(c) An employee who receives no compensation for a complete pay period shall be responsible for payment of the full premium of state provided benefits.

(d) An employee who returns to work on or before the expiration of leave without pay shall be placed in a position with comparable pay and seniority to the previously held position.

(3) Medical Reasons

(a) An employee who is ineligible for FMLA, Workers Compensation, or Long Term Disability may be granted leave without pay for medical reasons.

(b) Medical leave without pay may be granted for no more than 12 months. Medical leave may be approved if a registered health practitioner certifies that an employee is temporarily disabled.

(c) An employee who is granted this leave shall provide a monthly status update to the employee's supervisor.

R477-7-14. Furlough.

(1) Agency management may furlough employees as a means of saving salary costs in lieu of or in addition to a reduction in force. Furlough plans are subject to the approval of the agency head and the following conditions:

(a) An employee shall accrue annual and sick leave.

(b) Full payment of all fringe benefits shall continue at the agency's expense.

(c) An employee shall return to the current position.

(d) Furlough is applied equitably; e.g., to all persons in a given class, all program staff, or all staff in an organization.

R477-7-15. Family and Medical Leave.

(1) An employee is entitled to 12 weeks of family and medical leave in a 12 month period.

(a) The amount of FMLA leave available to an employee shall be 12 weeks minus any FMLA leave used in the immediately preceding 12 month period.

(b) Agency management shall approve FMLA leave for any of the following reasons:

(i) birth of a child;

(ii) adoption of a child;

(iii) placement of a foster child;

(iv) a serious health condition of the employee; or

(v) care of a spouse, dependent child, or parent with a serious medical condition.

(c) An employee on FMLA leave shall continue to receive the same health insurance benefits the employee was receiving prior to the commencement of FMLA leave.

(2) To be eligible for family medical leave, the employee must:

(a) be employed by the state for at least 12 months;

(b) be employed by the state for a minimum of 1250 hours worked as determined under FMLA during the 12 month period immediately preceding the commencement of leave; and

(c) apply in writing to the agency when the reason for requesting family medical leave changes in the course of a year.

(3) An employee, or an appropriate spokesperson, shall submit a leave request:

(a) thirty days in advance for foreseeable needs; or

(b) as soon as possible in emergencies.

(4) Agency Responsibility

(a) Agency management shall be responsible for:

(i) documenting employee leave requests which qualify as FMLA leave; and

(ii) designating any qualifying leave taken by an employee as FMLA leave. All leave requests which qualify as FMLA leave shall be designated as such and shall be subject to all provisions of this rule; and

(iii) notifying an employee orally or in writing of the designation within two business days, or as soon as a determination can be made that the leave request qualifies as FMLA leave if the agency does not initially have sufficient information to make a determination.

(A) An oral notice must be confirmed in writing no later than the following payday.

(B) If the payday is less than one week after the oral notice, then written notice must be issued by the subsequent payday.

(b) Written notification to an employee shall include the following information:

(i) that the leave will be counted against the employee's annual FMLA entitlement;

(ii) any requirements for the employee to furnish medical certification of a serious health condition and the consequences of failing to do so;

(iii) a statement explaining which types of leave the employee will be required to exhaust before going into a LWOP status;

(iv) the requirement for the employee to make premium payments to maintain health benefits, the arrangements for making such payments, and the possible consequences of failure to make such payments on a timely basis;

(v) the employee's potential liability for payment of health insurance premiums paid by the employer during the employee's unpaid FMLA leave if the employee fails to return to work after taking FMLA leave;

(vi) any requirement for the employee to present a fitness for duty certificate to be restored to employment; and

(vii) the employee's rights to restoration to the same or an equivalent job upon return from leave.

(c) Agencies may designate FMLA leave after the fact only:

(i) if the reason for leave was previously unknown, provided the reason for leave is made known within two business days after the employee's return to work; or

(ii) the agency has preliminarily designated the leave as FMLA leave and is awaiting medical certification.

(d) Agencies shall allow the employee at least 15 calendar days to provide medical certification if FMLA leave is not foreseeable.

(e) Agencies shall inform Group Insurance that an employee is approved for FMLA leave.

(5) An employee shall be required to exhaust accrued annual leave, sick leave, converted sick leave and excess hours prior to going into leave without pay status for the family and medical leave period. An employee who takes family and medical leave in a leave without pay status must comply with R477-7-13.

(a) An employee may choose to use compensatory time for an FMLA reason. Any period of leave paid from the employee's accrued compensatory time account may not be counted against the employee's FMLA leave entitlement.

(6) An employee shall be eligible to return to work under R477-7-13.

(a) If an employee has gone into leave without pay status and fails to return to work after FMLA leave has ended, an agency may recover, with certain exceptions, the health insurance premiums paid by the agency on the employee's behalf. An employee is considered to have returned to work if the employee returns for at least 30 calendar days.

(b) Exceptions to this provision include:

(i) an FLSA exempt and schedule AB, AD and AR employee who has been denied restoration upon expiration of their leave time;

(ii) an employee whose circumstances change unexpectedly beyond the employee's control during the leave period preventing the return to work at the end of 12 weeks.

(7) Leave taken for purposes of childbirth, adoption, placement for adoption or foster care shall not be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule unless the employee and employer mutually agree.

(8) Leave required for certified medical reasons may be taken intermittently.

(9) Leave taken for a serious health condition covered under workers' compensation may be counted towards an employee's FMLA entitlement. Use of accrued paid leave shall not be required for FMLA leave at the same time the employee is collecting a workers' compensation benefit.

(10) Medical records created for purposes of FMLA and the Americans with Disabilities Act must be maintained in accordance with confidentiality requirements of R477-2-5(6).

R477-7-16. Workers Compensation Leave.

(1) An employee may use accrued leave benefits to supplement the workers compensation benefit.

(a) The combination of leave benefit and workers compensation benefit shall not exceed the employee's gross salary. Leave benefits shall only be used in increments of one hour in making up any difference.

(b) The use of accrued leave to supplement the worker compensation benefit shall be terminated if:

(i) the employee is declared medically stable by licensed medical authority;

(ii) the workers compensation fund terminates the benefit;

(iii) the employee has been absent from work for one year;

(iv) the employee refuses to accept appropriate employment offered by the state; or

(v) the employee receives Long Term Disability or Social Security Disability benefits.

(c) The employee shall refund to the state any accrued leave paid which exceeds the employee's gross salary for the period for which the benefit was received.

(2) An employee will continue to accrue state paid benefits and leave benefits while receiving a workers compensation time loss benefit for up to one year.

(3) Health insurance benefits shall continue for an employee on leave without pay while receiving workers compensation benefits. The employee is responsible for the payment of the employee share of the premium.

(4) If the employee is able to return to work within one year of the last day worked, the agency shall place the employee in the previously held position or a similar position at a comparable salary range.

(5) If the employee is unable to return to work within 12 months, the employee shall be separated from state employment.

(6) An employee who files a fraudulent workers compensation claim shall be disciplined according to the provisions of R477-11.

R477-7-17. Long Term Disability Leave.

(1) An employee who is determined eligible for the Long Term Disability Program (LTD) shall be granted up to one year of medical leave, if warranted by a medical condition.

(a) The medical leave begins on the last day the employee worked. LTD requires a three month waiting period before benefit payments begin. During this period, an employee may use available sick and converted sick leave. When those balances are exhausted, an employee may use other leave balances available.

(b) An employee determined eligible for Long Term Disability benefits shall be eligible for health insurance benefits the day after the last day worked. The employee is responsible for 10% of the health insurance premium during the first year of disability, 20% during the second year of disability, and 30% thereafter until the employee is no longer covered by the long term disability program.

Upon approval of the LTD claim:

(i) Biweekly salary payments that the employee may be receiving shall cease. If the employee received any salary payments after the three month waiting period, the LTD benefit shall be offset by the amount received.

(ii) The employee shall be paid for remaining balances of annual leave, compensatory hours and excess hours in a lump sum payment. This payment shall be made at the time LTD is approved unless the employee requests in writing to receive it upon separation from state employment. No reduction of the LTD payment shall be made to offset this payment. If the employee returns to work prior to one year after the last day worked, the employee has the option of buying back annual leave at the current hourly rate.

(iii) An employee with a converted sick leave balance at the time of LTD eligibility shall have the option to receive a lump sum payout of all or part of the balance or to keep the balance intact to pay for health and life insurance upon retirement. The payout shall be at the rate at the time of LTD eligibility.

(iv) An employee who retires from state government directly from LTD may be eligible for up to five years health and life insurance as provided in Subsection 67-19-14(2)(b)(ii).

(v) Unused sick leave balance shall remain intact until the employee retires. At retirement, the employee shall be eligible for the cash payout and the purchase of health and life insurance as provided in Subsection 67-19-14(2)(c)(i).

(2) An employee shall continue to accrue service credit for retirement purposes while receiving long term disability benefits.

(3) Conditions for return from leave without pay shall include:

(a) If an employee is able to return to work within one year of the last day worked, the agency shall place the employee in the previously held position or similar position in a comparable salary range provided the employee is able to perform the essential functions of the job with or without a reasonable

accommodation.

(b) If an employee is unable to perform the essential functions of the position because of a permanent disability that qualifies as a disability under the ADA, the agency shall offer the employee a reassignment to one or more immediately available vacant positions, for which the employee qualifies, and whose essential functions the employee is able to perform without a reasonable accommodation.

(c) If an employee is unable to return to work within one year after the last day worked, the employee shall be separated from state employment.

(4) An employee who files a fraudulent long term disability claim shall be disciplined according to the provisions of R477-11.

R477-7-18. Leave Bank.

With the approval of the agency head, agencies may establish a leave bank program as follows:

(1) Only annual leave, excess hours, compensatory time earned by an FLSA nonexempt employee, and converted sick leave hours may be donated to a leave bank.

(2) Only employees of agencies with approved leave bank programs may donate leave hours to another agency with a leave bank program, if mutually agreed on by both agencies.

(3) An employee may not receive donated leave until all individually accrued leave is used.

(4) Leave shall be accrued if an employee is on sick leave donated from an approved leave bank program.

R477-7-19. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to the provisions of this rule consistent with R477-2-3(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-8. Working Conditions.
R477-8-1. Agency Policies and Exemptions.

(1) Each agency shall write its own policies for work schedules, overtime, leave, and other working conditions consistent with these rules.

(2) The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule, consistent with R477-2-2(1).

R477-8-2. Work Period.

(1) Tasks shall be assigned and wages paid in return for work completed. During the state's standard work week, each employee is responsible for fulfilling the essential functions of his job.

(a) The state's standard work week begins Saturday and ends the following Friday.

(b) State offices are typically open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Agencies may adopt extended business hours to enhance service to the public, consistent with overtime provisions of R477-8-6.

(c) An employee may negotiate for flexible starting and quitting times with the immediate supervisor as long as scheduling is consistent with overtime provisions of the rules R477-8-6.

(d) Agencies may implement alternative work schedules approved by the Director.

(e) An employee is required to be at work on time. An employee who is late, regardless of the reason including inclement weather, shall make up the lost time by using accrued leave, leave without pay or, with management approval, adjust their work schedule.

(f) An employee must work in increments of 15 minutes or more to receive pay for hours worked and overtime hours worked. This rule incorporates by reference 29 CFR 785.48 for rounding practices when calculating time worked.

(g) An employee who satisfies the criteria in this subsection shall be granted up to two hours of administrative leave to vote in an official election.

(i) The employee must:

(A) have fewer than three total hours off the job between the time the polls open and close, and;

(B) apply for the time in the previous 24 hours.

(ii) Management may specify the hours when the employee may be absent.

R477-8-3. Bus Passes.

Agencies may participate in the purchase of bus passes for employees.

R477-8-4. Telecommuting.

(1) Telecommuting is an agency option, not a universal employee benefit. Agencies utilizing a telecommuting program shall:

(a) establish a written policy governing telecommuting;

(b) enter into a written contract with each telecommuting employee to specify conditions, such as use of state or personal equipment, and results such as identifiable benefits to the state and how customer needs are being met; and

(c) not allow telecommuting employees to violate overtime rules.

R477-8-5. Lunch and Break Periods.

(1) Each full-time work day shall include a minimum of 30 minutes noncompensated lunch period. This lunch period is normally scheduled between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for a regular day shift.

(2) An employee may take a 15 minute compensated break period for every four hours worked.

(3) Lunch and break periods shall not be adjusted or accumulated to accommodate a shorter work day. Any exceptions must be approved in writing by the Executive Director, DHRM.

R477-8-6. Overtime.

The state's policy for overtime is adopted and incorporated from the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 CFR Parts 500 to 899(2002) and Utah Code Section 67-19-6.7.

(1) Management may direct an employee to work overtime. Each agency shall develop internal rules and procedures to ensure overtime usage is efficient and economical. These policies and procedures shall include:

(a) prior supervisory approval for all overtime worked;

(b) recordkeeping guidelines for all overtime worked;

(c) verification that there are sufficient funds in the budget to compensate for overtime worked.

(2) Overtime compensation standards are identified for each job title in HRE as either FLSA nonexempt, or FLSA exempt.

(a) An employee may appeal the FLSA designation to the agency human resource office and DHRM concurrently. Further appeals must be filed directly with the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division. The provisions of Sections 67-19-31 and 67-19a-301 and Title 63, Chapter 46b shall not apply for FLSA appeals purposes.

(3) An FLSA nonexempt employee may not work more than 40 hours a week without management approval. Overtime shall accrue when the employee actually works more than 40 hours a week. Leave and holiday time taken within the work period shall not count as hours worked when calculating overtime accrual. Hours worked over two or more weeks shall not be averaged with the exception of certain types of law enforcement, fire protection, and correctional employees.

(a) An FLSA nonexempt employee shall sign a prior overtime agreement authorizing management to compensate the employee for overtime worked by actual payment or time off at time and one half.

(b) An FLSA nonexempt employee may receive compensatory time for overtime up to a maximum of 80 hours. Only with prior approval of the Executive Director, DHRM, may compensatory time accrue up to 240 hours for regular employees or up to 480 hours for peace or correctional officers, emergency or seasonal employees. Once an employee reaches the maximum, additional overtime shall be paid on the payday for the period in which it was earned.

(4) An FLSA exempt employee may not work more than 80 hours in a pay period without management approval. Compensatory time shall accrue when the employee actually works more than 80 hours in a work period. Leave and holiday time taken within the work period may not count as hours worked when calculating compensatory time. Each agency shall compensate an FLSA exempt employee who works overtime by granting time off. For each hour of overtime worked, an FLSA exempt employee shall accrue an hour of compensatory time. Except for Schedule AB, Schedule AD Deputy and Division Directors and equivalents, and Schedule AQ, compensatory hours earned in excess of a base of 80 shall be paid down to 80.

(a) Agencies shall establish in written policy a uniform overtime year and communicate it to employees. If an agency fails to establish a uniform overtime year, the Executive Director, DHRM, and the Director of Finance, Department of Administrative Services, will determine the date for the agency at the end of one of the following pay periods: Five, Ten, Fifteen, Twenty, or the last pay period of the calendar year.

(b) Any compensatory time earned by an FLSA exempt employee is not an entitlement, a benefit, nor a vested right.

(c) Any compensatory time earned by an FLSA exempt employee shall lapse upon occurrence of any one of the following events: when an employee transfers to another

agency, terminates, retires, or otherwise does not return to work before the end of the overtime year.

(i) If an FLSA exempt employee's status changes to nonexempt, that employee's compensatory time earned while in exempt status shall lapse if not used by the end of the current overtime year.

(d) The agency head may approve overtime for career service exempt deputy and division directors, but overtime shall not be compensated with actual payment. Schedule AB employees shall not be compensated for compensatory time except with time off.

(5) Law enforcement, correctional and fire protection employees

(a) To be considered for overtime compensation under this rule, a law enforcement or correctional officer must meet the following criteria:

(i) be a uniformed or plainclothes sworn officer;

(ii) be empowered by statute or local ordinance to enforce laws designed to maintain public peace and order, to protect life and property from accident or willful injury, and to prevent and detect crimes;

(iii) have the power to arrest;

(iv) be POST certified or scheduled for POST training; and

(v) perform over 80 percent law enforcement duties.

(b) Agencies shall select one of the following maximum work hour thresholds to determine when overtime compensation is granted to law enforcement or correctional officers designated FLSA nonexempt and covered under this rule.

(i) 171 hours in a work period of 28 consecutive days; or

(ii) 86 hours in a work period of 14 consecutive days.

(c) Agencies shall select one of the following maximum work hour thresholds to determine when overtime compensation is granted to fire protection employees.

(i) 212 hours in a work period of 28 consecutive days; or

(ii) 106 hours in a work period of 14 consecutive days.

(d) Agencies may designate a lesser threshold in a 14 day or 28 day consecutive work period as long as it conforms to the following:

(i) the Fair Labor Standards Act, Section 207(k);

(ii) 29 CFR 553.230;

(iii) the state's payroll period;

(iv) the approval of the Executive Director, DHRM.

(6) Compensatory Time

(a) Agency management shall arrange for an employee's use of compensatory time as soon as possible without unduly disrupting agency operations or endangering public health, safety or property.

(b) Compensatory time balances for an FLSA nonexempt employee shall be paid down to zero in the same pay period that the employee is transferred from one agency to a different agency, promoted, reclassified, reassigned, or transferred to an FLSA exempt position. The pay down for unused compensatory time balances shall be based on the employee's hourly rate of pay in the old position.

(7) Time Reporting

(a) An FLSA nonexempt employee must complete and sign a state approved biweekly time sheet. Time sheets developed by the agency shall have the same elements of the state approved time sheet and be approved by the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance.

(b) An FLSA exempt employee who works more than 80 hours in a work period must record the total hours worked and the compensatory time used on a biweekly time sheet. All hours must be recorded in order to claim overtime. Completion of the time sheet is at agency discretion when no overtime is worked during the work period.

(8) Hours Worked: An FLSA nonexempt employee shall be compensated for all hours worked. An employee who works unauthorized overtime may be subject to disciplinary action.

(a) All time that an FLSA nonexempt employee is required to wait for an assignment while on duty, before reporting to duty, or before performing activities is counted towards hours worked.

(b) Time spent waiting after being relieved from duty is not counted as hours worked if one or more of the following conditions apply:

(i) the employee arrives voluntarily before their scheduled shift and waits before starting duties;

(ii) the employee is completely relieved from duty and allowed to leave the job;

(iii) the employee is relieved until a definite specified time;

(iv) the relief period is long enough for the employee to use as the employee sees fit.

(c) On-call time: An employee required by agency management to be available for on-call work shall be compensated for on-call time at a rate of one hour for every 12 hours the employee is on-call.

(i) Time is considered on-call time when the employee has freedom of movement in personal matters as long as the employee is available for call to duty.

(ii) An employee must be directed by his supervisor, either verbally or in writing, that he is on call for a specified time period. Carrying a beeper or cell phone shall not constitute on-call time without a specific directive from a supervisor.

(iii) The employee shall record the hours spent in on-call status on his time sheet in order to be paid.

(d) Stand-by time: An employee restricted to stand-by at a specified location ready for work must be paid full-time or overtime, as appropriate. An employee must be paid for stand-by time if required to stand by the post ready for duty, even during lunch periods, equipment breakdowns, or other temporary work shutdowns.

(e) The meal periods of guards, police, and other public safety or correctional officers and firefighters who are on duty more than 24 consecutive hours must be counted as working time, unless an express agreement excludes the time.

(f) Commuting and Travel Time:

(i) Normal commuting time from home to work and back shall not count towards hours worked.

(ii) Time an employee spends traveling from one job site to another during the normal work schedule shall count towards hours worked.

(iii) Time an employee spends traveling on a special one day assignment shall count towards hours worked except meal time and ordinary home to work travel.

(iv) Travel that keeps an employee away from home overnight does not count towards hours worked if it is time spent outside of regular working hours as a passenger on an airplane, train, boat, bus, or automobile.

(v) Travel as a passenger counts toward hours worked if it is time spent during regular working hours. This applies to nonworking days, as well as regular working days. However, regular meal period time is not counted.

(g) Excess Hours: An employee may use excess hours the same way as annual leave.

(i) Agency management shall approve excess hours before the work is performed.

(ii) Agency management may deny the use of any leave time, other than holiday leave, that results in an employee accruing excess hours.

(iii) An employee on schedule AB may not accumulate more than 80 excess hours.

(iv) Agency management may pay out excess hours under one of the following:

(A) paid off automatically in the same pay period accrued;

(B) all hours accrued above 80; or

(C) an employee on schedule AB shall only be paid for excess hours at separation.

R477-8-7. Dual State Employment.

An employee who has more than one position within state government, regardless of schedule is considered to be in a dual employment situation. The following conditions apply to dual employment status.

(1) An employee may work in up to four different positions in state government.

(2) An employee's benefit status for any secondary position(s), regardless of schedule of any of the positions, shall be the same as the primary position.

(3) An employee's FLSA status (exempt or nonexempt) for any secondary position(s) shall be the same as the primary position.

(4) Leave accrual shall be based on all hours worked in all positions and may not exceed the maximum amount allowed in the primary position.

(5) As a condition of dual employment, an employee in dual employment status is prohibited from accruing excess hours in either the primary or secondary positions. All excess hours earned shall be paid at straight time in the pay period in which the excess hours are earned.

(6) As a condition of dual employment, the Overtime or Comp selection shall be as overtime paid regardless of FLSA status. An employee may not accrue comp hours while in dual employment status.

(7) Overtime shall be calculated at straight time or time and one half depending on the FLSA status of the primary position. Time and a half overtime rates shall be calculated based on the weighted average rate of the multiple positions. Refer to Division of Finance's payroll policies, dual employment section.

(8) The Accepting Terms of Dual Employment form shall be completed, signed by the employee and supervisor, and placed in the employee's personnel file with a copy sent to the Division of Finance.

(9) Secondary positions may not interfere with the efficient performance of the employee's primary position or create a conflict of interest. An employee in dual employment status shall comply with conditions outlined in R477-9-2(1).

R477-8-8. Reasonable Accommodation.

Reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals with disabilities may be a factor in any employment action. Before notifying an employee of denial of reasonable accommodation, the agency shall consult with the Division of Risk Management.

R477-8-9. Fitness For Duty Evaluations.

Fitness for duty medical evaluations may be performed under any of the following circumstances:

(1) return to work from injury or illness;

(2) when management determines that there is a direct threat to the health or safety of self or others;

(3) in conjunction with corrective action, performance or conduct issues, or discipline;

(4) when a fitness for duty evaluation is a bona fide occupational qualification for selection, retention, or promotion.

R477-8-10. Temporary Transitional Assignment.

Temporary transitional assignments may be part of any of the following:

(1) return to work from injury or illness;

(2) when management determines that there is a direct threat to the health or safety of self or others;

(3) in conjunction with corrective action, performance or conduct issues, or discipline;

(4) where there is a bona fide occupational qualification for retention in a position;

(5) as a temporary measure while an employee is being evaluated to determine if reasonable accommodation is appropriate.

R477-8-11. Change in Work Location.

(1) A change in work location shall not be permitted if this requires the employee to commute or relocate 50 miles or more, one way, beyond his current one way commute, unless:

(a) the policy is communicated to the employee at employment;

(b) the agency shall either pay to move the employee consistent with R25-6-8 and Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance Policy 05-04.03, or reimburse commuting expenses up to the cost of a move.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-10. Employee Development.
R477-10-1. Performance Evaluation.

Agency management shall develop an employee performance management system consistent with these rules and subject to approval by the Executive Director, DHRM. The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to provisions of this rule consistent with R477-2-2. For this rule, the word employee refers to a career service employee, unless otherwise indicated.

(1) An acceptable performance management system shall satisfy the following criteria:

(a) Performance standards and expectations for each employee shall be specifically written in a performance plan by August 30 of each fiscal year.

(b) Managers or supervisors provide employees with regular verbal and written feedback based on the standards of performance and conduct outlined in the performance plan.

(c) Each employee shall be informed concerning the actions to be taken, time frames, and the supervisor's role in providing assistance to improve performance and increase the value of service.

(d) Each employee shall have the right to include written comment with his performance evaluation.

(e) Agency management shall select a performance management rating system or a combination of systems by August 30 to be effective for the entire fiscal year. The rating system shall be one or more of the following:

TABLE

SYSTEM	#	RATING	POINTS
1		Pass	2
		Fail	0
2		Exceptional	3
		Successful	2
		Unsuccessful	0
3		Exceptional	3
		Highly Successful	2.5
		Successful	2
		Unsuccessful	0
4		Exceptional	3
		Highly Successful	2.5
		Successful	2
		Marginal	1
		Unsuccessful	0

(2) In addition to the above ratings, agency management may establish a rating category for highest level performers under the following conditions:

(a) Each employee who receives this rating shall receive a performance rating of 4.

(b) Agencies shall devise and publish the criteria they will use to select the highest level performers by August 30 of each year. Selection criteria for non-supervisory employees shall be comparable to the Utah Code 67-19c-101(3)(c). Selection criteria for supervisory or management employees shall be comparable to "The Manager of the Year Award."

(3) Each state employee shall receive a performance evaluation effective on or before the beginning of the first pay period of each fiscal year.

(a) A probationary employee shall receive a performance evaluation at the end of the probationary period and again prior to the beginning of the first pay period of the fiscal year.

(4) The employee shall sign the evaluation. Signing the evaluation only means that the employee has reviewed the evaluation. Refusal to sign the evaluation shall constitute insubordination, subject to discipline.

(a) The evaluation form shall include a space for the employee's comments. The employee may comment in writing, either in the space provided or on a separate attachment.

R477-10-2. Corrective Action.

When an employee's performance does not meet established standards due to failure to maintain skills, incompetence, or inefficiency, agency management shall take appropriate, documented, and clearly labeled corrective action in accordance with the following rules:

(1) The supervisor shall discuss the substandard performance with the employee to discover the reasons and to develop an appropriate written corrective action plan. The employee shall sign the written corrective action plan to certify that it has been reviewed. Refusal to sign the corrective action shall constitute insubordination subject to discipline. An employee shall have the right to submit written comment to accompany the corrective action plan.

(a) Corrective actions shall include one or more of the following:

(i) closer supervision;

(ii) training;

(iii) referral for personal counseling by an agency head's approved designee;

(iv) reassignment;

(v) use of appropriate leave;

(vi) career counseling and outplacement;

(vii) period of constant review;

(viii) opportunity for remediation;

(ix) written warnings.

(2) The supervisor shall designate an appropriate corrective action period and shall provide periodic evaluation of the employee's progress.

(3) At the conclusion of corrective action, a formal performance evaluation shall be written and documented in the personnel record.

(4) When the corrective action plan is completed and the employee has not demonstrated improved performance that is satisfactory, the employee shall be disciplined according to R477-11. The written record of the corrective action shall satisfy the requirement of Section 67-19-18(1).

(5) DHRM shall provide assistance to agency management upon request.

R477-10-3. Employee Development and Training.

Agency management may establish a program for training and staff development consistent with these rules.

(1) All agency sponsored training shall be agency specific or designed for highly specialized or technical jobs and tasks.

(2) Agency management shall consult with the Executive Director, DHRM, when proposed training and development activities may have statewide impact or may be offered more cost effectively on a statewide basis. The Executive Director, DHRM, shall determine whether DHRM will be responsible for the training standards.

(3) The Executive Director, DHRM, shall work with agency management to establish standards to guide the development of statewide activities and to facilitate sharing of resources statewide.

(4) When an agency directs an employee to participate in an educational program, the agency shall pay full costs before the course begins.

(5) Agencies are required to provide refresher training and make reasonable efforts to requalify veterans reemployed under USERRA, as long as it does not cause an undue hardship to the employing agency.

R477-10-4. Liability Prevention Training.

Agencies shall provide liability prevention training to their employees. The curriculum shall be approved by DHRM and Risk Management. Topics shall include but not be limited to: new employee orientation, prevention of sexual harassment, and supervisor training on prevention of workplace violence.

R477-10-5. Education Assistance.

State agencies may assist an employee in the pursuit of educational goals by granting administrative leave to attend classes, a subsidy of educational expenses, or both.

(1) Prior to granting education assistance, agencies shall establish policies which shall include the following conditions:

(a) The educational program will provide a benefit to the state.

(b) The employee shall successfully complete the required course work or the educational requirements of a program.

(c) The employee shall agree to repay any assistance received if the employee resigns from state employment within 12 months of completing educational work.

(d) Education assistance shall not exceed $5,250 per employee in any one calendar year unless approved in advance by the agency head.

(e) The employee shall disclose all sources of funding being received for the educational program.

(i) Except for funding that must be repaid by the employee, the amount reimbursed by the State may not include funding received from other sources.

(2) Agency management shall be responsible for determining the taxable or nontaxable status of educational assistance reimbursements.

(3) Agencies may offer educational assistance to law enforcement and correctional officers consistent with section 67-19-12.2 and with these criteria:

(a) The program shall comply with R477-10-5(1) and R477-10-5(2).

(b) The program shall be published and available to all qualified employees. To qualify:

(i) The employee's job duties shall satisfy the conditions of subsection 67-19-12.2 (1).

(ii) The employee shall have completed probation.

(iii) The employee shall maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 or equivalent from an accredited college or university.

(c) The program may provide additional compensation for an employee who completes a higher degree on or after April 30, 2001, in a subject area directly related to the employee's duties. If this policy is adopted, then:

(i) Two steps shall be given for an associate's degree.

(ii) Two steps shall be given for a bachelor's degree.

(iii) Two steps shall be given for a master's degree.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-11. Discipline.
R477-11-1. Disciplinary Action.

(1) Agency management may discipline any employee for any of the following causes or reasons:

(a) noncompliance with these rules, agency or other applicable policies, including but not limited to safety policies, agency professional standards and workplace policies;

(b) work performance that is inefficient or incompetent;

(c) failure to maintain skills and adequate performance levels;

(d) insubordination or disloyalty to the orders of a superior;

(e) misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or failure to advance the good of the public service;

(f) any incident involving intimidation, physical harm, or threats of physical harm against co-workers, management, or the public;

(g) no longer meets the requirements of the position.

(2) All disciplinary actions of career service employees shall be governed by principles of due process and Title 67, Chapter 19a. The disciplinary process shall include all of the following, except as provided under Subsection 67-19-18(4):

(a) The agency representative notifies the employee in writing of the proposed discipline and the underlying reasons supporting the intended action.

(b) The employee's reply must be received within five working days in order to have the agency representative consider the reply before discipline is imposed.

(c) If an employee waives the right to respond or does not reply within the time frame established by the agency representative or within five days, whichever is longer, discipline may be imposed in accordance with these rules.

(3) After a career service employee has been informed of the reasons for the proposed discipline and has been given an opportunity to respond and be responded to, the agency representative may discipline that employee, or any career service exempt employee not subject to the same procedural rights, by imposing one or more of the following:

(a) written reprimand;

(b) suspension without pay up to 30 calendar days per incident requiring discipline;

(c) demotion of any employee through one of the following methods:

(i) An employee may be moved from a position in one job to a position in another job having a lower maximum salary range and may receive a reduction in pay.

(ii) A demotion within the employee's current pay range may be accomplished by lowering the employee's salary rate back on the range, as determined by the agency head or designee.

(d) dismissal.

An agency head shall dismiss or demote a career service employee only in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 67-19-18(5) and R477-11-2.

(4) If agency management determines that a career service employee endangers or threatens the peace and safety of others or poses a grave threat to the public service or is charged with aggravated or repeated misconduct, the agency may impose the following actions, as provided by subsection 67-19-18-(4), pending an investigation and determination of facts:

(a) paid administrative leave; or

(b) temporary reassignment to another position or work location at the same rate of pay.

(5) At the time disciplinary action is imposed, the employee shall be notified in writing of the discipline, the reasons for the discipline, the effective date and length of the discipline.

(6) Disciplinary actions are subject to the grievance and appeals procedure as provided by law for career service employees only. The employee and the agency representative may agree in writing to waive or extend any grievance step, or the time limits specified for any grievance step.

R477-11-2. Dismissal or Demotion.

An employee may be dismissed or demoted for cause as explained under R477-10-2 and R477-11-1, and through the process outlined in this rule.

(1) An agency head or appointing officer may dismiss or demote a probationary employee or career service exempt employee without right of appeal. Such dismissal or demotion may be for any reason or for no reason.

(2) No career service employee shall be dismissed or demoted from a career service position unless the agency head or designee has observed the Grievance Procedure Rules and law cited in R137-1-13 and Title 67, Chapter 19a, and the following procedures:

(a) The agency head or designee shall notify the employee in writing of the specific reasons for the proposed dismissal or demotion.

(b) The employee shall have up to five working days to reply. The employee must reply within five working days for the agency head or designee to consider the reply before discipline is imposed.

(c) The employee shall have an opportunity to be heard by the agency head or designee. The hearing before the department head or designee shall be strictly limited to the specific reasons raised in the notice of intent to demote or dismiss.

(i) At the hearing the employee may present, either in person, in writing, or with a representative, comments or reasons as to why the proposed disciplinary action should not be taken. The agency head or designee is not required to receive or allow other witnesses on behalf of the employee.

(ii) The employee may present documents, affidavits or other written materials at the hearing. However, the employee is not entitled to present or discover documents within the possession or control of the department or agency that are private, protected or controlled under Chapter 63-2, the Governmental Access and Records Management Act.

(d) Following the hearing, the employee may be dismissed or demoted if the agency head finds adequate cause or reason.

(e) The employee shall be notified in writing of the agency head's decision. Specific reasons shall be provided if the decision is a demotion or dismissal.

(3) Agency management may suspend an employee with pay pending the administrative appeal to the agency head.

R477-11-3. Discretionary Factors.

(1) When deciding the specific type and severity of discipline, the agency head or representative may consider the following factors:

(a) consistent application of rules and standards;

(b) prior knowledge of rules and standards;

(c) the severity of the infraction;

(d) the repeated nature of violations;

(e) prior disciplinary/corrective actions;

(f) previous oral warnings, written warnings and discussions;

(g) the employee's past work record;

(h) the effect on agency operations;

(i) the potential of the violations for causing damage to persons or property.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-12. Separations.
R477-12-1. Resignation.

A career service employee may resign by giving written or verbal notice to the immediate supervisor or an appropriate representative of management in the work unit.

(1) Agency management may accept an employee's resignation without prejudice when the resignation is received at least ten working days before its effective date.

(2) After submitting a resignation, an employee may withdraw it on the next working day by notifying the immediate supervisor or an appropriate representative of management in the work unit.

(a) After the close of the next working day following submission, withdrawal of a resignation may occur only with the consent of agency management.

(b) If the resignation withdrawal notice is verbal, the employee shall submit a written notification within 24 hours of the verbal notice.

R477-12-2. Abandonment of Position.

An employee who is absent from work for three consecutive working days and is capable of providing proper notification to the supervisor, but does not, shall be considered to have abandoned his position.

(1) An employee who has abandoned his position may be separated from state employment. Management shall inform the employee of the action in writing.

(a) The employee shall have the right to appeal to the agency head within five working days of receipt or delivery of the notice of abandonment to the last known address.

(b) If the separation is appealed, management may not be required to prove intent to abandon the position.

R477-12-3. Reduction in Force.

Reductions in force shall be required when there are inadequate funds, a change of workload, or lack of work. Reductions in force shall be governed by DHRM business practices, standards and the following rules:

(1) When staff will be reduced in one or more categories of work, agency management shall develop a work force adjustment plan (WFAP). A career service employee shall only be given formal written notification of separation after a WFAP has been reviewed and approved by the Executive Director, DHRM, or designee. The following items shall be considered in developing the work force adjustment plan:

(a) the categories of work to be eliminated, including positions impacted through bumping, as determined by management;

(b) a decision by agency management allowing or disallowing bumping;

(c) specifications of measures taken to facilitate the placement of affected employees through normal attrition, retirement, reassignment, relocation, and movement to vacant positions for which the employee qualifies;

(d) a list of all affected employees showing the retention points for each employee.

(2) Eligibility for RIF.

(a) Only career service employees who have been identified in an approved WFAP and given an opportunity for a hearing with the agency head may be RIF'd.

(b) An employee covered by USERRA and in a leave without pay status must be identified, assigned retention points, and notified of the RIF of the previous position in the same manner as a career service employee.

(3) Retention points shall be calculated for all affected employees within a category of work as follows:

(a) Seniority shall be determined by the length of total state career service, which commenced in a competitive career service position for which the probationary period was successfully completed.

(i) For part-time work, length of service shall be determined in proportion to hours actually worked.

(ii) Exempt service time subsequent to attaining career service tenure with no break in service shall also be counted for purposes of seniority.

(iii) In the event of ties in retention points, the amount of time employed in the affected agency or department serves as the tie breaker.

(b) Length of state service shall be measured in years and additional days shown as a fraction of a year.

(c) Time spent in a leave without pay status for service in the uniformed services covered under USERRA shall be counted for purposes of seniority.

(d) Any time spent in leave without pay status, to include worker's compensation leave, may not be counted for purposes of seniority.

(e) An employee within a category of work, including employees covered under USERRA in a leave without pay status, shall be assigned a job proficiency rating. The job proficiency rating shall be an average of the last three annual performance evaluation ratings as described in R477-10-1(1)(e). If employees have had fewer than three annual performance evaluations, the proficiency ratings shall be an average of all ratings received as of that time.

(f) The numeric values of each employee's job proficiency rating and that employee's actual length of service shall be added together to produce the retention points.

(g) Retention points shall be calculated for an employee covered under USERRA and in a leave without pay status in the same manner as for current employees in the affected class. If there are no performance evaluation ratings for an employee covered under USERRA, no proficiency rating shall be included in the retention points.

(4) The order of separation shall be:

(a) career service exempt employees;

(b) probationary employees;

(c) career service employees with the lowest retention points are released first. In the event of ties in retention points, the amount of seniority in the affected agency serves as the tie breaker.

(5) An employee, including one covered under USERRA in a leave without pay status, who is separated due to a reduction in force shall be given formal written notification of separation, allowing for a minimum of 20 working days prior to the effective date of the RIF.

(6) Appeals.

(a) An employee notified of separation due to a reduction in force may appeal to the agency head for an administrative review by submitting a written notice of appeal within 20 working days after the receipt of written notification of separation.

(b) The employee may appeal the decision of the agency head according to the appeals procedure of the Career Service Review Board.

(7) Reappointment of RIF'd individual.

(a) A RIF'd individual is eligible for reappointment into a half time or greater career service position for which he qualifies in a salary range comparable to or less than the last career service position held, for a period of one year following the date of separation. R477-4-4 applies for selection of individuals from the reappointment register.

(i) The Executive Director, DHRM, shall maintain a reappointment register and shall make the final determination on whether an eligible RIF'd individual meets the job requirements for position vacancies.

(ii) A RIF'd individual shall remain on the state reappointment register for 12 months from the date of

separation, unless reappointed sooner.

(b) During a statewide mandated freeze on hiring wherein the Governor disallows increases in each agency's FTEs, eligibility for the reappointment register shall be extended for the entire length of time covered by a freeze.

(c) When determining comparable salary ranges in cases of RIF eligibility, a comparison of the previous career service salary range to the current career service salary range maximum step is required. A RIF'd individual shall have RIF rights to any vacant position for which he qualifies. The basis for comparison shall be:

(i) The current salary range of a vacant position if it is equal to or lesser than the individual's previous salary range, or;

(ii) If the maximum step of the position previously held by the RIF'd individual has moved upward, the new range shall be used.

(d) A RIF'd individual who is reappointed to a career service position shall not be required to serve a probationary period. The RIF'd individual shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a regular career service employee.

(e) At agency discretion, an individual reappointed from a reappointment register may buy back part or all accumulated annual and converted sick leave that was cashed out when RIF'd.

(8) Appeal rights of RIF'd individual. An individual whose name is on the reappointment register as a result of a reduction in force may use the grievance procedure regarding their reappointment rights.

(9) A career service employee in an exempt position. Any career service employee accepting an exempt position without a break in service, who is later not retained by the appointing officer, unless discharged for cause as provided for by these rules, shall be placed on the reappointment register.

(a) The Executive Director, DHRM, shall maintain a reappointment register for this purpose. An individual on this register shall:

(i) be appointed to any half time or greater career service position for which the individual qualifies in a pay range comparable to the individual's last position in the career service, provided an opening exists; or

(ii) be appointed to any lesser career service position for which the individual qualifies, pending the opening of a position at the last career service salary range held.

(b) The Executive Director, DHRM, shall make the final determination on whether an eligible individual meets the job requirements for position vacancies.

(c) The individual shall declare a desire to remain on the reappointment register upon inquiry by DHRM.

(d) In lieu of placement on the reappointment register, management may place an employee in a vacant career service position consistent with R477-12-3(7)(c) for which he qualifies. A memorandum of understanding waiving all appeal rights concerning the reassignment shall be signed by the employee.

R477-12-4. Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to provisions of this rule consistent with R477-2-2(1).

KEY: administrative procedures, employees' rights, grievances, retirement

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R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-1. Medical Records.
R525-1-2. Access to Medical Records.

The patient record is the property of the Utah State Hospital (USH) and is maintained for the benefit of the patient, clinical staff, and hospital. USH shall safeguard the information in the record against loss, defacement, tampering, or use by unauthorized persons.

R525-1-3. Written Consent Is Required for Disclosure of Patient Information.

Expect as may be otherwise provided for by law, proper written consent of the patient or his legal guardian, if any (or, if a minor, the parent or legal guardian), is required for disclosure of patient information. USH staff informs each patient and new staff member of the hospital's policies regarding confidentiality and disclosure of information.

R525-1-4. Processing Requests for Patient Information.

Requests for patient information are processed by the Medical Records Department.

R525-1-5. Disclosures of Information Are Not Given Over the Phone.

Disclosures of information are not given over the telephone unless the disclosure of information is deemed by medical records personnel to be an emergency.

R525-1-6. Attorneys Receiving Patient Information.

With respect to an attorney receiving patient information. USH complies with Section 78-25-25 of the Utah Code.

R525-1-7. Patient Information May Be Disclosed Upon Receipt of Authorization.

Patient information may be disclosed to physicians, psychologists, certified social workers, appropriate agencies, and insurance companies upon receipt of an original authorization signed by the patient or guardian. The authorization must contain the following information:

A. the name of the person, agency, or organization to which the information is to be disclosed;

B. the specific information to be disclosed;

C. the purpose for the disclosure;

D. the date the consent was signed and the signature of the individual witnessing the consent; and

E. a notice that the consent is valid only for 90 days.

R525-1-8. Assessments Containing Other Names Are Not Released.

Patient assessments containing names other than that of the patient or treatment staff are not released.

R525-1-9. Patient Information is Stamped "Confidential".

Patient information disclosed to other persons, agencies, or organizations is stamped "confidential" and may not be re-disclosed.

R525-1-10. Signed Authorization Is Retained in the Medical Record.

Following authorized disclosure of patient information, the signed authorization is retained in the patient record with notation of the specific information disclosed, the date of the disclosure, and the signature of the individual disclosing the information.

R525-1-11. Original Patient Records Are Not Removed From USH.

Original patient records are not removed from the premises except when there is an appropriately signed court order or with the approval of the Attorney General's Office.

R525-1-12. State Mental Health Authorities Have Access to Patient Information.

State of Utah Mental Health Authorities shall have access to patient information without the requirement of a signed authorization.

KEY: medical records
May 25, 1998 **62A-12-205**
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R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-2. Patient Rights.
R525-2-1. Patients and Family Are Informed of Rights.

Patients, and when appropriate, family members are informed of their rights and the means by which these rights are protected and exercised.

R525-2-2. Admission Status.

Patients, and when appropriate, family members have their admission status explained to them and to have the provisions of the law pertaining to their admission.

R525-2-3. Consent Forms.

A written, dated, and signed consent form is obtained from the patient, and when appropriate, the patient's family or legal guardian for participation in research projects and for use or performance of:

A. surgical procedures;
B. electroconvulsive therapy;
C. unusual medications;
D. audiovisual equipment;
E. other procedures where consent is required by law.

R525-2-4. Patient Advocate.

A Hospital Patient Advocate is provided to assist patients and, when appropriate family members, and direct their concerns to the appropriate person/agency.

R525-2-5. Patient May Deny Family Members Access to Treatment Information.

Adult patients, who do not have a court-appointed legal guardian, may exclude family members from their treatment information.

KEY: patient rights
May 25, 1998 **62A-15-606**
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R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-3. Medication Treatment of Patients.
R525-3-1. Medication as Part of Treatment.

Utah State Hospital (USH) offers medication as part of treatment for patients.

R525-3-2. Patients May Refuse Medication Treatment.

Patient have the right to refuse medication treatment.

R525-3-3. Clinical Medication Review.

In the event that a patient refuses medication treatment, USH staff shall hold a clinical medication review to determine if medication treatment is required as part of the patient's treatment.

R525-3-4. Patient/Legal Guardian Shall Attend Review.

The patient/legal guardian shall be afforded the opportunity to attend the review and address the issue of medication treatment.

R525-3-5. Medication Review Committee to Render a Decision.

The medication review committee shall render a decision with respect to whether medication is a requirement of treatment and shall inform the patient/legal guardian of that decision.

R525-3-6. The Patient May Appeal the Decision.

The patient/legal guardian shall be afforded the opportunity to appeal any decision and have the case reviewed by the Hospital Clinical Director/designee.

R525-3-7. Hospital Clinical Director/Designee Shall Review the Case.

The Hospital Clinical Director/designee shall review the appeal and render a decision with respect to whether or not the patient is required to take medication as part of their treatment.

R525-3-8. Periodic Reviews.

Patients medicated pursuant to a medication review are periodically evaluated to determine if medication treatment continues to be a requirement of their treatment.

R525-3-9. Medication Treatment of Minors.

Medication treatment of minor children is conducted only in agreement with the child and/or the parent/legal guardian.

R525-3-10. Electroconvulsive Therapy.

Electroconvulsive therapy is provided upon consent of the patient/legal guardian and may be provided by other hospitals that are equipped and staffed to provide safe and effective electroconvulsive therapy and recovery.

KEY: medication treatment
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R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-4. Visitors.
R525-4-1. Patients May Have Visitors.

At the discretion of patients, family, friends, and appropriate others may visit patients at the Utah State Hospital (USH).

R525-4-2. Clergy and Legal Counsel.

With respect to clergy and/or legal counsel visiting patients, the hospital abides by Subsection 62A-15-641(3).

R525-4-3. Visits May Be Denied or Limited.

A physician may deny or limit a visit for safety, security, and/or therapeutic reasons.

R525-4-4. Visiting Minors.

Persons desiring to visit minors must obtain approval from the parent/legal guardian and the unit clinical staff.

R525-4-5. Visiting Hours Are Posted.

Each treatment unit shall post their visiting hours in an area that is accessible by the public.

R525-4-6. Visitor Slip.

Upon arrival at USH, visitors must obtain a "visitor slip" from the switchboard located in the Heninger Administration Building.

R525-4-7. Visitor Slips Are Presented Upon Arrival at Unit.

The visitor presents the visitor slip and proper identification upon arrival to the unit.

R525-4-8. Visitors Bringing Gifts.

Visitors desiring to bring gift/items are required to obtain clearance from the patient's treatment team prior to bringing the gift/item on the unit.

KEY: visitors
May 25, 1998 **62A-15-606**
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R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-5. Background Checks.
R525-5-1. Background Checks Are Completed on All New Employees and Volunteers.

Background checks, which may include fingerprinting and BCI inquiries, are completed on all newly hired employees and volunteers who will be performing volunteer services for an extended period of time.

R525-5-2. Information Is Used for Employment/Volunteer Service Placement.

Background information shall be used to determine appropriateness for employment or volunteer services.

KEY: background checks
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Notice of Continuation May 20, 2003

R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-6. Prohibited Items and Devices.
R525-6-1. Prohibited Items and Devices.

Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 62A-15-603(3) and 76-8-311.1(2)(a), the entire campus and all facilities of the Utah State Hospital, including its buildings and grounds are designated as secure areas by this rule. Accordingly all weapons, contraband, controlled substances, ammunition, items that can implement escape, explosives, spirituous or fermented liquors, firearms, or any devices that are normally considered to be weapons are prohibited from entry into the campus of the Utah State Hospital. Persons entering the Utah State Hospital campus must secure all weapons in their locked vehicles, out of sight, or they may secure their weapon in a secure storage locker. Secure storage lockers for public use are identified and accessed through directions provided at the entrance of the Utah State Hospital campus. A person is not in violation of this rule during the time required to directly enter the campus and immediately place a weapon in a secure storage locker or immediately secure it out of sight in a locked vehicle.

KEY: weapons

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	76-8-311.3(2)

R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-7. Complaints/Suggestions/Concerns.
R525-7-1. Patient and Family Members May Register Complaints.

Patients and/or their family members may register a complaint/suggestion/concern about the hospital to any hospital staff member.

R525-7-2. Complaints/Suggestions/Concerns Are Reviewed.

Complaints/suggestions/concerns are reviewed by the Hospital Suggestion Committee and forwarded to the appropriate person/agency for response.

R525-7-3. The Suggestion Committee Shall Respond.

The person submitting the complaint/suggestion/concern shall receive a response from the Suggestion Committee.

R525-7-4. No Reprisal to Person Making Complaint.

Patients, family members, and members of the public may pursue complaints against the hospital without reprisal.

KEY: complaints, suggestions, concerns
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R525. Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, State Hospital.
R525-8. Forensic Mental Health Facility.
R525-8-1. Forensic Mental Health Facility.

(1) Pursuant to the requirements of UCA Section 62A-15-902(2)(c), the forensic mental health facility allocates beds to serve the following categories:

(a) prison inmates displaying mental illness, as defined in UCA Section 62A-15-602, necessitating treatment in a secure mental health facility;

(b) criminally adjudicated persons found guilty and mentally ill or undergoing evaluation for mental illness under UCA Title 77, Chapter 16a;

(c) criminally adjudicated persons found guilty and mentally ill or undergoing evaluation for mental illness under UCA Title 77, Chapter 16a, who are also mentally retarded;

(d) persons found by a court to be incompetent to proceed in accordance with UCA Title 77, Chapter 15, or not guilty by reason of insanity under UCA Title 77, Chapter 14; and

(e) persons who are civilly committed to the custody of a local mental health authority in accordance with UCA Title 62A, Chapter 15, Part 6, and who may not be properly supervised by the Utah State Hospital because of a lack of necessary security, as determined by the superintendent or his designee.

(2) Additionally, the beds serve the following categories:

(a) persons undergoing an evaluation to determine competency to proceed under UCA Title 77, Chapter 15; and

(b) persons committed to the state hospital as a condition of probation under UCA Subsection 77-18-1(14).

R525-8-2. Bed Allocation.

Beds shall be allocated based on current need and priorities as determined by the Mental Health and Corrections Advisory Council established pursuant to UCA Section 62A-15-605. Highest priority shall be given to those cases which are specifically required to be admitted to the Utah State Hospital by Utah law.

R525-8-3. No Admission Because of Capacity.

When capacity in the forensic mental health facility has been met, the hospital shall not admit any persons to the forensic mental health facility until a bed becomes available. In such an event the hospital will work cooperatively with the court to find a resolution.

KEY: forensic, mental health, facility
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R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.
R527-332. Unreimbursed Assistance Calculation.
R527-332-1. Definitions.

1. IV-A Assistance means cash assistance which was issued based upon Title IV-A funding of AFDC or FEP programs.

2. Unreimbursed Assistance means the total lifetime amount of IV-A assistance that the State has expended on behalf of the IV-A household for which the State/Federal government have not been reimbursed.

R527-332-2. Unreimbursed Assistance Calculation.

The Office of Recovery Services shall calculate the amount of unreimbursed assistance. The calculation shall compare the amount of IV-A child support payments plus the amount of IV-A overpayment payments against the lifetime IV-A benefit amount.

In the event that the unreimbured assistance amount becomes zero, or greater than zero, collection of the IV-A overpayment amount will be suspended.

KEY: assistance, overpayments, child support

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R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.
R527-450. Federal Tax Refund Intercept.
R527-450-1. Certification Criteria.

The Office of Recovery Services/Child Support Services (ORS/CSS) will refer qualified support debts to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for offset by federal tax refund intercept as authorized in 45 CFR 303.72 (1999) and 42 U.S.C. Section 664.

1. On Non-IV-A debts support shall be owed to or on behalf of a minor child. The child must be under 18 years old as of December 31 of the year in which the debt is submitted for offset.

2. IV-A and Non-IV-A debts which meet certification criteria may be certified and the federal tax refund may be intercepted, even if the obligor is paying on arrearages.

R527-450-2. Notice of Offset.

ORS/CSS will send an annual notice to all obligors certified for the federal tax refund intercept and to all unobligated spouses of these obligors, notifying the obligor of the amount of the arrearage certified, outlining the unobligated spouse's rights, and directing the obligor to contact ORS/CSS if he has questions. The notice will advise the obligor of his right to contest the amount of past-due support and of his right to an administrative review.

R527-450-3. Earned Income Credit.

ORS/CSS will refund the portion of the obligor's intercepted federal tax refund that resulted from an earned income credit, if the obligor makes a written request and includes a copy of the federal tax return. If the intercept payment has been credited to a Non-IV-A case and has disbursed to the family, the request will be denied.

R527-450-4. Distribution of Collections.

1. Any money collected through the tax refund offset process can be applied only to the arrearage certified.

2. Collections received through federal tax refund intercept will be applied to satisfy certified IV-A and foster care arrearages before Non-IV-A arrearage.

3. On Non-IV-A cases the federal tax intercept payments will be held for at least 30 days but not more than 180 days before being disbursed to the obligee.

4. In the event that the Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS) reclaims money which has been refunded to a Non-IV-A obligee, that obligee will be required to repay to the state the amount reclaimed by FMS.

R527-450-5. Deleting or Modifying a Federal Tax Certification.

1. If the total amount certified for IV-A and Non-IV-A is reduced to zero after the certification, ORS/CSS will delete the obligor from the certification list.

2. If the obligor's arrearage increases or decreases, ORS/CSS will modify the certification amount accordingly.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-93. Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities.
R590-93-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsection 31A-2-201(3)(a) wherein the commissioner may make rules to implement the provisions of Title 31A and pursuant to Subsection 31A-23a-402(8), which allows the commissioner to define methods of competition and acts and practices found to be unfair or deceptive.

R590-93-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is:

(a) to regulate the activities of insurers and producers with respect to the replacement of existing life insurance and annuities; and

(b) to protect the interests of life insurance and annuity purchasers by establishing minimum standards of conduct to be observed in replacement or financed purchase transactions. It will:

(i) assure that purchasers receive information with which a decision can be made in the purchaser's own best interest;

(ii) reduce the opportunity for misrepresentation and incomplete disclosure; and

(iii) establish penalties for failure to comply with requirements of this rule.

(2) Unless otherwise specifically included, this rule shall not apply to transactions involving:

(a) credit life insurance;

(b) group life insurance or group annuities where there is no direct solicitation of individuals by an insurance producer. Direct solicitation shall not include any group meeting held by an insurance producer solely for the purpose of educating or enrolling individuals or, when initiated by an individual member of the group, assisting with the selection of investment options offered by a single insurer in connection with enrolling that individual. Group life insurance or group annuity certificates marketed through direct response solicitation shall be subject to the provisions of Section R590-93-8;

(c) group life insurance and annuities used to fund prearranged funeral contracts;

(d) an application to the existing insurer that issued the existing policy or contract when a contractual change or a conversion privilege is being exercised; or, when the existing policy or contract is being replaced by the same insurer pursuant to a program filed with and approved by the commissioner;

(e) proposed life insurance that is to replace life insurance under a binding or conditional receipt issued by the same company;

(f)(i) policies or contracts used to fund:

(A) an employee pension or welfare benefit plan that is covered by the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act (ERISA);

(B) a plan described by Sections 401(a), 401(k) or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, where the plan, for purposes of ERISA, is established or maintained by an employer;

(C) a governmental or church plan defined in Section 414, a governmental or church welfare benefit plan, or a deferred compensation plan of a state or local government or tax exempt organization under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(D) a nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement established or maintained by an employer or plan sponsor.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (i), this rule shall apply to policies or contracts used to fund any plan or arrangement that is funded solely by contributions an employee elects to make, whether on a pre-tax or after-tax basis, and where the insurer has been notified that plan participants may choose from among two or more insurers and there is a direct solicitation of an individual employee by an insurance producer for the purchase of a contract or policy. As used in this subsection, direct solicitation shall not include any group meeting held by an insurance producer solely for the purpose of educating individuals about the plan or arrangement or enrolling individuals in the plan or arrangement or, when initiated by an individual employee, assisting with the selection of investment options offered by a single insurer in connection with enrolling that individual employee;

(g) where new coverage is provided under a life insurance policy or contract and the cost is borne wholly by the insured's employer or by an association of which the insured is a member;

(h) existing life insurance that is a non-convertible term life insurance policy that will expire in five years or less and cannot be renewed;

(i) immediate annuities that are purchased with proceeds from an existing contract. Immediate annuities purchased with proceeds from an existing policy are not exempted from the requirements of this rule; or

(j) structured settlements.

(3) Registered contracts shall be exempt from the requirements of Subsections R590-93-6(1)(c) and R590-93-7(2) with respect to the provision of illustrations or policy summaries; however, premium or contract contribution amounts and identification of the appropriate prospectus or offering circular shall be required instead.

R590-93-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions of Section 31A-1-301, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule.

(1) "Direct-response solicitation" means a solicitation through a sponsoring or endorsing entity or individually solely through mails, telephone, the Internet or other mass communication media.

(2) "Existing insurer" means the insurance company whose policy or contract is or will be changed or affected in a manner described within the definition of "replacement."

(3) "Existing policy or contract" means an individual life insurance policy, herein referred to as policy, or annuity contract, herein referred to as contract, in force, including a policy under a binding or conditional receipt or a policy or contract that is within an unconditional refund period.

(4) "Financed purchase" means the purchase of a new policy involving the actual or intended use of funds obtained by the withdrawal or surrender of, or by borrowing from values of an existing policy to pay all or part of any premium due on the new policy. For purposes of a regulatory review of an individual transaction only, if a withdrawal, surrender or borrowing involving the policy values of an existing policy is used to pay premiums on a new policy owned by the same policyholder and issued by the same company within four months before or 13 months after the effective date of the new policy, it will be deemed prima facie evidence of the policyholder's intent to finance the purchase of the new policy with existing policy values. This prima facie standard is not intended to increase or decrease the monitoring obligations contained in Subsection R590-93-5(1)(e).

(5) "Illustration" means a presentation or depiction that includes non-guaranteed elements of a policy of life insurance over a period of years as defined in R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule.

(6) "Notice" means Appendix A and Appendix C, Important Notice: Replacement of Life Insurance or Annuities, and Appendix B, Notice Regarding Replacement, from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, dated 2000 and which are incorporated herein by reference. The notice is to be made available by the replacing insurer and must be imprinted with the name, address, and telephone number of the replacing insurer.

(7)(a) "Policy summary" for policies or contracts other

than universal life policies, means a written statement regarding a policy or contract which shall contain to the extent applicable, but need not be limited to, the following information:

(i) current death benefit;

(ii) annual contract premium;

(iii) current cash surrender value;

(iv) current dividend;

(v) application of current dividend; and

(vi) amount of outstanding loan.

(b) "Policy summary" for universal life policies, means a written statement that shall contain at least the following information:

(i) the beginning and end date of the current report period;

(ii) the policy value at the end of the previous report period and at the end of the current report period;

(iii) the total amounts that have been credited or debited to the policy value during the current report period, identifying each by type, e.g., interest, mortality, expense and riders;

(iv) the current death benefit at the end of the current report period on each life covered by the policy;

(v) the net cash surrender value of the policy as of the end of the current report period; and

(vi) the amount of outstanding loans, if any, as of the end of the current report period.

(8) "Replacing insurer" means the insurance company that issues or proposes to issue a new policy or contract that replaces an existing policy or contract or is a financed purchase.

(9) "Registered contract" means a variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.

(10) "Replacement" means a transaction in which a new policy or contract is to be purchased, and it is known or should be known to the proposing producer, or to the proposing insurer if there is no producer, that by reason of the transaction, an existing policy or contract has been or is to be:

(a) lapsed, forfeited, surrendered or partially surrendered, assigned to the replacing insurer or otherwise terminated;

(b) converted to reduced paid-up insurance, continued as extended term insurance, or otherwise reduced in value by the use of nonforfeiture benefits or other policy values;

(c) amended so as to effect either a reduction in benefits or in the term for which coverage would otherwise remain in force or for which benefits would be paid;

(d) reissued with any reduction in cash value; or

(e) used in a financed purchase.

(11) "Sales material" means a sales illustration and any other written, printed or electronically presented information created, or completed or provided by the company or producer and used in the presentation to the policy or contract holder related to the policy or contract purchased.

R590-93-4. Duties of Producers.

(1) A producer who initiates an application shall submit to the insurer, with or as part of the application, a statement signed by both the applicant and the producer as to whether the applicant has existing policies or contracts. If the answer is "no," the producer's duties with respect to replacement are complete.

(2) If the applicant answered "yes" to the question regarding existing coverage referred to in Subsection (1), the producer shall present and read to the applicant, not later than at the time of taking the application, the Notice regarding replacements in the form as described in Appendix A or other substantially similar form approved by the commissioner. However, no approval shall be required when amendments to the Notice are limited to the omission of references not applicable to the product being sold or replaced. The Notice shall be signed by both the applicant and the producer attesting that the Notice has been read aloud by the producer or that the applicant did not wish the Notice to be read aloud, in which case the producer need not have read the Notice aloud, and left with the applicant. With respect to an electronically completed application and Notice, the producer is not required to leave a copy of the electronically completed Notice with the applicant.

(3) The Notice shall list each existing policy or contract contemplated to be replaced, properly identified by name of insurer, the insured or annuitant, and policy or contract number if available; and shall include a statement as to whether each policy or contract will be replaced or whether a policy will be used as a source of financing for the new policy or contract. If a policy or contract number has not been issued by the existing insurer, alternative identification, such as an application or receipt number, shall be listed.

(4) In connection with a replacement transaction the producer shall leave with the applicant at the time an application for a new policy or contract is completed the original or a copy of all sales material. With respect to electronically presented sales material, it shall be provided to the policy or contract holder in printed form no later than at the time of policy or contract delivery.

(5) Except as provided in Subsection R590-93-6(3), in connection with a replacement transaction the producer shall submit to the insurer to which an application for a policy or contract is presented, a copy of each document required by this section, a statement identifying any preprinted or electronically presented company approved sales materials used, and copies of any individualized sales materials, including any illustrations related to the specific policy or contract purchased.

R590-93-5. Duties of Insurers that Use Producers.

Each insurer shall:

(1) maintain a system of supervision and control to insure compliance with the requirements of this rule that shall include at least the following:

(a) inform its producers of the requirements of this rule and incorporate the requirements of this rule into all relevant producer training manuals prepared by the insurer;

(b) provide to each producer a written statement of the company's position with respect to the acceptability of replacements providing guidance to its producer as to the appropriateness of these transactions;

(c) a system to review the appropriateness of each replacement transaction that the producer does not indicate is in accord with Subsection (b) above;

(d) procedures to confirm that the requirements of this rule have been met;

(e) procedures to detect transactions that are replacements of existing policies or contracts by the existing insurer, but that have not been reported as such by the applicant or producer. Compliance with this rule may include, but shall not be limited to, systematic customer surveys, interviews, confirmation letters, or programs of internal monitoring;

(2) have the capacity to monitor each producer's life insurance policy and annuity contract replacements for that insurer, and shall produce, upon request, and make such records available to the department. The capacity to monitor shall include the ability to produce records for each producer's:

(a) life replacements, including financed purchases, as a percentage of the producer's total annual sales for life insurance;

(b) number of lapses of policies by the producer as a percentage of the producer's total annual sales for life insurance;

(c) annuity contract replacements as a percentage of the producer's total annual annuity contract sales;

(d) number of transactions that are unreported replacements of existing policies or contracts by the existing insurer detected by the company's monitoring system as required by Subsection R590-93-5(1)(e); and

(e) replacements, indexed by replacing producer and existing insurer;

(3) require with or as a part of each application for life insurance or an annuity a signed statement by both the applicant and the producer as to whether the applicant has existing policies or contracts;

(4) require with each application for life insurance or annuity that indicates an existing policy or contract, a completed Notice regarding replacements as contained in Appendix A;

(5) when the applicant has existing policies or contracts, each insurer shall be able to produce copies of any sales material required by Subsection R590-93-4(5), the basic illustration and any supplemental illustrations related to the specific policy or contract that is purchased, and the producer's and applicant's signed statements with respect to financing and replacement for at least five years after the termination or expiration of the proposed policy or contract;

(6) ascertain that the sales material and illustrations required by Subsection R590-93-4(5) of this rule meet the requirements of this rule and are complete and accurate for the proposed policy or contract;

(7) if an application does not meet the requirements of this rule, notify the producer and applicant and fulfill the outstanding requirements; and

(8) maintain records in any media or by any process that accurately reproduces the actual document.

R590-93-6. Duties of Replacing Insurers that Use Producers.

(1) Where a replacement is involved in the transaction, the replacing insurer shall:

(a) verify that the required forms are received and are in compliance with this rule;

(b) with respect to an electronically completed Notice, the replacing insurer shall send a printed copy of the electronically executed Notice to the applicant within five working days of the date the Notice is received by the company;

(c) Notify any other existing insurer that may be affected by the proposed replacement within five business days of receipt of a completed application indicating replacement or when the replacement is identified if not indicated on the application, and mail a copy of the available illustration or the policy summary for the proposed policy or disclosure document for the proposed contract within five business days of a request from an existing insurer;

(d) be able to produce copies of the notification regarding replacement required in Subsection R590-93-4(2), indexed by producer, for at least five years or until the next regular examination by the insurance department of a company's state of domicile, whichever is later; and

(e) provide to the policy or contract holder notice of the right to return the policy or contract within 20 days of the delivery of the contract and receive an unconditional full refund of all premiums or considerations paid on it; such notice may be included in Appendix A or C. This subsection does not preempt the requirements of 31A-22-423.

(2) In transactions where the replacing insurer and the existing insurer are the same or subsidiaries or affiliates under common ownership or control, allow credit for the period of time that has elapsed under the replaced policy's or contract's incontestability and suicide periods up to the face amount of the existing policy or contract. With regard to financed purchases the credit may be limited to the amount the face amount of the existing policy is reduced by the use of existing policy values to fund the new policy or contract.

(3) If an insurer prohibits the use of sales material other than that approved by the company, as an alternative to the requirements made of an insurer pursuant to Subsection R590-93-4(5) with regard to sales materials, the insurer may:

(a) require with each application a statement signed by the producer that:

(i) represents that the producer used only company-approved sales material; and

(ii) states that copies of all sales material were left with the applicant in accordance with Subsection R590-93-4(4); and

(b) within ten days of the issuance of the policy or contract:

(i) notify the applicant by sending a letter or by verbal communication with the applicant by a person whose duties are separate from the marketing area of the insurer, that the producer has represented that copies of all sales material have been left with the applicant in accordance with Subsection R590-93-4(4);

(ii) provide the applicant with a toll free number to contact company personnel involved in the compliance function if such is not the case; and

(iii) stress the importance of retaining copies of the sales material for future reference; and

(c) be able to produce a copy of the letter or other verification in the policy file for at least five years after the termination or expiration of the policy or contract.

R590-93-7. Duties of the Existing Insurer.

Where a replacement is involved in the transaction, the existing insurer shall:

(1) retain and be able to produce all replacement notifications received, indexed by replacing insurer, for at least five years or until the conclusion of the next regular examination conducted by the insurance department of its state of domicile, whichever is later;

(2) send a letter to the policy or contract holder of the right to receive information regarding the existing policy or contract values including, if available, an in force illustration or policy summary if an in force illustration cannot be produced. The information shall be provided within five business days of receipt of the request from the policy or contract holder; and

(3) upon receipt of a request to borrow, surrender or withdraw any policy values, send a notice, advising the policy holder that the release of policy values may affect the guaranteed elements, non-guaranteed elements, face amount or surrender value of the policy from which the values are released. The notice shall be sent separate from the check if the check is sent to anyone other than the policyholder. In the case of consecutive automatic premium loans, the insurer is only required to send the notice at the time of the first loan.

R590-93-8. Duties of Insurers with Respect to Direct Response Solicitations.

(1) In the case of an application that is initiated as a result of a direct response solicitation, the insurer shall require, with or as part of each completed application for a policy or contract, a statement asking whether the applicant, by applying for the proposed policy or contract, intends to replace, discontinue or change an existing policy or contract. If the applicant indicates a replacement or change is not intended or if the applicant fails to respond to the statement, the insurer shall send the applicant, with the policy or contract, the Notice regarding replacement in Appendix B, or other substantially similar form approved by the commissioner.

(2) If the insurer has proposed the replacement or if the applicant indicates a replacement is intended and the insurer continues with the replacement, the insurer shall:

(a) provide to applicants or prospective applicants with the policy or contract a Notice, as described in Appendix C, or other substantially similar form approved by the commissioner. In these instances the insurer may delete the references to the producer, including the producer's signature, and references not applicable to the product being sold or replaced, without having to obtain approval of the form from the commissioner. The insurer's obligation to obtain the applicant's signature shall be satisfied if it can demonstrate that it has made a diligent effort

to secure a signed copy of the Notice referred to in this subsection. The requirement to make a diligent effort shall be deemed satisfied if the insurer includes in the mailing a self-addressed postage prepaid envelope with instructions for the return of the signed Notice referred to in this section; and

(b) comply with the requirements of Subsection R590-93-6(1)(c), if the applicant furnishes the names of the existing insurers, and the requirements of Subsections R590-93-6(1)(d), R590-93-6(1)(e), and R590-93-6(2).

R590-93-9. Violations and Penalties.

(1) Any failure to comply with this rule shall be considered a violation of 31A-23a-402. Examples of violations include:

(a) any deceptive or misleading information set forth in sales material;

(b) failing to ask the applicant in completing the application the pertinent questions regarding the possibility of financing or replacement;

(c) the intentional incorrect recording of an answer;

(d) advising an applicant to respond negatively to any question regarding replacement in order to prevent notice to the existing insurer; or

(e) advising a policy or contract holder to write directly to the company in such a way as to attempt to obscure the identity of the replacing producer or company.

(2) Policy and contract holders have the right to replace existing life insurance policies or annuity contracts after indicating in or as a part of applications for new coverage that replacement is not their intention; however, patterns of such action by policy or contract holders of the same producer shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the producer's knowledge that replacement was intended in connection with the identified transactions, and these patterns of action shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the producer's intent to violate this rule.

(3) Where it is determined that the requirements of this rule have not been met, the replacing insurer shall provide to the policy holder an in force illustration if available or a policy summary for the replacement policy or disclosure document for the replacement contract and the appropriate Notice regarding replacements in Appendix A or C.

(4) Violations of this rule shall subject the violators to penalties that may include the revocation or suspension of a producer's or company's license, monetary fines and the forfeiture of any commissions or compensation paid to a producer as a result of the transaction in connection with which the violations occurred. In addition, where the commissioner has determined that the violations were material to the sale, the insurer may be required to make restitution, restore policy or contract values and pay interest at the legal rate as provided in Title 15 of the Utah Code on the amount refunded in cash.

R590-93-10. Relationship to Other Statutes and Rules.

If any portion of this rule is inconsistent with any provision of any statute or other rule dealing with life insurance or annuity marketing practices or disclosure, said inconsistent portion shall be interpreted so as to provide the greatest information or protection to the policyholder.

R590-93-11. Severability.

If any section, term, or provision of this rule shall be adjudged invalid for any reason, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other section, term, or provision of this rule and the remaining sections, terms, and provision shall be and remain in full force.

R590-93-12. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this rule September 1, 2005.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-202. Condition-Specific Exclusion Riders in Individual Health Insurance Policies.
R590-202-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-202(1) and 31A-2-201(3)(a) in which the commissioner is empowered to administer and enforce this title, and to make administrative rules to implement the provisions of this title. The authority to establish a list of non-life threatening and non-degenerative physical conditions that may be the subject of a condition-specific exclusion rider is provided by Subsection 31A-30-107(5)(a)(iv) and (v).

R590-202-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish minimum standards and a list of non-life threatening and non-degenerative physical conditions that may be the subject of a condition-specific exclusion rider.

R590-202-3. Applicability and Scope.

This rule shall apply to a health benefit plan marketed on an individual basis even though the health benefit plan may be offered under or provided through a "group" policy or trust arrangement of any size sponsored by an association or a discretionary group.

R590-202-4. Definitions.

For the purposes of this rule the Commissioner adopts the definitions as set forth in Sections 31A-1-301, 31A-30-103 and the following:

(1) "Condition-Specific Exclusion Rider" means an addendum to the contract that specifically excludes coverage for a specified physical condition that is considered to be non-degenerative and non-life-threatening.

(2) "ICD-9 Code" means a code as listed and described in "The International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification, ICD-9-CM," which is a publication describing a classification system that groups related disease entities and procedures.

(3) "Non-degenerative" means a physical condition which typically does not naturally deteriorate or worsen over time.

(4) "Non-life-threatening" means a physical condition which does not typically result in a shortened life expectancy.

(5) "Secondary medical condition" means a condition that may or may not be directly related to or caused by the excluded physical condition.

R590-202-5. Minimum Standards and General Provisions.

(1) When selling an individual health benefit plan subject to this rule, an insurer shall first offer a plan that is in compliance with the requirements of Subsections 31A-30-107(5)(a)(i) and (ii). The insurer may then also offer an individual health benefit plan that excludes a specific physical condition, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the condition-specific exclusion rider must be mutually agreed to in writing and signed by both parties before the effective date of the policy;

(b) multiple physical conditions may be addressed under the provisions of this rule, through the use of separate exclusion riders;

(c) an insurer and its representatives must explain to the applicant the exact nature of the exclusion rider and how it affects the coverage under the policy; and

(d) a condition-specific exclusion rider may be reviewed periodically for possible removal subject to mutual agreement of the insurer and the insured.

(2) Any physical condition that is non-life-threatening and non-degenerative may be a condition-specific exclusion. This list includes, but is not limited to:

(a) acne,
(b) benign skin lesions,
(c) bunions,
(d) deviated nasal septum,
(e) dyspepsia,
(f) fibrocystic breast disorder,
(g) hammer toe,
(h) hay fever,
(i) impotence,
(j) infertility
(k) migraine headaches,
(l) nasal polyps,
(m) rhinitis,
(n) tendonitis,
(o) tenosynovitis,
(p) topical dermatitis,
(q) uncorrected fractures,
(r) warts.

(3) The specific condition being excluded must be identified in the rider by the appropriate ICD-9-CM code, including category and written description.

(4) A condition-specific exclusion rider shall be limited to one specific excluded condition and shall not extend to any secondary medical condition that may or may not be directly related to the excluded condition.

R590-202-6. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, such validity shall not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-203. Health Grievance Review Process and Disability Claims.
R590-203-1. Authority.

This rule is specifically authorized by 31A-22-629(4) and 31A-4-116, which requires the commissioner to establish minimum standards for grievance review procedures. The rule is also promulgated pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(1) and 31A-2-201(3)(a) in which the commissioner is empowered to administer and enforce this title and to make rules to implement the provisions of this title. The authority to examine insurer records, files, and documentation is provided by 31A-2-203.

R590-203-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that insurer's grievance review procedures for individual and group health insurance and income replacement plans comply with the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement: Claims Procedure, 29 CFR 2560.503-1, and Utah Code Sections 31A-4-116 and 31A-22-629.

R590-203-3. Applicability and Scope.

(1) This rule applies to individual and group:

(a) policies issued or renewed and effective on or after January 1, 2001;

(b) income replacement policies;

(i) including short-term, and

(ii) long-term disability policies;

(c) health insurance; and

(d) health maintenance organization contracts.

(2) Long Term Care and Medicare supplement policies are not considered health insurance for the purpose of this rule.

(3) Income replacement, short-term and long-term disability policies are controlled by section R590-203-7.

R590-203-4. Definitions.

For the purposes of this rule:

(1) "Consumer Representative" may be an employee of the insurer who is a consumer of a health insurance or an income replacement policy, as long as the employee is not;

(a) the individual who made the adverse determination, or

(b) a subordinate to the individual who made the adverse determination.

(2) "Health Insurance" means a contract of:

(a) health care insurance as defined in 31A-1-301; and

(b) health maintenance organization as defined in 31A-8-101.

(3) "Medical Necessity" means:

(a) health care services or products that a prudent health care professional would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms in a manner that is:

(i) in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice in the United States;

(ii) clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site, and duration;

(iii) not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician, or other health care provider; and

(iv) covered under the contract; and

(b) that when a medical question-of-fact exists medical necessity shall include the most appropriate available supply or level of service for the individual in question, considering potential benefits and harms to the individual, and known to be effective.

(i) For interventions not yet in widespread use, the effectiveness shall be based on scientific evidence.

(ii) For established interventions, the effectiveness shall be based on:

(A) scientific evidence;

(B) professional standards; and

(C) expert opinion.

(4)(a) "Scientific evidence" means:

(i) scientific studies published in or accepted for publication by medical journals that meet nationally recognized requirements for scientific manuscripts and that submit most of their published articles for review by experts who are not part of the editorial staff; or

(ii) findings, studies or research conducted by or under the auspices of federal government agencies and nationally recognized federal research institutes.

(b) Scientific evidence shall not include published peer-reviewed literature sponsored to a significant extent by a pharmaceutical manufacturing company or medical device manufacturer or a single study without other supportable studies.

R590-203-5. Adverse Benefit Determination.

(1) An insurer's adverse benefit determination review procedure shall be compliant with the adverse benefit determination review requirements set forth in the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement: Claims Procedure, 29 CFR 2560.503-1, effective January 20, 2001. This document is incorporated by reference and available for inspection at the Insurance Department and the Department of Administrative Rules.

(2) The provision of this rule and federal regulation applies to claims filed under individual or group plans on or after the first day of the first plan year beginning on or after July 1, 2002, but no later than January 1, 2003.

(3) An insurer's adverse benefit determination appeal board or body shall include at least one consumer representative that shall be present at every meeting.

R590-203-6. Independent and Expedited Adverse Benefit Determination Reviews for Health Insurance.

(1) An insurer shall provide an independent review procedure as a voluntary option for the resolution of adverse benefit determinations of medical necessity.

(2) An independent review procedure shall be conducted by an independent review organization, person, or entity other than the insurer, the plan, the plan's fiduciary, the employer, or any employee or agent of any of the foregoing, that do not have any material professional, familial, or financial conflict of interest with the health plan, any officer, director, or management employee of the health plan, the enrollee, the enrollee's health care provider, the provider's medical group or independent practice association, the health care facility where service would be provided and the developer or manufacturer of the service being provided.

(3) Independent review organizations shall be designated by the insurer, and the independent review organization chosen shall not own or control, be a subsidiary of, or in any way be owned or controlled by, or exercise control with a health insurance plan, a national, state, or local trade association of health insurance plans, and a national, state, or local trade association of health care providers.

(4) The submission to an independent review procedure is purely voluntary and left to the discretion of the claimant.

(5) An insurer's voluntary independent review procedure shall:

(a) waive any right to assert that a claimant has failed to exhaust administrative remedies because the claimant did not elect to submit a dispute of medical necessity to a voluntary level of appeal provided by the plan;

(b) agree that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time a voluntary appeal

is pending;

(c) allow a claimant to submit a dispute of medical necessity to a voluntary level of appeal only after exhaustion of the appeals permitted under 29 CFR Subsection 2560.503-1(c)(2), of the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement: Claims Procedure;

(d) upon request from any claimant, provide sufficient information relating to the voluntary level of appeal to enable the claimant to make an informed decision about whether to submit a dispute of medical necessity to the voluntary level of appeal. This information shall contain a statement that the decision to use a voluntary level of appeal will not effect the claimant's rights to any other benefits under the plan and information about the applicable rules, the claimant's right to representation, and the process for selecting the decision maker.

(e) An independent review conducted in compliance with Section 31A-22-629, and this rule, can be binding on both parties. A claimant's submission to a binding independent review is purely voluntary and appropriate disclosure and notification must be given as required by the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement: Claims Procedure, 29 CFR 2560.503-1.

(6) Standards for voluntary independent review:

(a) The insurer's internal adverse benefit determination process must be exhausted unless the insurer and insured mutually agree to waive the internal process.

(b) Any adverse benefit determination of medical necessity may be the subject of an independent review.

(c) The claimant has 180 calendar days from the date of the final internal review decision to request an independent review.

(d) An insurer shall use the same minimum standards and times of notification requirement for an independent review that are used for internal levels of review, as set forth in 29 CFR Subsection 2560.503-1(h)(3), (i)(2) and (j).

(7) An insurer shall provide an expedited review process for cases involving urgent care claims.

(8) A request for an expedited review of an adverse benefit determination of medical necessity may be submitted either orally or in writing. If the request is made orally an insurer shall, within 24 hours, send written confirmation to the claimant acknowledging the receipt of the request for an expedited review.

(9) An expedited review requires:

(a) all necessary information, including the plan's original benefit determination, be transmitted between the plan and the claimant by telephone, facsimile, or other available similarly expeditious method;

(b) an insurer to notify the claimant of the benefit review determination, as soon as possible, taking into account the medical urgency, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the claimant's request for review of an adverse benefit determination; and

(c) an insurer to use the same minimum standard for timing and notification as set forth in 29 CFR Subsection 2560.503-1(h), 503-1(i)(2)(i), and 503-1(j).

(10) This section does not apply to income replacement policies.

R590-203-7. Income Replacement Adverse Benefit Determination Review.

(1) For initial level of review, an insurer will resolve a disability claim within 45 days of receipt of the claim for benefits.

(2) For reasons beyond the control of the plan administrator or the insurer, there may be a 30-day extension granted.

(3) If after the first 30-day extension, the plan administrator or the insurer should determine that they still cannot determine benefits and it is still out of their control, a final 30-day extension will be allowed.

(4) Upon request, relevant information free-of-charge, must be provided to the insured on any adverse benefit determination.

R590-203-8. File and Record Documentation.

An insurer selling health insurance or income replacement insurance shall make available upon request by the commissioner, or the commissioner's duly appointed designees, all adverse benefit determination review files and related documentation. An insurer shall keep these records for the current calendar year plus five years.

R590-203-9. Compliance.

Insurers are to be compliant with the provisions of this rule and the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement: Claims Procedure, 29 CFR 2560.503-1, by July 1, 2002.

R590-203-10. Relationship to Federal Rules.

If an insurer complies with the requirements of the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement: Claims Procedure, 29 CFR 2560.503-1, then this rule is not applicable to employer plans, except for Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this rule. All individual plans will remain subject to this rule in its entirety.

R590-203-11. Severability.

If a provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of these provisions shall not be affected.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-225. Submission of Property and Casualty Rate and Form Filings.
R590-225-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(3), 31A-2-201.1, 31A-2-202(2), and 31A-19a-203.

R590-225-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to set forth procedures for submitting:

(a) property and casualty and title form filings required by Section 31A-21-201;

(b) property and casualty and title rates, and supplementary information under Section 31A-19a-203;

(c) service contract form filings required by Subsection 31A-6a-103(2)(a); and

(d) bail bond form filings required by Sections 31A-35-607 and Rule R590-196.

(2) This rule applies to all lines of property and casualty insurance, including title insurance, bail bond and service contracts.

R590-225-3. Documents Incorporated by Reference.

(1) The department requires that the documents described in this rule shall be used for all filings. Actual copies may be used or you may adapt them to your word processing system. If adapted, the content, size, font, and format must be similar.

(2) The following filing documents are hereby incorporated by reference and are available on the department's web site, http://www.insurance.utah.gov/RF-Flgs.html.

(a) "NAIC Uniform Property and Casualty Transmittal Document", dated January 1, 2005;

(b) "NAIC Instruction Sheet for Property and Casualty Transmittal Document", dated January 1, 2003;

(c) "NAIC Uniform Property and Casualty Coding Matrix", dated January 1, 2005;

(d) "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier and Expense Constant Supplement Filing Forms", dated October 2003;

(e) "Utah Workers Compensation Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Form", dated October 2003.

R590-225-4. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Sections 31A-1-301 and 31A-19a-102, the following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this rule:

(1) "Certification" means a statement that the filing being submitted is in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(2) "File And Use" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed with the department.

(3) "File Before Use" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed with the department and a stated period of time has elapsed from the date filed.

(4) "Filer" means a person or entity who submits a filing.

(5) "Letter of authorization" means a letter signed by an officer of the insurer on whose behalf the filing is submitted that designates filing authority to the filer.

(6) "Order to Prohibit Use" means an order issued by the commissioner which forbids the use of a filing.

(7) "Rejected" means a filing is:

(a) not submitted in accordance with applicable laws and rules;

(b) returned to the filer by the department with the reasons for rejection; and

(c) not considered filed with the department.

(8) "Type of Insurance" means a specific line of property and casualty insurance including general liability, commercial property, workers compensation, automobile, homeowners, title, bail bond and service contracts.

(9) "Use And File" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale if it is filed within a stated period of time after its initial use.

R590-225-5. General Filing Information.

(1) Each filing submitted must be accurate, consistent, complete, and contain all required documents in order for the filing to be processed in a timely and efficient manner. The commissioner may request any additional information deemed necessary.

(2) Insurers and filers are responsible for assuring compliance with Utah laws and rules. Filings not in compliance with Utah laws and rules are subject to regulatory action under Section 31A-2-308.

(3) Rates, supplementary information, and forms applying to a specific program or product may be submitted as one filing.

(4) A filing that does not comply with this rule will be rejected as incomplete and returned to the filer. A rejected filing is not considered filed with the department.

(5) Prior filings will not be researched to determine the purpose of the current filing.

(6) The department does not review or proofread every filing.

(a) A filing may be reviewed:

(i) when submitted;

(ii) as a result of a complaint;

(iii) during a regulatory examination or investigation; or

(iv) at any other time the department deems necessary.

(b) If a filing is reviewed and is not in compliance with Utah laws and rules, an ORDER TO PROHIBIT USE will be issued to the filer. The commissioner may require the filer to disclose deficiencies in forms or rating practices to affected consumers.

(7) Filing correction:

(a) No filing transmittal is required when clerical or typographical corrections are made to a filing previously filed if the corrected filing is submitted within 30 days of the date "Filed" with the department. The filer will need to reference the original filing.

(b) A new filing is required if the clerical or typographical corrections are made more than 30 days after the filed date of the original filing. The filer will need to reference the original filing.

(8) Filing withdrawal. A filer must notify the department when the filer withdraws a previously filed form, rate, or supplementary information.

R590-225-6. Filing Submission Requirements.

A filing must be submitted by market type and type of insurance, not by annual statement line number. A filing may not include more than one type of insurance, unless the filing is a commercial or personal inter-line form filing. The inter-line use of a form must be explained in the Filing Description. A filer may submit a filing for more than one insurer if all applicable companies are listed on the transmittal and a copy of the transmittal is submitted for each company. A complete filing consists of the following documents submitted in the following order:

(1) "NAIC Uniform Property and Casualty Transmittal Document." COMPLETE THE TRANSMITTAL BY USING THE FOLLOWING:

(a) "NAIC Coding Matrix;"

(b) "NAIC Instruction Sheet;" and

(c) "Utah Property and Casualty Content Standards."

(2) Do not submit the documents described in (1)(a),(b), and (c) with a filing.

(3) Filing Description. The following information must be included in the Filing Description on the transmittal and presented in the order shown below:

(a) Provide a detailed description of the purpose of the filing.

(b) Describe the benefits and features of each form, rate or supplementary information contained in the filing, including specific features and options;

(c) Identify any new, unusual or controversial provision.

(d) Identify any unresolved previously prohibited provision and explain why the provision is included in the filing;

(e) If the filing is replacing or modifying a previous submission, provide information that identifies the filing being replaced or modified, the Utah filed date, and a detailed description of the changes made;

(f) If filing an application, or endorsement, and the filing does not contain a policy, identify the affected policy form number, the Utah filed date, and describe the effect of the submitted forms on the base policy.

(4) Certification. The filer must certify that a filing has been properly completed AND is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. Section 21 must contain this statement:

"BY SIGNING THE TRANSMITTAL I CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED FILING HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE RULE R590-225 AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE UTAH LAWS AND RULES".

A filing will be rejected if the certification is missing or incomplete. A certification that is inaccurate may subject the filer to administrative action.

(5) Letter of Authorization. When the filer is not the insurer, a letter of authorization from the insurer must be included. The insurer remains responsible for the filing being in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(6) Items being submitted for filing. Refer to each applicable subsection of this rule for general procedures and additional procedures on how to submit forms, rates, and supplementary information.

(7) Return Notification Materials.

(a) Return notification materials are limited to:

(i) a copy of the transmittal; and

(ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(b) Additional documents submitted for return will be discarded.

(c) Notice of filing will not be provided unless return notification materials are submitted.

R590-225-7. Procedures for Form Filings.

(1) Forms in general:

(a) Forms are "File And Use" filings. EXCEPTION: service contracts. Service contracts are "File Before Use".

(b) Each form must be identified by a unique form number. The form number may not be variable.

(c) A form must be in final printed form or printer's proof format. A draft may not be submitted.

(2) If you have authorized a Rate Service Organization (RSO) to make form filings on your behalf, no filing by you is required if you implement the filings as submitted by the RSO. A filing is required if you delay the effective date, non-adopt or alter the filing in any way. Your filing must be received by the department before the RSO effective date. We do not require that you attach copies of the RSO's forms when you reference a filing.

(3) If you have NOT authorized an RSO to file forms on your behalf, you must include, in your filing, a letter stating your intent to adopt any RSO forms for your use. Copies of the RSO forms are not required, however, your filing must include a complete list of the RSO forms you intend to adopt by form number, title/name and filing identification number of the RSO.

(4) A "Me Too" filing, referencing a filing submitted by another insurer, is not permitted.

(5) If a previously filed Utah amendatory endorsement will be used in connection with the form being filed, explain this in the Filing Description section of the transmittal form and include a copy with the filing.

(6) If the filing is for more than one insurer and all insurers included in the filing have submitted a transmittal, only one copy of each form is required. However, if the name of each respective company or unique insurer logo is printed on each separate set of the form, then a separate form must be filed for each insurer.

(7) Since a form may be used once it is "Filed" and must be "Filed" before it can be used, sold or offered for sale, you do not need to re-file or notify the department if the implementation date of the original filing changes.

R590-225-8. Procedures for Rate and Supplementary Information Filings.

(1) Rates and supplementary information in general.

(a) Rates and supplementary information are "Use And File" filings. EXCEPTION: title and workers compensation rates and supplementary information are "File Before Use" filings.

(b) Service Contract Providers and Bail Bond Sureties, are exempt from this section.

(2) If you have authorized a Rate Service Organization (RSO) to make a prospective loss cost, supplementary information filing, or both, on your behalf, no filing by you is required if you implement the filing as submitted by the RSO. A filing is required if you delay the effective date, non-adopt, or alter the filing in any way. Any such filing must be received by the department within 30 days of the effective date established by the RSO. We do not require that you attach copies of the RSO's manual pages when you reference an RSO filing.

(3) If you have NOT authorized an RSO to file the prospective loss cost, supplementary rating information, or both, on your behalf, you must include in your filing a letter stating your intent to adopt the RSO prospective loss cost, supplementary rating information filing, or both. You must file copies of any manual pages as if they were your own and provide your actuarial justification.

(4) A "Me Too" filing referencing a filing submitted by another insurer is not permitted.

(5) If the filing is for more than one insurer and all insurers included in the filing have submitted a transmittal and the supporting data and manual pages are identical for each insurer included in the filing, only one copy of the supporting data and manual pages are required to be submitted.

(6) Rate and supplementary information filings must be supported and justified by each insurer. Justification must include submission of all factors used in determining initial supplementary information and rates or changes in existing supplementary information and rates along with a complete explanation as to the extent to which each factor has been used. Underwriting criteria are not required unless they directly affect the rating of the policy. Underwriting criteria used to differentiate between rating tiers is required.

(7) When submitting a filing for any kind of rating plan, rating modification plan, or credit and debit plan, an insurer must include in the filing:

(a) a statement identifying the arithmetic process to be used and whether factors will be added or multiplied when applying them to base rates; and

(b) justification for the method used.

(c) A filing will be rejected as incomplete if it fails to specifically provide this information.

(8) Utah and countrywide statistical data for the latest three years available must be submitted with each filing. This data should include earned premiums, incurred losses, loss ratios, establishment of expense factors, and expected loss

ratios. Calculations involved in establishing rates from loss experience are to be exhibited including the establishment of trend factors, loss development factors, etc. If any of the above information is not available, a detailed explanation of why must be provided with the filing.

(9) A rate deviation and prospective loss cost.

(a) In the past, a rate deviation filing was common. A rate deviation consisted of a modification, usually a percentage decrease or increase, to a RSO manual rate or supplementary information. The justification was that an individual insurer could demonstrate experience, expense and profit factors different from the average experience, expense and profit contemplated in the RSO's manual rate.

(b) With prospective loss cost, deviation ceased to exist. There are no longer manual rates from which to deviate. Once an insurer has filed to implement the RSO prospective loss cost for a given line, company deviations previously filed became null and void. A filing of a straight percentage deviation is no longer applicable. An individual insurer adjustment to the RSO prospective loss cost must be made as part of the calculation of the loss cost multiplier and is must be included in the "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms." This form allows for the inclusion of an individual insurer modification of the RSO prospective loss cost.

(10) Procedures for Reference Filings to Advisory Prospective Loss Cost.

(a) An RSO does not usually file final an advisory rate that contains provisions for expenses, other than loss adjustment expenses, and profit. An RSO develops and files with the commissioner a "Reference Filing" containing advisory prospective loss cost and supporting actuarial and statistical data. Each insurer must individually determine the rates it will file and the effective date of any rate changes.

(b) If an insurer that is a member, subscriber or service purchaser of any RSO determines to use the prospective loss cost in an RSO Reference Filing in support of its own filing, the insurer must make a filing using the "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms." The insurer's filed rates are the combination of the RSO's prospective loss cost and the loss cost multiplier contained in the "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms."

(c) An insurer may file a modification of the prospective loss cost in the Reference Filing based on its own anticipated experience. Actuarial justification is required for a modification, upwards or downwards, of the prospective loss cost in the Reference Filing.

(d) An insurer may request to have its loss cost adjustments remain on file and reference all subsequent RSO prospective loss cost Reference Filings. Upon receipt of subsequent RSO Reference Filings, the insurer's filed rates are the combination of the RSO's prospective loss cost and the loss cost adjustments contained in the "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms" on file with the commissioner, and will be effective on the effective date of the prospective loss cost. The insurer need not file anything further with the commissioner.

(e) If the filer, wants to have its filed loss cost adjustments remain on file with the commissioner, but intends to delay, modify, or not adopt a particular RSO's Reference Filing, the filer must make an appropriate filing with the commissioner.

(f) An insurer's filed loss cost adjustments will remain in effect until the filer withdraws them or files a revised "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Form."

(g) A filer may file such other information the filer deems relevant.

(h) If an insurer wishes to use minimum premiums, it must file the minimum premiums it proposes to use.

(11) Supplementary Rate Information.

(a) The RSO files with the commissioner filings containing a revision of rules, relativities and supplementary rate information. This includes policy-writing rules, rating plans, classification codes and descriptions, territory codes, descriptions and rules, which include factors or relativities such as, increased limits factors, classification relativities or similar factors.

(b) These filings are made by the RSO on behalf of those insurers that have authorized the RSO to file rules, relativities and supplementary rating information on their behalf.

(c) An RSO may print and distribute a manual of rules, relativities and supplementary rating information.

(d) If an insurer has authorized an RSO to file on its behalf and the insurer decides to use the revisions and effective date then the insurer does NOT file anything with the commissioner.

(e) If an insurer has authorized an RSO to file on its behalf and the insurer decides to use the revisions as filed, BUT with a different effective date, then the insurer must notify the commissioner of its effective date within 30 days after the RSO's effective date.

(f) If an insurer has authorized an RSO to file on its behalf, but the insurer decides not to use the revision, then the insurer must notify the commissioner within 30-days after the RSO's effective date.

(g) If an insurer has authorized an RSO to file on its behalf, but the insurer decides to use the revision with modification, then within 30-days of the RSO's effective date the insurer must file the modification specifying the basis for the modification and the insurer's effective date.

(12) Consent-to-rate Filing. Subsection 31A-19a-203(6) allows an insurer to file a written application for a particular risk stating the insurer's reasons for using a higher rate than that otherwise applicable to a risk. This is called a "Consent-to-Rate" filing and must be filed. The Filing Description must show the filed rate, the proposed rate, and the reasons for the difference.

(13) Individual Risk Filing. R590-127, "Rate Filing Exemptions", provides for those circumstances when an Individual Risk filing is permitted. An individual risk filing must be filed with the commissioner. The filing shall consist of a copy of the Declarations Page, copies of any pertinent coverage forms and rating schedules, and premium development. The Filing Description shall contain the underwriter's explanation for the filing.

(14) Information Regarding Dividend Plan.

(a) Sections 31A-19a-210 and 31A-21-310 allow for dividend distributions.

(b) A plan or schedule for the distribution of dividends developed AFTER THE INCEPTION of a policy is NOT considered a rating plan and does not have to be filed according to the provisions of this rule. However, all other plans or schedules applicable to an insurance policy FROM ITS INCEPTION are required to be filed pursuant to Section 31A-21-310.

(15) The Utah Insurance Code allows tiered rating plans within one insurer or insurer group with common ownership.

(a) A filing must show that the tiers are based on mutually exclusive underwriting rules, which are based on clear, objective criteria that would lead to a logical distinguishing of potential risk. A filing must provide supporting information that shows a clear distinction between the expected losses and expenses for each tier.

(b) If an insurer group is using a tiered rating structure, the group of insurers cannot all file the same loss cost multiplier and then file standard percentage deviations. A difference must be demonstrated in the loss cost multiplier formula, either as a modification of the RSO prospective loss cost or in the insurer expense factor. An individual insurer adjustment or modification must be supported by actuarial data which establishes a reasonable standard for measuring probable insurer variations in historical or prospective experience, underwriting

standards, expense and profit factors.

R590-225-9. Additional Procedures for Workers Compensation Rate Filings.

The following are additional procedures for workers' compensation rate filings:

(1) Rates and supplementary information must be filed 30 days before they can be used.

(2) Each insurer must individually determine the rates it will file. An insurer's workers' compensation filed rates are the combination of the most current prospective loss cost filed by the designated rate service organization and the insurers loss cost adjustment, known as the loss cost multiplier (LCM), as calculated and filed using the "Utah Worker's Compensation Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms."

(3) Each insurer must implement the designated rate service organization's current prospective loss cost on the effective date assigned by the designated rate service organization. INSURERS MAY NOT DEFER NOR DELAY ADOPTION.

(4) An insurer's filed loss cost multiplier will remain in effect until the insurer withdraws it or files a new loss cost multiplier. Upon receipt of subsequent designated rate service organization reference filings, the insurer's filed rates are the combination of the designated RSO's prospective loss cost and the loss cost multiplier contained in the insurer's most current "Utah Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Form" on file with the department.

(5) An insurer may file a modification to the designated rate service organization prospective loss cost in the subject reference filing based on its own anticipated experience. Supporting documentation will be required for any modifications, upwards or downwards, of the designated rate service organization prospective loss cost.

(6) An insurer may vary expense loads by individual classification or grouping. An insurer may use variable or fixed expense loads or a combination of these to establish its expense loadings. However, an insurer is required to file data in accordance with the uniform statistical plan filed by the designated rate service organization.

(7) When submitting a filing for a workers compensation rating plan, a rating modification plan, or a credit and debit plan, an insurer must include in the filing the following or it will be rejected as incomplete:

(a) a statement identifying the arithmetic process to be used and whether factors will be added or multiplied when applying them to base rates; and

(b) justification for the method used.

(8) To the extent that an insurer's rates are determined solely by applying its loss cost multiplier, as presented in the "Utah Worker's Compensation Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms" to the prospective loss cost contained in a designated rate service organization reference filing and printed in the designated rate service organization's rating manual, the insurer need not develop or file its rate pages with the commissioner. If an insurer chooses to print and distribute rate pages for its own use, based solely upon the application of its filed loss cost multiplier, the insurer need not file those pages with the insurance commissioner.

R590-225-10. Additional Procedures for Title Rate Filings.

(1) Title rate and a supplementary information filing are "File Before Use" filings. Rates and supplementary information shall be filed with the commissioner 30 days prior to use.

(2) Each change or amendment to any schedule of rates shall state the effective date of the change or amendment, which may not be less than 30 days after the date of filing. Any change or amendment remains in force for a period of at least 90 days from its effective date.

(3) Supplementary information and rate filings must be supported and justified by each insurer. Justification must include submission of all factors used in determining initial supplementary information and rates or changes in existing supplementary information and rates along with a complete explanation as to the extent to which each factor has been used.

(4) Rates that vary by risk classification such as extended coverage or standard coverage, and all discount factors, such as refinance, subdivision, or construction for purpose of resale discounts, must be supported by differences in expected losses or expenses.

(5) No rate may be filed or used which would require the title insurer or any title agency or producer to operate at less than the cost of doing business or adequately underwriting the title insurance policies.

R590-225-11. Electronic Filings.

A filer, submitting an electronic filing, must follow the requirements for both the electronic system and this rule, as applicable.

R590-225-12. Correspondence, Status Request, and Responses.

(1) Correspondence. When corresponding with the department, provide sufficient information to identify the original filing:

(a) type of insurance;

(b) date of filing;

(c) form numbers; and

(d) copy of the original transmittal.

(2) Status Checks. A filer can request the status of its filing by telephone, or email 60 days after the date of submission.

(3) Response to an Order. A response to an order must include:

(a) a response cover letter identifying the changes made;

(b) a copy of the prohibition letter;

(c) one copy of the revised documents with all changes highlighted; and

(d) return notification materials, which consist of a copy of the response cover letter and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

(4) Rejected Filing.

(a) A rejected filing is NOT considered filed. If resubmitted it is considered a new filing.

(b) If resubmitting a previously rejected filing, the new filing must include a copy of the rejection notice.

R590-225-13. Penalties.

A person found, after a hearing or other regulatory process, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-225-14. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the provisions of this rule April 1, 2004.

R590-225-15. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or the application of it to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by it.

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R612. Labor Commission, Industrial Accidents.
R612-1. Workers' Compensation Rules - Procedures.
R612-1-1. Definitions.

A. "Commission" means the Labor Commission.

B. "Division" means the Division of Industrial Accidents within the Labor Commission.

C. "Applicant/Plaintiff" means an injured employee or his/her dependent(s) or any person seeking relief or claiming benefits under the Workers' Compensation and/or Occupational Disease and Disability Laws.

D. "Defendant" means an employer, insurance carrier, self-insurer, the Employers' Reinsurance Fund, and/or the Uninsured Employers' Fund.

E. "Administrative Law Judge" means a person duly designated by the Commission to hear and determine disputed or other cases under the provisions of Title 34A, Chapters 2 and 3, and of Title 63, Chapter 46b.

F. "Insurance Carrier" includes all insurance companies writing workers' compensation and occupational disease and disability insurance, the Workers' Compensation Fund, and self-insurers who are granted self-insuring privileges by the Commission. In all cases involving no insurance coverage by the employer, the term "Insurance Carrier" includes the employer.

G. "Medical Panel" means a panel appointed by an Administrative Law Judge pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 34A-2-601, which is responsible to make findings regarding disputed medical aspects of a compensation claim, and may make any additional findings, perform any tests, or make any inquiry as the Administrative Law Judge may require.

H. "Award" means the finding or decision of the Commission or Administrative Law Judge as to the amount of compensation or benefits due any injured employee or the dependent(s) of a deceased employee.

R612-1-2. Authority.

This rule is enacted under the authority of Section 34A-1-104.

R612-1-3. Official Forms.

A. "Employer's First Report of Injury - Form 122" - This form is used for reporting accidents, injuries, or occupational diseases as per Section 34A-2-407. This form must be filed within seven days of the occurrence of the alleged industrial accident or the employer's first knowledge or notification of the same. This form also serves as OSHA Form 301. The employer must report all injuries, other than first aid administered on site or at an employer sponsored free clinic, to the Industrial Accident Division and to the insurance carrier. First aid treatment is defined as:

a. non-prescription medications at non-prescription strength;

b. administering tetanus immunizations;

c. cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the skin surface;

d. using wound coverings, such as bandages, Band Aid (TM), gauze pads, etc., or using SteriStrips (TM) or butterfly bandages;

e. using hot or cold therapy (limited to hot or cold packs, contrast baths and paraffin;

f. using any totally non-rigid means of support, such as elastic bandages, wraps, non-rigid back belts, etc.;

g. using temporary immobilization devices while transporting an accident victim (splints, slings, neck collars, or back boards);

h. drilling a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure, or draining fluids from blisters;

i. using eye patches; using simple irrigation or a cotton swab to remove foreign bodies not embedded in or adhered to the eye;

j. using irrigation, tweezers, cotton swab or other simple means to remove splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye;

k. using finger guards;

l. using massages;

m. drinking fluids to relieve heat stress;

First aid, as defined above, is limited to a one-time visit and one subsequent follow up visit within a 7 day tiem period. (This does not apply to reporting it on OSHA's 300 log). However, if first aid treatment is given by a licensed health professional in an employer sponsored free clinic then two subsequent visits within a 14 consecutive day time period are allowed. The employer must maintain the employer's injury report (Form 122) and health records on site for first aid treatment.

First aid, as defined in a through m, does not include any work injuries resulting in:

i) loss of consciousness;

ii) loss of work;

iii) restriction of work; or

iv) transfer to another job.

B. "Physician's Initial Report of Work Injury or Occupational Disease - Form 123" - This form is used by physicians and chiropractors to report their initial treatment of an injured employee. This form must be completed when a bill is generated for treatment administered by a licensed health care provider, as defined in 34A-2-11. This form is also to be completed by the health care provider if treatment, beyond first aid, is given at an employer sponsored free clinic. The form must be cosigned by the supervising physician, unless the form is completed by a nurse practitioner.

C. "Restorative Services Authorization - Form 221" - This form is to be used by any medical provider billing under the restorative services section of the Commission's adopted Resource-Based Relative Value Scale and the Medical Fee Guidelines. The medical provider shall file this form with the insurance carrier or self-insured employer and the division within ten days of the initial evaluation. After the initial filing, an updated Restorative Services Authorization form must be filed for approval or denial at least every six visits until a fixed state of recovery has been reached.

D. "Statement of Insurance Carrier or Self-Insurer with Respect to Payment of Benefits - Form 141" - This form is used for reporting the initial benefits paid to an injured employee. This form must be filed with or mailed to the division on the same date the first payment of compensation is mailed to the employee. A copy of this form must accompany the first payment.

E. "Employee Notification of Denial of Claim - Form 089" - This form is used by insurance carriers or self-insured employers to notify the claimant that his or her claim, in whole or part, is denied and the reason(s) why the claim is being denied. An insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall complete its investigation within 45 days of receipt of the claim and shall commence the payment of benefits or notify the claimant and the division in writing that the claim, in whole or part, is denied.

F. "Insurance Carriers/ Self-Insurer's Notice of Further Investigation of a Workers' Compensation Claim - Form 441" - This form is used by insurance carriers or self-insured employers to notify the claimant and the commission that further investigation is needed and the reasons for further investigation. This form or letter containing similar information is to be filed within 21 days of notification of claim that further investigation is needed.

G. "Statement of Insurance Carrier or Self-Insurer with Respect to Suspension of Benefits - Form 142" - This form is to be used by insurance carriers or self-insured employers to notify

an employee of the suspension of weekly compensation benefits. The form must be mailed to the employee and filed with the division five days before the date compensation is suspended. The insurance carrier or self-insured employer must specify the reason for the suspension of beneftis.

H. "Application for Hearing - Form 001" - Used by an applicant for instituting an industrial claim against an insurance carrier, self-insured employer, or uninsured employer. This form, obtainable from the division, must be filed and signed by the injured employee or his/her agent. All blanks must be completed to the best knowledge, belief, or information of the injured employee.

I. "Claim for Dependents' Benefits and/or Burial Benefits - Form 025" - This form is used by the dependent(s) of a deceased employee to seek benefits as a result of a fatal accident or occupational disease occurring in the course of employment.

1. This form must be filed before a hearing or an award is made, and pleadings will not be accepted in lieu thereof. If pleadings are submitted, the attorney so filing will be supplied the form for filing before any proceedings are initiated.

2. The filing of this form by the surviving spouse on behalf of the surviving spouse and the surviving spouse's dependent minor children is sufficient for all dependents.

3. Unless otherwise directed by an Administrative Law Judge, the following information shall be supplied before an Order or an Award is made:

(a) A certified copy of the marriage license and birth certificates of dependent minor children. If such evidence is not readily available, the Administrative Law Judge will determine the adequacy of substitute evidence.

(b) Adoption papers or other decrees of courts of record establishing legal responsibility for support of dependent children.

(c) If either the deceased employee or surviving spouse has been involved in divorce proceedings, copies of decrees and orders of the court should be supplied.

J. "Insurance Company's and Self-Insurer's Final Report of Injury and Statement of Total Losses - Form 130" - This form is used by insurance carriers and self-insurers to report the total losses occurring in a claim for any benefits. This form must be filed with the division as soon as final settlement is made but in no event more than 30 days from such settlement. This form shall be filed for all losses including medical only, compensation, survivor benefits, or any combination of all so as to provide complete loss information for each claim.

K. "Dependents' Benefit Order - Form 151" - This form is used by the division in all accidental death cases where no issue of liability for the death or establishment of dependency is raised and only one household of dependents is involved. The carrier indicates acceptance of liability by completing the top half of the form and filing it with the division.

L. "Medical Information Authorization - Form 046" - This form is used to release the applicant's medical records to the Commission or the chairman of a medical panel appointed by an Administrative Law Judge.

M. "Application to Change Doctors - Form 102" - This form must be used by the employee pursuant to the provisions of Rule R612-2-9 as contained herein.

N. "Employee's Notification of Intent to Leave Locality or State, and to Change Doctor or Hospital - Form 044" - As per Section 34A-2-604, this form is used by the employee and must be accompanied by the "Attending Physician's Statement - Form 043" before Commission approval can be granted. Otherwise, compensation may not be allowed.

O. "Attending Physician's Statement - Form 043" - This form must be completed by employee and his last attending physician in the state to establish the medical condition of the employee. It must be accompanied by Form 044.

P. "Compensation Agreement - Form 219" - This form is used by the parties to a workers' compensation claim to enter into an agreement as to a permanent partial impairment award, and must be submitted to the Division of Industrial Accidents for approval.

Q. "Application for Lump Sum or Advance Payment - Form 134" - This form is used by an employee to apply for a lump sum or advance payment for a permanent partial impairment award.

R. "Release to Return to Work - Form 110" - This form may be used to meet the requirements of Rule R612-2-3(D), as contained herein.

S. "Request for Copies From Claimant's File - Form 205" - This form is used to request copies from a claimant's file in the Commission with the appropriate authorized release.

T. Reemployment Program Forms

1. "Initial Assessment Report - Form 206" - This form is completed either by the self-insured employer, the workers' compensation insurance provider, or by a rehabilitation agency contracted by the employer/carrier. The report contains claimant demographics and insurance coverage details, and addresses the issue of need for vocational assistance.

2. "Request for Decision of Administrative Review - Form 207" - This form is completed when the employee wishes to contest the information/decision made by the carrier or rehabilitation agency.

3. "U.S.O.R. Rehabilitation Progress Report - Form 208A" - This form shall be requested from the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation at each stage of the reemployment process (eligibility determination, reemployment plan development/implementation and case closure) or at any interruption of the process. An Individualized Written Rehabilitation Program (USOR 5 IWRP) shall also be requested when a plan is developed. All other private rehabilitation providers shall submit a Form 206 for any plan progress, postponement, or interruption in the plan.

4. "Reemployment Plan - Form 209" - This form is used for either an original or amended work plan. The form contains the details and estimated costs in returning the injured worker to the work force.

5. "Reemployment Plan Closure Report - Form 210" - This form is submitted to the division upon completion of the reemployment plan. The closure report shall detail costs by category either by dollar amounts or time expended (only in the categories of evaluation and counseling). The report shall also contain all the details on the return to work.

6. "Application for Certification as a Reemployment Provider - Form 212" - This form is completed by rehabilitation providers who wish to be certified by the division. It contains provider demographics, Utah staff credentials, services/fees, and references.

7. "Administrative Review Determination - Form 213" - This form is used by the division to summarize the outcome of the administrative review.

U. "Medical Records - Copies - Form 302" - This form is used by a claimant to request a free copy of his/her medical records from a medical provider. This form must be signed by a staff member of the division.

V. The division may approve change of any of the above forms upon public notice. Carriers may print these forms or approved versions.

R612-1-4. Discount.

Eight percent shall be used for any discounting or present value calculations. Lump sums ordered by the Commission or for any attorney fees paid in a single up-front amount, or of any other sum being paid earlier than normally paid under a weekly benefit method shall be subject to the 8% discounting. The Commission shall create and make available a precise discount or present value table based on a 365 day year. For those

instances where discount calculations are not routinely utilized or where the Commission's precise table is not available, the following table, which is a shortened version of the precise table, may be utilized by interpolating between the stated weeks and the related discount.

TABLE

Unaccrued Weeks	X	Weekly Benefit $	X	Cumulative Discount	=	Discount $
1				.001475		
10				.008076		
20				.015343		
30				.022538		
40				.029663		
50				.036719		
60				.043706		
70				.050626		
80				.057478		
90				.064264		
100				.070984		
110				.077639		
120				.084229		
130				.090756		
140				.097221		
150				.103623		
160				.109963		
170				.116243		
180				.122463		
190				.128623		
200				.134724		
210				.140767		
220				.146752		
230				.152680		
240				.158552		
250				.164368		
260				.170129		
270				.175835		
280				.181488		
290				.187087		
300				.192633		
312				.199219		

R612-1-5. Interest.

A. Interest must be paid on each benefit payment which comprises the award from the date that payment would have been due and payable at the rate of 8% per annum.

B. For the purpose of interest calculation, benefits shall become "due and payable" as follows:

1. Temporary total compensation shall be due and payable within 21 days of the date of the accident.

2. Permanent partial compensation shall be due and payable on the next day following the termination of a temporary total disability. However, where the condition is not fixed for rating purposes, the interest shall commence from the date the permanent partial impairment can be medically determined.

3. Permanent partial or permanent total disability compensation payable by the Employers' Reinsurance Fund or the Uninsured Employers' Fund shall be due and payable as soon as reasonably practical after an order is issued.

R612-1-6. Issuance of Checks.

A. Any entity issuing compensation checks or drafts must make those checks/drafts payable directly to the injured worker and must mail them directly to the last known mailing address of the injured worker, with the following exceptions:

1. If the employer provides full salary to the injured worker in return for the worker's compensation benefits, the check may be mailed to the worker at the place of employment;

2. If the employer coordinates other benefits with the worker's compensation benefits, the check may be mailed to the worker at the place of employment.

B. In no case may the check be made out to the employer.

C. Where attorney fees are involved, a separate check should be issued to the worker's attorney in the amount approved or ordered by the Commission, unless otherwise directed by the Commission. Payment of the worker's attorney by issuing a check payable to the worker and his attorney jointly constitutes a violation of this rule.

R612-1-7. Acceptance/Denial of a Claim.

A. Upon receiving a claim for workers' compensation benefits, the insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall promptly investigate the claim and begin payment of compensation within 21 days from the date of notification of a valid claim or the insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall send the claimant and the division written notice on a division form or letter containing similar information, within 21 days of notification, that further investigation is needed stating the reason(s) for further investigation. Each insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall complete its investigation within 45 days of receipt of the claim and shall commence the payment of benefits or notify the claimant and division in writing that the claim is denied and the reason(s) why the claim is being denied.

B. The payment of compensation shall be considered overdue if not paid within 21 days of a valid claim or within the 45 days of investigation unless denied.

C. Failure to make payment or to deny a claim within the 45 day time period without good cause shall result in a referral of the insurance company to the Insurance Department for appropriate disciplinary action and may be cause for revocation of the self-insurance certification for a self-insured employer. Good cause is defined as:

1. Failure by an employee claiming benefits to sign requested medical releases;

2. Injury or occupational disease did not occur within the scope of employment;

3. Medical information does not support the claim;

4. Claim was not filed within the statute of limitations;

5. Claimant is not an employee of the employer he/she is making a claim against;

6. Claimant has failed to cooperate in the investigation of the claim;

7. A pre-existing condition is the sole cause of the medical problem and not the claimed work-related injury or occupational disease;

8. Tested positive for drugs or alcohol; or

9. Other - a very specific reason must be given.

D. If an insurance carrier or self-insured employer begins payment of benefits on an investigation basis so as to process the claim in a timely fashion, a later denial of benefits based on newly discovered information may be allowed.

R612-1-8. Insurance Carrier/Employer Liability.

A. This rule governs responsibility for payment of workers' compensation benefits for industrial accidents when:

1. The worker's ultimate entitlement to benefits is not in dispute; but

2. There is a dispute between self-insured employers and/or insurers regarding their respective liability for the injured worker's benefits arising out of separate industrial accidents which are compensable under Utah law.

B. In cases meeting the criteria of subsection A, the self-insured employer or insurer providing workers' compensation coverage for the most recent compensable injury shall advance workers' compensation benefits to the injured worker. The benefits advanced shall be limited to medical benefits and temporary total disability compensation. The benefits advanced shall be paid according to the entitlement in effect on the date of the earliest related injury.

1. The self-insured employer or insurance carrier advancing benefits shall notify the non-advancing party(s) within the time periods as specified in rule R612-1-7, that benefits are to be advanced pursuant to this rule.

2. The self-insured employers or insurers not advancing

benefits, upon notification from the advancing party, shall notify the advancing party within 10 working days of any potential defenses or limitations of the non-advancing party(s) liability.

C. The parties are encouraged to settle liabilities pursuant to this rule, however, any party may file a request for agency action with the Commission for determination of liability for the workers' compensation benefits at issue.

D. The medical utilization decisions of the self-insured employer or insurer advancing benefits pursuant to this rule shall be presumed reasonable with respect to the issue of reimbursement.

R612-1-9. Compensation Agreements.

A. An applicant, insurance company, and/or employer may enter into a compensation agreement for the purpose of resolving a worker's compensation claim. Compensation agreements must be approved by the Commission. The compensation agreement must be that contained on Form 019 of the Commission forms and shall include the following information:

1. Signatures of the parties involved;
2. Form 122 - Employer's First Report of Injury;
3. Doctor's report of impairment rating;
4. Form 141 - Payment of Benefits Statement.

B. Failure to provide any of the above documentation and forms may result in the return of the compensation agreement to the carrier or self-insured employer without approval.

R612-1-10. Permanent Total Disability.

A. This rule applies to claims for permanent total disability compensation under the Utah Workers' Compensation Act.

1. Subsection B applies to permanent total disability claims arising from accident or disease prior to May 1, 1995.

2. Subsection C applies to permanent total disability claims arising from accident or disease on or after May 1, 1995.

B. For claims arising from accident or disease on or after July 1, 1988 and prior to May 1, 1995, the Commission is required under Section 34A-2-413, to make a finding of total disability as measured by the substance of the sequential decision-making process of the Social Security Administration under Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations, amended April 1, 1993. The use of the term "substance of the sequential decision-making process" is deemed to confer some latitude on the Commission in exercising a degree of discretion in making its findings relative to permanent total disability. The Commission does not interpret the code section to eliminate the requirement that a finding by the Commission in permanent and total disability shall in all cases be tentative and not final until rehabilitation training and/or evaluation has been accomplished.

1. In the event that the Social Security Administration or its designee has made, or is in the process of making, a determination of disability under the foregoing process, the Commission may use this information in lieu of instituting the process on its own behalf.

2. In evaluating industrial claims in which the injured worker has qualified for Social Security disability benefits, the Commission will determine if a significant cause of the disability is the claimant's industrial accident or some other unrelated cause or causes.

3. To make a tentative finding of permanent total disability the Commission incorporates the rules of disability determination in 20 CFR 404.1520, amended April 1, 1993. The sequential decision making process referred to requires a series of questions and evaluations to be made in sequence. In short, these are:

a. Is the claimant engaged in a substantial gainful activity?

b. Does the claimant have a medically severe impairment?

c. Does the severe impairment meet or equal the duration requirement in 20 CFR 404.1509, amended April 1, 1993, and the listed impairments in 20 CFR Subpart P Appendix 1, amended April 1, 1993?

d. Does the impairment prevent the claimant from doing past relevant work?

e. Does the impairment prevent the claimant from doing any other work?

4. After the Commission has made a tentative finding of permanent total disability:

a. In those cases arising after July 1,1994, the Commission shall order initiation of payment of permanent total disability compensation;

b. the Commission shall review a summary of reemployment activities undertaken pursuant to the Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act, as well as any qualified reemployment plan submitted by the employer or its insurance carrier; and

c. unless otherwise stipulated, the Commission shall hold a hearing to consider the possibility of rehabilitation and reemployment of the claimant pending final adjudication of the claim.

5. After a hearing, or waiver of the hearing by the parties, the Commission shall issue an order finding or denying permanent total disability based upon the preponderance of the evidence and with due consideration of the vocational factors in combination with the residual functional capacity which the commission incorporates as published in 20 CFR 404 Subpart P Appendix 2, amended April 1, 1993.

C. For permanent total disability claims arising on or after May 1, 1995, Section 34A-2-413 requires a two-step adjudicative process. First, the Commission must make a preliminary determination whether the applicant is permanently and totally disabled. If so, the Commission will proceed to the second step, in which the Commission will determine whether the applicant can be reemployed or rehabilitated.

1. First Step - Preliminary Determination of Permanent Total Disability: On receipt of an application for permanent total disability compensation, the Adjudication Division will assign an Administrative Law Judge to conduct evidentiary proceedings to determine whether the applicant's circumstances meet each of the elements set forth in Subsections 34A-2-413(1)(b) and (c).

(a) If the ALJ finds the applicant meets each of the elements set forth in Subsections 34A-2-413(1)(b) and (c), the ALJ will issue a preliminary determination of permanent total disability and shall order the employer or insurance carrier to pay permanent total disability compensation to the applicant pending completion of the second step of the adjudication process. The payment of permanent total disability compensation pursuant to a preliminary determination shall commence as of the date established by the preliminary determination and shall continue until otherwise ordered.

(b) A party dissatisfied with the ALJ's preliminary determination may obtain additional agency review by either the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-801(3). If a timely motion for review of the ALJ's preliminary determination is filed with either the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board, no further adjudicative or enforcement proceedings shall take place pending the decision of the Commissioner or Board.

(c) A preliminary determination of permanent total disability by the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board is a final agency action for purposes of appellate judicial review.

(d) Unless otherwise stayed by the Labor Commissioner, the Appeals Board or an appellate court, an appeal of the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board's preliminary determination of permanent total disability shall not delay the commencement of "second step" proceedings discussed below or payment of permanent total disability compensation as ordered by the preliminary determination.

(e) The Commissioner or Appeals Board shall grant a request for stay if the requesting party has filed a petition for judicial review and the Commissioner or Appeals Board determine that:

(i) the requesting party has a substantial possibility of prevailing on the merits;

(ii) the requesting party will suffer irreparable injury unless a stay is granted; and

(iii) the stay will not result in irreparable injury to other parties to the proceeding.

2. Second Step - Reemployment and Rehabilitation: Pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-413(6), if the first step of the adjudicatory process results in a preliminary finding of permanent total disability, an additional inquiry must be made into the applicant's ability to be reemployed or rehabilitated, unless the parties waive such additional proceedings.

(a) The ALJ will hold a hearing to consider whether the applicant can be reemployed or rehabilitated.

(i) As part of the hearing, the ALJ will review a summary of reemployment activities undertaken pursuant to the Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act;

(ii) The employer or insurance carrier may submit a reemployment plan meeting the requirements set forth in Subsection 34A-2-413(6)(a)(ii) and Subsections 34A-2-413(6)(d)(i) through (iii).

(b) Pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-413(4)(b) the employer or insurance carrier may not be required to pay disability compensation for any combination of disabilities of any kind in excess of the amount of compensation payable over the initial 312 weeks at the applicable permanent total disability compensation rate.

(i) Any overpayment of disability compensation may be recouped by the employer or insurance carrier by reasonably offsetting the overpayment against future liability paid before or after the initial 312 weeks.

(ii) An advance of disability compensation to provide for the employee's subsistence during the rehabilitation process is subject to the provisions of Subsection 34A-2-413(4)(b), described in subsection 2.(b) above, but can be funded by reasonably offsetting the advance of disability compensation against future liability normally paid after the initial 312 weeks.

(iii) To fund an advance of disability compensation to provide for an employee's subsistence during the rehabilitation process, a portion of the stream of future weekly disability compensation payments may be discounted from the future to the present to accommodate payment. Should this be necessary, the employer or insurance carrier shall be allowed to reasonably offset the amounts paid against future liability payable after the initial 312 weeks. In this process, care should be exercised to reasonably minimize adverse financial impact on the employee.

(iv) In the event the parties cannot agree as to the reasonableness of any proposed offset, the matter may be submitted to an ALJ for determination.

(c) Subsections 34A-2-413(7) and (9) require the applicant to fully cooperate in any evaluation or reemployment plan. Failure to do so shall result in dismissal of the applicant's claim or reduction or elimination of benefit payments including disability compensation and subsistence allowance amounts, consistent with the provisions of Section 34A-2-413(7) and (9).

(d) Subsection 34A-2-413(6) requires the employer or its insurance carrier to diligently pursue any proffered reemployment plan. Failure to do so shall result in a final award of permanent total disability compensation to the applicant.

(e) If, after the conclusion of the foregoing "second step" proceeding, the ALJ concludes that successful rehabilitation is not possible, the ALJ shall enter a final order for continuing payment of permanent total disability compensation. The period for payment of such compensation shall be commence on the date the employee became permanently and totally disabled, as determined by the ALJ.

(f) Alternatively, if after the conclusion of the "second step" proceeding, the ALJ concludes that successful rehabilitation and/or reemployment is possible, the ALJ shall enter a final order to that effect, which order shall contain such direction to the parties as the ALJ shall deem appropriate for successful implementation and continuation of rehabilitation and/or reemployment. As necessary under the particular circumstances of each case, the ALJ's final order shall provide for reasonable offset of payments of any disability compensation that constitute an overpayment under Subsection 34A-2-413(4)(b).

(g) The ALJ's decision is subject to all administrative and judicial review provided by law.

D. For purposes of this rule, the following standards and definitions apply:

1. Other work reasonably available: Subject to medical restrictions and other provisions of the Act and rules, other work is reasonably available to a claimant if such work meets the following criteria:

a. The work is either within the distance that a resident of the claimant's community would consider to be a typical or acceptable commuting distance, or is within the distance the claimant was traveling to work prior to his or her accident;

b. The work is regular, steady, and readily available; and

c. The work provides a gross income at least equivalent to:

(1) The current state average weekly wage, if at the time of the accident the claimant was earning more than the state average weekly wage then in effect; or

(2) The wage the claimant was earning at the time of the accident, if the employee was earning less than the state average weekly wage then in effect.

2. Cooperation: As determined by an administrative law judge, an employee is not entitled to permanent total disability compensation or subsistence benefits unless the employee fully cooperates with any evaluation or reemployment plan. The ALJ will evaluate the cooperation of the employee using, but not limited to, the following factors: attendance, active participation, effort, communication with the plan coordinator, and compliance with the requirements of the vocational plan. In determining if these factors were met, the ALJ shall consider relevant changes in the employee's documents medical condition.

3. Diligent Pursuit: The employer or its insurance carrier shall diligently pursue the reemployment plan. The ALJ will evaluate the employer or insurance carrier's diligent pursuit of the plan using, but not limited to, the following factors: timely payment of expenses and benefits outline in the vocational plan, and as required by the educational institution providing the vocational training, communication with the employee, compliance with the requirements of the vocational plan, and timely modification of the plan as required by documented changes in the employee's medical condition.

4. Resolution of disputes regarding "cooperation" and "diligent pursuit": If a party believes another party is not cooperating with or diligently pursing either the evaluations necessary to establish a plan, or the requirements of an approved reemployment or rehabilitation plan, the aggrieved party shall submit to the workers' compensation mediation unit an outline of the specific instances of non-cooperation or lack of diligence. Other parties may submit a reply. The Mediation Unit will promptly schedule mediation to reestablish cooperation among the parties necessary to evaluate or comply with the plan. If mediation is unsuccessful, a party may request the Adjudication Division resolve the dispute. The Adjudication Division will conduct a hearing on the matter within 30 days and shall issue a written decision with 10 days thereafter.

R612-1-11. Burial Expenses.

(1) Pursuant to Section 34A-2-418 if death results from an industrial injury or occupational disease, burial expenses in ordinary cases shall be paid by the employer or insurance carrier up to $8,000. Unusual cases may result in additional payment, either voluntarily by the employer or insurance carrier or through commission order.

(2) Beginning in the year 2004 and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall review this rule and shall make such adjustments as are necessary so that the burial expense provided by this rule remains equitable when compared to the average cost of burial in this state.

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34A-1-104 et seq.
63-46b-1 et seq.

R612. Labor Commission, Industrial Accidents.
R612-2. Workers' Compensation Rules-Health Care Providers.
R612-2-1. Definitions.

A. All definitions in Rule R612-1 apply to this section.

B. "Medical Practitioner" - means any person trained in the healing arts and licensed by the State in which such person practices.

C. "Global Fee Cases" - are those flat fee cases where fees include pre-operative and follow-up or aftercare.

D. "Usual and Customary Rate (UCR)" is the rate of payment to a dental provider using Ingenix, or a similar service, for charges for services for a particular zip code.

E. Unless otherwise specified, the term "insurer" includes workers' compensation insurance carriers and self-insured employers.

R612-2-2. Authority.

This rule is enacted under the authority of Section 34A-1-104 and Section 34A-2-407.

R612-2-3. Filings.

A. Within one week following the initial examination of an industrial patient, nurse practicioners, physicians and chiropractors shall file "Form 123 - Physicians' Initial Report" with the carrier/self-insured employer, employee, and the division. This form is to be completed in as much detail as feasible. Special care should be used to make sure that the employee's account of how the accident occurred is completely and accurately reported. All questions are to be answered or marked "N/A" if not applicable in each particular instance. All addresses must include city, state, and zip code. If modified employment in #29 is marked "yes," the remarks in #29 must reflect the particular restrictions or limitations that apply, whether as to activity or time per day or both. Estimated time loss must also be given in #29. If "Findings of Examination" (#17) do not correctly reflect the coding used in billing, a reduction of payment may be made to reflect the proper coding. A physician, chiropractor, or nurse practitioner is to report every initial visit for which a bill is generated, including first aid, when a worker reports that an injury or illness is work related. All initial treatment, beyond first aid, that is provided by any health care provider other than a physician, chiropractor, or nurse practictioner must be countersigned by the supervising physician and reported on Form 123 to the Industrial Accidents Division and the insurance carrier or self-insured employer.

B. 1. Any medical provider billing under the restorative services section of the Labor Commission's adopted Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) or the Medical Fee Guidelines shall file the Restorative Services Authorization (RSA) form with the insurance carrier or self-insured employer (payor) and the division within ten days of the initial evaluation.

2. Upon receipt of the provider's RSA form, the payor has ten days to respond, either authorizing a specified number of visits or denying the request. No more than eight visits may be incurred during the authorization process.

3. After the initial RSA form is filed with the payor and the division, an updated RSA form must be filed for approval or denial at least every six visits until a fixed state of recovery has been achieved as evidenced by either subjective or objective findings. If the medical provider has filed the RSA form per this rule, the payor is responsible for payment, unless compensability is denied by the payor. In the event the payor denies the entire compensability of a claim, the payor shall so notify the claimant, provider, and the division, after which the provider may then bill the claimant.

4. Any denial of payment for treatment must be based on a written medical opinion or medical information. The denial notification shall include a copy of the written medical opinion or information from which the denial was based. The payor is not liable for payment of treatment after the provider, claimant, and division have been notified in writing of the denial for authorization to pay for treatment. The claimant may then become responsible for payment.

5. Any dispute regarding authorization or denial for treatment will be determined from the date the division received the RSA form or notification of denial for payment of treatment.

6. The claimant may request a hearing before the Division of Adjudication to resolve compensability or treatment issues.

7. Subjective objective assessment plan/procedure (SOAP notes) or progress notes are to be sent to the payor in addition to the RSA form.

8. Any medical provider billing under the Restorative Services Section of the RBRVS or the Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines who fails to submit the required RSA form shall be limited to payment of up to eight visits for a compensable claim. The medical provider may not bill the patient or employer for any remaining balances.

C. S.O.A.P. notes or progress reports of each visit are to be sent to the payor by all medical practitioners substantiating the care given, the need for further treatment, the date of the next treatment, the progress of the patient, and the expected return-to-work date. These reports must be sent with each bill for the examination and treatment given to receive payment. S.O.A.P. notes are not to be sent to the division unless specifically requested.

D. "Form 110 - Release to Return to Work" must be mailed by either the medical practitioner or carrier/employer to the employee and the division within five calendar days of release.

E. The carrier/employer may request medical reports in addition to regular progress reports. A charge may be made for such additional reports, which charge should accurately reflect the time and effort expended by the physician.

R612-2-4. Hospital or Surgery Pre-Authorization.

Any ambulatory surgery or impatient hospitalization other than a life or limb threatening admission, allegedly related to an industrial injury or occupational disease, shall require pre-authorization by the employer/insurance carrier. Within two working days of a telephone request for pre-authorization, the employer/carrier shall notify the physician and employee of approval or denial of the surgery or hospitalization, or that a medical examination or review is going to be obtained. The medical examination/review must be conducted without undue delay which in most circumstances would be considered less than thirty days. If the request for pre-authorization is made in writing, the employer/carrier shall have four days from receipt of the request to notify the physician and employee. If the employee chooses to be hospitalized and/or to have the surgery prior to such pre-authorization or medical examination/review, the employee may be personally responsible for the bills incurred and may not be reimbursed for the time lost unless a determination is made in his/her favor.

R612-2-5. Regulation of Medical Practitioner Fees.

Pursuant to Section 34A-2-407:

A. The Labor Commission of Utah:

1. Establishes and regulates fees and other charges for medical, surgical, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, mental health, chiropractic, naturopathic, and osteopathic services, or any other area of the healing arts as required for the treatment of a work-related injury or illness.

2. Adopts and by this reference incorporates the National Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) "Resource-Based Relative Value Scale" (RBRVS), 2005 edition, as the method for calculating reimbursement and the American Medical

Association's CPT-4, 2005 edition, coding guidelines. The non-facility total unit value will apply in calculating the reimbursement, except that procedures provided in a facility setting shall be reimbursed at the facility total unit value and the facility may bill a separate facility charge. The CPT-4 coding guidelines and RBRVS are subject to the Utah Labor Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines and Codes and the following Labor Commission conversion factors for medical care rendered for a work-related injury or illness, effective July 1, 2005:

Anesthesiology $41.00 (1 unit per 15 minutes of anesthesia);

Medicine $44.00;

Pathology and Laboratory 150% of Utah's published Medicare carrier;

Radiology $53.00;

Restorative Medicine $44.00, with Utah code 97001 and 97003 at a 1.5 relative value unit and Utah code 97002 and 97004 at a 1.0 of relative value unit.

Surgery $37.00;

All 20000 codes, codes 49505 thru 49525 and all 60000 codes of the CPT-4 coding guidelines $58.00.

3. Adopts and incorporates by this reference the Utah Labor Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines and Codes, as of July 1, 2005. The Utah Medical Fee Guidelines and Codes can be obtained from the division for a fee sufficient to recover costs of development, printing, and mailing or can be downloaded at the Labor Commission's website at www.laborcommission.utah.gov/indacc/indacc.htm.

4. Decides appropriate billing procedure codes when disputes arise between the medical practitioner and the employer or its insurance carrier. In no instance will the medical practitioner bill both the employer and the insurance carrier.

B. Employees cannot be billed for treatment of their work-related injuries or illnesses.

C. Discounting from the fees established by the Labor Commission is allowed only through specific contracts between a medical provider and a payor for treatment of work-related injury or illness.

D. Restocking fee 15%. Rule R612-2-16 covers the restocking fee.

E. Dental fees are not published. Rule R612-2-18 covers dental injuries.

F. Ambulance fees are not published. Rule R612-2-19 covers ambulance charges.

R612-2-6. Fees in Cases Requiring Unusual Treatment.

The RBRVS scheduled fees are maximum fees except that fees higher than RBRVS scheduled may be authorized by the Commission when extraordinary difficulties encountered by the physician justify increased charges and are documented by written reports.

R612-2-7. Insurance Carrier's Privilege to Examine.

The employer or the employer's insurance carrier or a self-insured employer shall have the privilege of medical examination of an injured employee at any reasonable time. A copy of the medical examination report shall be made available to the Commission at any time upon request of the Commission.

R612-2-8. Who May Attend Industrial Patients.

A. The employer has first choice of physicians; but if the employer fails or refuses to provide medical attention, the employee has the choice of physicians.

B. An employee of an employer with an approved medical program may procure the services of any qualified practitioner for emergency treatment if a physician employed in the program is not available for any reason.

R612-2-9. Changes of Doctors and Hospitals.

A. It shall be the responsibility of the insurance carrier or self-insured employer to notify each claimant of the change of doctor rules. Those rules are as follows:

1. If a company doctor, designated facility or PPO is named, the employee must first treat with that designated provider. The insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall be responsible for payment for the initial visit, less any health insurance copays and subject to any health insurance reimbursement, if the employee was directed to and treated by the employer's or insurance carrier's designated provider, and liability for the claim is denied and if the treating physician provided treatment in good faith and provided the insurance carrier or self-insured employer a report necessary to make a determination of liability. Diagnostic studies beyond plain x-rays would need prior approval unless the claimed industrial injury or occupational illness required emergency diagnosis and treatment.

2. The employee may make one change of doctor without requesting the permission of the carrier, so long as the carrier is promptly notified of the change by the employee.

(a) Physician referrals for treatment or consultation shall not be considered a change of doctor.

(b) Changes from emergency room facilities to private physicians, unless the emergency room is named as the "company doctor", shall not be considered a change of doctor. However, once private physician care has begun, emergency room visits are prohibited except in cases of:

(i) Private physician referral, or

(ii) Threat to life.

3. Regardless of prior changes, a change of doctor shall be automatically approved if the treating physician fails or refuses to rate permanent partial impairment.

B. Any changes beyond those listed above made without the permission of the carrier/self-insurer may be at the employee's own expense if:

1. The employee has received notification of rules, or

2. A denial of request is made.

C. An injured employee who knowingly continues care after denial of liability by the carrier may be individually responsible for payment. It shall be the burden of the carrier to prove that the patient was aware of the denial.

D. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to make the proper filings with the division when changing locale and doctor. Those forms can be obtained from the division.

E. Except in special cases where simultaneous attendance by two or more medical care practitioners has been approved by the carrier/employer or the division, or specialized services are being provided the employee by another physician under the supervision and/or by the direct referral of the treating physician, the injured employee may be attended by only one practitioner and fees will not be paid to two practitioners for similar care during the same period of time.

F. The Commission has jurisdiction to decide liability for medical care allegedly related to an industrial accident.

R612-2-10. One Fee Only to be Paid in Global Fee Cases.

In a global fee case which is transferred from one doctor to another doctor, one fee only will be paid, apportioned at the discretion of the Commission. Adequate remuneration shall also be paid to the medical practitioner who renders first aid treatment where the circumstances of the case require such treatment.

R612-2-11. Surgical Assistants' Fees.

Fees, in accordance with the Commission's adopted Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS), in addition to the global fee for surgical services, will be paid surgical assistants only when specifically authorized by the employer or

insurance carrier involved, or in hospitals where interns and residents are not available and the complexity of the surgery makes a surgical assistant necessary.

R612-2-12. Separate Bills.

Separate bills must be presented by each surgeon, assistant, anesthetist, consultant, hospital, special nurse, or other medical practitioner within 30 days of treatment on a HCFA 1500 billing form so that payment can be made to the medical practitioner who rendered the service. All bills must contain the federal ID number of the person submitting the bill.

R612-2-13. Interest for Medical Services.

A. All hospital and medical bills must be paid promptly on an accepted liability claim. All bills which have been submitted properly on an accepted liability claim are due and payable within 45 days of being billed unless the bill or a portion of the bill is in dispute. Any portion of the bill not in dispute is payable within 45 days of the billing.

B. Per Section 34A-2-420, any award for medical treatment made by the Commission shall include interest at 8% per annum from the date of billing for the medical service.

R612-2-14. Hospital Fees Separate.

Fees covering hospital care shall be separate from those for professional services and shall not extend beyond the actual necessary hospital care. When it becomes evident that the patient needs no further hospital treatment, he/she must be discharged. All billings must be submitted on a UB92 form and be properly itemized and coded and shall include all appropriate documentation to support the billing. There shall not be a separate fee charged for the necessary documentation in billing for payment of hospital services. The documentation of hospital services shall include at a minimum the discharge summary. The insurance carrier may request further documentation if needed in order to determine liability for the bill.

R612-2-15. Charges for Ordinary Supplies, Materials, or Drugs.

Fees covering ordinary dressing materials or drugs used in treatment shall not be charged separately but shall be included in the amount allowed for office dressings or treatment.

R612-2-16. Charges for Special or Unusual Supplies, Materials, or Drugs.

A. Charges for special or unusual supplies, materials, or drugs not included as a normal and usual part of the service or procedure shall, upon receipt of an itemized and coded billing, be paid at cost plus 15% restocking fees.

B. For purposes of part A above, the amount to be paid shall be calculated as follows:

1. Applicable shipping charges shall be added to the purchase price of the product;

2. The 15% restocking fee shall then be added to the amount determined in sub part 1;

3. The amount of taxes paid on the purchase of the supplies, materials, or drugs shall then be added to the amount determined in sub part 2, which sum shall constitute the total amount to be paid.

R612-2-17. Fees for Unscheduled Procedures.

Fees for medical or surgical procedures not appearing in the Commission's adopted RBRVS current fee schedule are subject to the Commission's approval and should be submitted to the Commission when the physician and employer or insurance carrier do not agree on the value of the service. Such fees shall be in proportion as nearly as practicable to fees for similar services appearing in the RBRVS.

R612-2-18. Dental Injuries.

A. This rule establishes procedures to obtain dental care for work-related dental injuries and sets fees for such dental care.

B. Initial Treatment.

1. If an employer maintains a medical staff or designates a company doctor, an injured worker seeking dental treatment for work-related injuries shall report to such medical staff or doctor and follow their instructions.

2. If an employer does not maintain a medical staff or designate a company doctor, or if such staff or doctor are not available, an injured worker may consult a dentist to obtain immediate care dental for injuries caused by a work-related accident. The insurer shall pay the dentist providing this initial treatment at 70% of UCR for the services rendered.

C. Subsequent care by initial treatment provider.

1. If additional treatment is necessary, the dentist who provided initial treatment may submit to the insurer a request for authorization to continue treatment. The transmission date of the request must be verifiable. The request itself must include a description of the injury, the additional treatment required, and the cost of the additional treatment. If the dentist proceeds with treatment without authorization, the dentist must accept 70% of UCR as payment in full and may not charge any additional sum to the injured worker.

2. The insurer shall respond to the request for authorization within 10 working days of the request's transmission. This 10-day period can be extended only with written approval of the Industrial Accidents Division. If the insurer does not respond to the dentist's request for authorization within 10 working days, the insurer shall pay the cost of treatment as contained in the request for authorization.

3. If the insurer approves the proposed treatment, the insurer shall send written authorization to the dentist and injured worker. This authorization shall include the anticipated payment amount.

4. On receipt of the insurer's written authorization, and if the dentist accepts the payment provisions therein, the dentist may proceed to provide the approved services. The dentist must accept the amount to be paid by the insurer as full payment for those services and may not bill the injured worker for any additional amount.

D. Subsequent care by other providers.

1. If the dentist who provided initial treatment does not agree to the payment offered by the insurer, the insurer shall within 20 calendar days direct the injured worker to a dentist located within a reasonable travel distance who will accept the insurer's payment offer.

2. If the insurer cannot locate another dentist to provide the necessary services, the insurer shall attempt to negotiate a satisfactory reimbursement with the dentist who provided initial treatment. The negotiated reimbursement may not include any balance billing to the claimant.

3. If the insurer is successful in arranging treatment with another dentist, the insurer shall notify the injured worker.

4. If, after having received notice that the insurer has arranged the services of another dentist, the injured worker chooses to obtain treatment from a different dentist, the insurer shall only be responsible for payment at 70% of UCR. Under the circumstances of this subsection (4), the treating dentist may bill the injured worker for the difference between the dentist's charges and the amount paid by the insurer.

E. Payment or treatment disputes that cannot be resolved by the parties may be submitted to the Labor Commission's Adjudication Division for decision, pursuant to the Adjudication Division's established forms and procedures.

R612-2-19. Ambulance Charges.

Ambulance charges must not exceed the rates adopted by

the State Emergency Medical Service Commission for similar services.

R612-2-20. Travel Allowance and Per Diem.

A. An employee who, based upon his/her physician's advice, requires hospital, medical, surgical, or consultant services for injuries arising out of and in the course of employment and who is authorized by the self-insurer, the carrier, or the Commission to obtain such services from a physician and/or hospital shall be entitled to:

1. Subsistence expenses of $6 per day for breakfast, $9 per day for lunch, $15 per day for dinner, and actual lodging expenses as per the state of Utah's in-state travel policy provided:

(a) The employee travels to a community other than his/her own place of residence and the distance from said community and the employee's home prohibits return by 10:00 p.m., and

(b) The absence from home is necessary at the normal hour for the meal billed.

2. Reasonable travel expenses regardless of distance that are consistent with the state of Utah's travel reimbursement rates, or actual reasonable costs of practical transportation modes above the state's travel reimbursement rates as may be required due to the nature of the disability.

B. This rule applies to all travel to and from medical care with the following restrictions:

1. The carrier is not required to reimburse the injured employee more often than every three months, unless:

(a) More than $100 is involved, or

(b) The case is about to be closed.

2. All travel must be by the most direct route and to the nearest location where adequate treatment is reasonably available.

3. Travel may not be required between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless approved by the Commission.

4. Requests for travel reimbursement must be submitted to the carrier for payment within one year of the authorized medical care.

5. Travel allowance shall not include picking up prescriptions unless documentation is provided substantiating a claim that prescriptions cannot be obtained locally within the injured worker's community.

6. The Commission has jurisdiction to resolve all disputes.

R612-2-21. Notice to Health Care Providers.

Any notice from a carrier denying further liability must be mailed to the Commission and the patient on the same day as it is mailed to the health care provider. Where it can be shown, in fact, that a medical care provider and the injured employee have received a denial of further care by the insurance carrier or self-insured employer, further treatment may be performed at the expense of the employee. Any future ratification of the denial by the Commission will not be considered a retroactive denial but will serve to uphold the force and effect of the previous denial notice.

R612-2-22. Medical Records.

A. Workers' compensation insurers, employers and the Utah Labor Commission need access to health information of individuals who are injured on the job or who have a work-related illness in order to process or adjudicate claims, or to coordinate care under Utah's workers' compensation system. Generally, this health information is obtained from health care providers who treat these individuals and who may be covered by federal "HIPAA" privacy rules.

The HIPAA Privacy Rule specifically recognizes the legitimate need of the workers' compensation system to have access to individuals' health information to the extend authorized by State law. See 45 CFR 164.512(1). The Privacy Rule also recognizes the importance of permitting disclosures required by other laws. See 45 CFR 164.512(a). Therefore, disclosures permitted by this rule for workers' compensation purposes or otherwise required by this rule do not conflict with and are not prohibited by the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

B. A medical provider, without authorization from the injured workers, shall:

1. For purposes of substantiating a bill submitted for payment or filing required Labor Commission forms, such as the "Physician's Initial Report of Injury/Illness" or the "Restorative Services Authorization," disclose medical records necessary to substantiate the billing, including drug and alcohol testing, to:

a. An employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier or third party administrator;

b. A self-insured employer who administers its own workers' compensation claims;

c. The Uninsured Employers' Fund;

d. The Employers' Reinsurance Fund; or

e. The Labor Commission as required by Labor Commission rules.

2. Disclose medical records pertaining to treatment of an injured worker, who makes a claim for workers' compensation benefits, to another physician for specialized treatment, to a new treating physician chosen by the claimant, or for a consultation regarding the claimed work related injury or illness.

C. 1. Except as limited in C(3), a medical provider, whose medical records are relevant to a workers' compensation claim shall, upon receipt of a Labor Commission medical records release form, or an authorization form that conforms to HIPAA requirements, disclose his/her medical records to:

a. An employer's insurance carrier or third party administrator;

b. A self-insured employer who administers its own workers' compensation claims;

c. An agent of an entity listed in B(1)(a through e), which includes, but is not limited to a case manager or reviewing physician;

d. The Uninsured Employers Fund;

e. The Employers' Reinsurance Fund;

f. The Labor Commission;

g. The injured worker;

h. An injured workers' personal representative;

i. An attorney representing any of the entities listed above in an industrial injury or occupational disease claim.

2. Medical records are relevant to a workers' compensation claim if:

a. The records were created after the reported date of the accident or onset of the illness for which workers' compensation benefits have been claimed; or

b. The records were created in the past ten years (15 years if permanent total disability is claimed) and;

i. There is a specific reason to suspect that the medical condition existed prior to the reported date of the claimed work related injury or illness or

ii. The claim is being adjudicated by the Labor Commission.

3. Medical records related to care provided by a psychiatrist, psychologist, obstetrician, or care related to the reproductive organs may not be disclosed by a medical provider unless a claim has been made for a mental condition, a condition related to the reproductive organs, or the claimant has signed a separate, specific release for these records.

D. A medical provider, who has treated an injured worker for a work related injury or illness, shall disclose information to an injured workers' employer as to when and what restrictions an injured worker may return to work.

E. Requests for medical records beyond what sections B, C, and D permit require a signed approval by the director, the medical director, or a designated person(s) within the Industrial

Accidents Division.

F. A party affected by the decision made by a person in section E may appeal that decision to the Adjudication Division of the Labor Commission.

G. Upon receipt and within the scope of this rule, an injured worker shall provide those entities or person listed in C(1) the names, address, and dates of medical treatment (if known) of the medical providers who have provided medical care within the past 10 years (15 years for permanent total disability claim) except for those medical providers names in C(3). Labor Commission form number 307 "Medical Treatment Provider List" must be used for this purpose. Parties listed in C(1) of this rule must provide each medical provider identified on form 307 with a signed authorization for access to medical records. A copy of the signed authorization may be sent to the medical providers listed on form 307.

H. An injured worker may contest, for good reason, a request for medical records created prior to the reported date of the accident or illness for which the injured worker has made a claim for benefits by filing a complaint with the Labor Commission. Good reason is defined as the request has gone beyond the scope of this rule or sensitive medical information is contained in a particular medical record.

I. 1. Any party obtaining medical records under authority of this rule may not disclose those medical records, without a valid authorization, except as required by law.

2. An employer may only use medical records obtained under the authority of this rule to:

a. Pay or adjudicate workers' compensation claims if the employer is self-insured;

b. To assess and facilitate an injured workers' return to work;

c. As otherwise authorized by the injured worker.

3. An employer obtaining medical records under authority of this rule must maintain the medical records separately from the employee's personnel file.

J. Any medical records obtained under the authority of this rule to make a determination regarding the acceptance of liability or for treatment of a condition related to a workers' compensation claim shall only be used for workers' compensation purposes and shall not be released, without a signed release by the injured worker or his/her personal representative, to any other party. An employer shall make decisions related only to the workers' compensation claim based on any medical information received under this rule.

K. When any medical provider provides copies of medical records, other than the records required when submitting a bill for payment or as required by the Labor commission rules, the following charges are presumed reasonable:

1. A search fee of $15 payable in advance of the search;

2. Copies at $.50 per page, including copies of microfilm, payable after the records have been prepared and

3. Actual costs of postage payable after the records have been prepared an sent. Actual cost of postage are deemed to be the cost of regular mail unless the requesting party has requested the delivery of the records by special mail or method.

4. The Labor Commission will release its records per the above charges to parties/entities with a signed and notarized release from the injured worker unless the information is classified and controlled under the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA).

L. No fee shall be charged when the RBRVS or the Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines require specific documentation for a procedure or when medical providers are required to report by statute or rule.

M. An injured worker or his/her personal representative may obtain one copy of each of the following records related to the industrial injury or occupational disease claim, at no cost, when the injured worker or his/her personal representative have signed a form by the Industrial Accidents Division to substantiate his/her industrial injury/illness claim;

1. History and physical;

2. Operative reports of surgery;

3. Hospital discharge summary;

4. Emergency room records;

5. Radiological reports;

6. Specialized test results; and

7. Physician SOAP notes, progress notes, or specialized reports.

(a) Alternatively, a summary of the patients records may be made available to the injured worker or his/her personal representative at the discretion of the physician.

R612-2-23. Adjusting Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) Codes.

A. When adjusting any medical provider's bill who has billed per the Commission's adopted RBRVS the adjusting entity shall provide one or more of the following explanations as applies to the down coding when payment is made to the medical provider:

1. Code 99202, 99203, 99204 or 99205 - the submitted documentation for a new patient did not meet the three key components lacking in the level of history for the code billed.

2. Code 99202, 99203, 99204 or 99205 - the submitted documentation for a new patient did not meet the three key components lacking in the level of examination for the code billed.

3. Code 99202, 99203, 99204 or 99205 - the submitted documentation for a new patient did not meet the three key components lacking in the level of medical decision making for the code billed.

4. Code 99202, 99203, 99204, or 99205 - the submitted documentation for a new patient did not meet the three key components lacking in the level of history and exam for the code billed.

5. Code 99213, 99214 or 99215 - the submitted documentation for an established patient did not meet the two key components lacking in the level of history and exam that the code billed.

6. Code 99213, 99214 or 99215 - the submitted documentation for an established patient did not meet the two key components lacking in the level of history and medical decision making for the code billed.

7. Code 99213, 99214 or 99215 - the submitted documentation for the established patient did not meet the two key components lacking in the level of exam and medical decision making for the code billed.

B. The above explanations may be abbreviated, with a legend provided, to accommodate the space of computerized messages.

R612-2-24. Review of Medical Payments.

A. Health care providers and payors are primarily responsible to resolve disputes over fees for medical services between themselves. However, in some cases it is necessary to submit such disputes to the Division for resolution. The Commission therefore establishes the following procedure for submission and review of fees for medical services.

1. The provider shall submit a bill for services rendered, with supporting documentation, to the payor within one year of the date of service;

2. The payor shall evaluate the bill according to the guidelines contained in the Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines and RBRVS and shall pay the provider the appropriate fee within 45 days as required by Rule R612-2-13.

3. If the provider believes that the payor has improperly computed the fee under the RBRVS, the provider or designee shall request the payor to re-evaluate the fee. The provider's

request for re-evaluation shall be in writing, shall describe the specific areas of disagreement and shall include all appropriate documentation. The provider shall submit all requests for re-evaluation to the payor within one year of the date of the original payment.

4. Within 30 days of receipt of the written request for re-evaluation, the payor shall either pay the additional fee due the provider or respond with a specific written explanation of the basis for its denial of additional fees. The payor shall maintain proof of transmittal of its response.

B. If the provider continues to disagree with the payor's determination of the appropriate fee, the provider shall submit the matter to the Division by filing with the Division a written explanation of the disagreement. The provider's explanation shall include copies of:

1. The provider's original bill and supporting documentation;

2. The payor's initial payment of that bill;

3. The provider's request for re-evaluation and supporting documentation; and

4. The payor's written explanation or its denial of additional fees.

C. The Division will evaluate the dispute according to the requirements of the Medical Fee Guidelines and RBRVS and, if necessary, by consulting with the provider, payor, or medical specialists. Within 45 days from the date the Division receives the provider's request, the Division will mail its determination to both parties.

D. Any party aggrieved by the Division's determination may file an application for hearing with the Division of Adjudication to obtain formal adjudication of the dispute.

E. A payor seeking reimbursement from a provider for overpayment of a bill shall submit a written request to the provider detailing the circumstances of the payment requested within one year of submission of the bill.

1. Providers should make appropriate reimbursements, or respond in writing detailing the reasons why repayment will not be made, within 90 days or receipt of a written request from a payor.

2. If a dispute as to reimbursement occurs, an aggrieved party may request resolution of the dispute by the Labor Commission.

R612-2-25. Injured Worker's Right to Privacy.

A. No agent of the employer or the employer's insurance carrier shall be present during an injured worker's visit with a medical provider, unless agreed upon by the claimant.

B. If an agent of the employer or the employer's insurance carrier is excluded from the medical visit, the medical provider and the injured worker shall meet with the agent at the conclusion of the visit so as to communicate regarding medical care and return to work issues.

R612-2-26. Utilization Review Standards.

A. As used in this subsection:

1. "Payor" means a workers' compensation insurance carrier, a self-insured employer, third-party administrator, uninsured employer or the Uninsured Employers' Fund, which is responsible for payment of the workers' compensation claim.

2. "Health Care Provider" means a provider of medical services, including an individual provider, a health-service plan, a health-care organization, or a preferred-provider organization.

3. "Request for Authorization" means any request by a physician for assurance that appropriate payment will be made for a course of proposed medical treatment, including surgery or hospitalization, or any diagnostic studies beyond plain X-rays.

4. "Utilization Review," as authorized in Section 34A-2-111, is a process used to manage medical costs, improve patient care, and enhance decision-making. Utilization review includes, but is not limited to, the review of requests for authorization to treat, and the review of bills, for the purpose of determining whether the medical services provided were or would be necessary, to treat the effects of the injury/illness. Utilization review does not include bill review for the purpose of determining whether the medical services rendered were accurately billed. Nor does it include any system, program, or activity in connection with making decisions concerning whether a person has sustained an injury or illness which is compensable under Section 34A-2 or 34A-3.

5. "Reasonable Attempt" is defined as at least two phone calls and a fax, or three phone calls, within five business days from date of the payor's receipt of the physician's request for review.

B. Any utilization review system shall establish an appeals process which utilizes a physician(s) for a final decision by the insurer, should an initial review decision be contested. The payor may establish levels of review that meet the following criteria:

1. Level I--Initial Request and Review. A payor may use medical or non-medical personnel to initially apply medically-based criteria to a request for authorization for payment of a specific treatment. The treating physician must send all the necessary documentation for the payor to make a decision regarding the treatment recommended. The payor must then notify the physician within five business days of the request for authorization of payment for the treatment, by a method which provides certification of transmission of the document, of either an acceptance or a denial of the request. A denial for authorization of payment for a recommended treatment utilizing the Commission's form, Form 223, must be sent to the provider with the criteria used in making the determination to deny payment for the treatment. A copy of the denial must also be mailed to the claimant. Level I--Request and Review does not include authorization requests for services billed from the Restorative section of the Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS). Requests for authorization for restorative services are governed by rule R612-2-3(B).

2. Level II--Review. A physician, who has been denied authorization of payment for treatment, or has received no response within five business days from the request for authorization for payment at Level I review, may request a physician's review by sending the completed portion of the Commission form 223 to the payor. Such a request for review may be filed by any physician who has been denied authorization for payment for restorative services beyond the initial eight visits as authorized by Rule R612-2-3(B). The requesting physician must include the times and days that he/she is available to discuss the case with the reviewing physician, and must be reasonably available during normal business hours. The payor's physician representative must complete the review within five business days of the treating physician's request for review. Before the insurer's physician representative may issue a denial of an authorization for payment to treat, a reasonable effort must have made to contact the requesting treating physician to discuss the differing aspects of the case. Failure by the payor to respond within five business days, by a method which provides certification of transmission, to a denial for authorization for payment for treatment, shall constitute an authorization for payment of the treatment. The payor's denial to pay for the recommended treatment must be issued on Commission's form 223, and the denial must be accompanied by the criteria that was used in making the decision to deny authorization, along with the name and speciality of the reviewing physician. The denial to authorize payment for treatment must then be sent to the physician, the claimant, and the Commission. The payor shall notify the Commission if an additional five days is needed in order to contact the treating physician or to review the case. An additional extension of time

may be requested from the Commission to accommodate highly unusual circumstances or particularly difficult cases.

C. Upon receipt of denial of authorization for payment for medical treatment at Level II, the Commission will facilitate, upon the request of the claimant, the final disposition of the case. If the parties agree, the medical dispute may be resolved by the Commission through binding mediation or medical review. If there is not agreement among the parties, the Commission will resolve the dispute through formal adjudication. The payor shall be responsible for sending the claimant the Commission appeals information when the denial for authorization for payment for medical treatment is sent to the claimant.

D. If the medical treatment requested is not an emergency, and treatment is rendered by the physician after, receiving notice of the utilization standards encompassed in this rule, the following shall apply:

1. The Commission shall, if the disputed medical treatment is ultimately determined to be compensable as an expense necessary to treat the industrial injury or occupational disease, order that the physician be reimbursed at only 75% of the of the amount otherwise payable had appropriate authorization been timely obtained. The injured worker shall not be liable for any additional payment to the physician above the 75%.

2. Neither the worker's employer or its workers' compensation insurer shall be liable for any portion of the cost of disputed medical treatment, if that treatment is ultimately determined not to be compensable as an expense necessary to treat an industrial injury or occupational disease.

3. A worker may become liable for the cost of the disputed medical treatment, if that treatment is ultimately determined not to be compensable as an expense necessary to treat the industrial injury or occupational disease.

4. Except for any co-pays or deductibles under the worker's health insurance plan, the penalty provision in D(1) and D(3) shall not apply if the physician performs the medical treatment in question, having been preauthorized in writing to do the same by a health insurer or other non-worker's compensation insurance payor.

5. The penalty provisions in D(1) shall not apply to medical treatment rendered in emergency situations, which are defined as a threat to life or limb.

6. The Commission shall notify a physician, in writing, of reported violations of this rule. Repeated violations of this rule by a physician may result in a report from the Commission to the Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational/Professional Licensing.

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R614. Labor Commission, Occupational Safety and Health.
R614-7. Construction Standards.
R614-7-1. Roofing, Tar-Asphalt Operations.

A. Roofing

1. Roofing employees shall be protected by adequate provisions from falling from roofs. These provisions may include:

2. When work is done on roofs which are more than sixteen (16) feet from the ground to the eaves, and where there is no parapet wall at the eaves, and such roof has a slope greater than four (4) inches in one (1) foot, a substantial catch platform or scaffold platform of sufficient width to extend at least two (2) feet beyond the outer edge of the eaves' projection shall be used.

3. As an alternative to such a platform, each person working on the roof shall be provided with a safety belt and life line securely fastened to a safe anchorage.

4. Roofs between six (6) and fifteen (15) feet from the ground to eaves and meeting other provisions above may be protected by a 2 x 4 or larger toeboard securely held at the work position or adequate roof jacks provided the slope does not exceed 12 inches in one (1) foot.

5. Roof ladders may also be used.

6. Workers on roofs having a slope greater than 12/12 pitch shall be protected with safety harnesses and life lines or by substantial roof ladders or other methods providing positive protection.

7. On oval shaped (dome) roofs a rope type of roof ladders is recommended. When the slope is greater than 2 to 1 (24 x 12) the employee shall be protected by life line or a fixed scaffold.

8. Roofing material and workers shall be distributed over the roof structure so as to prevent localized overloading.

9. Employees shall not carry loads exceeding 100 pounds on ladders, roofs or other elevated areas.

10. Employees shall not work on sloped roofs which are snow or ice covered except for the purpose of making same safe.

B. Hot roofing.

1. Protective clothing and equipment.

a. Roofers handling hot roofing materials shall be fully clothed including long sleeved shirts buttoned at the wrists. Other employees may wear no less than "T" shirts over their upper body.

b. Substantial shoes no less than six (6) inches in height, fully laced or secured shall be worn.

c. No gauntlet gloves shall be permitted. Wrist length gloves shall be worn.

d. Employees subjected to the possibility of splashing hot materials shall wear face shields or goggles.

2. Heating equipment.

a. All heating kettles shall be equipped with a temperature measring device in operating condition and the asphalt shall not be heated in excess of 50 degrees below the Flash Point.

b. Toxic and combustible vapors are given off during heating of asphalt and tar materials. Employees working with these materials shall be instructed in safety precautions and in the proper methods of handling.

c. Attendants shall be within 100 feet of the kettle at all times while the burner flame is on.

d. Kettle heating equipment shall be installed and maintained in conformity with the American National Standards Institute Requirements for the fuel being used.

e. A fire extinguisher no smaller than 10 B-C rating shall be installed in close proximity to heating kettles.

f. During melting and heating operations, care shall be taken to prevent moisture from getting into the hot mix.

3. Material handling.

a. Pump lines handling hot asphalt shall be positioned securely and equipped with a shut-off valve on each of a coupler which may be opened when lines are full.

b. Pump lines shall not be subjected to pressures in excess of the safe working pressure of the lines being used.

c. Hot asphalt shall not be carried up ladders but shall be pumped or hoisted.

d. Hoisting frames and equipment shall be installed in a safe manner, properly secured and positioned so that the operator has access to the bucket or container without subjecting himself to hazard.

e. Every tar bucket used by roofers or workers in similar trades shall be made of No. 24 gauge or heavier sheet steel and shall have a metal bail of no less than 1/4 inch diameter material. The bail shall be fastened to offset ears or the equivalent which have been riveted, welded or otherwise securely attached to the bucket. Soldered bail sockets are not permissible. Most paint buckets will not comply with these regulations.

f. Extreme caution shall be taken when working near sky lights or other roof holes.

g. Employees shall be positioned in such a manner that they cannot be struck by a bucket or other roofing material which may accidentally fall either while being hoisted, lowered or used in the roofing operation.

4. Flammable liquid with a flash point below 100 degrees F. (gasoline and similar products) shall not be used for cleaning purposes.

5. Workers shall not ride on top of loaded trucks or on running boards but shall be seated inside the cab of the vehicle.

6. Provisions of 29 CFR 1926.451 and 1926.1050 shall be complied with as applicable, covering scaffolds and ladders.

C. Asphalt mixing plants.

1. Toxic and combustible vapors are given off during heating of asphalt and tar materials. Employees working with these materials shall be instructed in necessary precautions and in the proper methods of handling.

2. Suitable clothing and protective devices shall be worn by employees handling or applying asphalt and tar materials.

3. Positive care shall be taken to prevent heating materials above the flashpoint. Mixing operations shall be performed at the lowest practicable temperature.

4. Drums or other containers in which liquid bituminous materials are stored shall be kept tightly closed when not in use and shall be protected from sources of excess heat, sparks, and open flames.

5. A 10 B.C. fire extinguisher shall be provided at locations where heating devices or melting kettles are in use.

6. Asphalt or tar heating kettles when in use shall not be left unattended and shall be securely fastened to prevent accidental tipping. They shall be provided with a lid and thermometer.

7. During melting and heating operations, care shall be taken to prevent moisture from getting into the hot mix. The use of gasoline or similar volatile materials as thinners is prohibited.

8. Where natural ventilation is insufficient at enclosed areas in which hot tar, asphalt, etc., are being heated or applied, an approved method of mechanical ventilation shall be provided. In addition, respirators shall be furnished to workers where required.

9. Heating, pumping, and application operations shall not be left unattended and an operator shall be stationed near the equipment to cut off flow or care for other emergencies.

10. Spraymen handling hot asphalt or tar shall not be allowed to work under hoses supplying hot materials to the sprays. Only flexible metallic hoses fitted with insulated handles shall be used in hand-spraying operations.

11. Form pins having mushroomed or split heads shall be discarded or effectively repaired.

12. Pipe lines which contain hot oil or asphalt shall be equipped with a shut-off valve on each side of a coupler which may be opened when lines are full.

R614-7-2. Grizzlies Over Chutes, Bins, and Tank Openings.

A. Employees shall be furnished with and be required to use approved type safety harnesses and shall be tied off securely so as to suspend him above the level of the product before entering any bin, chute, or storage place containing material that might cave or run. Cleaning and barring down in such places shall be started from the top using only bars blunt on one end or having a ring type or D handhold.

B. Employees shall not work on top of material stored or piled above chutes, draw holes or conveyor systems while material is being withdrawn unless protected.

C. Chutes, bins, drawholes, and similar openings shall be equipped with grizzlies or other safety devices that will prevent employees from falling into the openings.

D. Bars for grizzly grids shall be so fitted that they will not loosen and slip out of place, and the operator shall not remove a bar temporarily to let large rocks through rather than to break them.

R614-7-3. Cranes and Derricks.

Two Blocking Damage Preventive Feature. On hydraulic cranes with power telescoping booms, an "Anti Two-Blocking" feature, warning device, or other arrangement, shall be provided to warn the crane operator to avoid colliding ("two blocking") the hook block with the boom point when hoisting the load, when extending the boom or when booming up or down.

R614-7-4. Residential-Type Construction, Raising Framed Walls.

A. Scope and Application

This section applies to work directly associated with the raising of framed walls in new buildings or structures in residential-type construction.

B. Definitions

1. "Residential-type Construction" means construction using the operations, methods, and procedures associated with residential and light commercial construction characterized by joists or trusses resting on stud walls and using wood and/or light gage steel frame construction.

2. "Bottom Plate" means the bottom horizontal member of a frame wall.

C. Standards For Raising Walls.

1. At no time during the raising of the framed wall shall an employee who is not performing the actual lift be allowed under the wall system unless a mechanical bracing system is in place to arrest the fall of a wall.

2. Before manually raising framed walls that are 10 feet or more in height, temporary restraints such as cleats on the foundation/floor system or straps on the wall bottom plate shall be installed to prevent inadvertent horizontal sliding or uplift of the framed wall bottom plate. Anchor bolts and/or toe nails, are not sufficient for use in blocking or bracing the framed wall.

3. Framed walls 18 feet or more in height shall be raised using mechanical lifting devices.

D. Standards For Training.

1. The employer shall provide a training program to employees engaged in raising framed walls. The program shall enable employees to recognize the hazards associated with raising framed walls and shall include procedures to minimize those hazards, including:

a. Where required by the standard, the use of and limitations to temporary restraints used to prevent inadvertent sliding and uplift on the bottom plate;

b. the use of mechanical lifting devises;

c. the use of mechanical bracing systems; and

d. the role of each employee involved in the raising of a framed wall.

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R649. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining; Oil and Gas.
R649-1. Oil and Gas General Rules.
R649-1-1. Definitions.

"Authorized Agent" means a representative of the director as authorized by the board.

"Aquifer" means a geological formation including a group of formations or part of a formation that is capable of yielding a significant amount of water to a well or spring.

"Artificial Liner" means a pit liner made of material other than clay or other in-situ material and which meets the requirements of R649-9-3, Permitting of Disposal Pits.

"Barrel" means 42 (US) gallons at 60 degrees Fahrenheit at atmospheric pressure.

"Board" means the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

"Carrier, Transporter or Taker" means any person moving or transporting oil or gas away from a well or lease or from any pool.

"Casing Pressure" means the pressure within the casing or between the casing and tubing at the wellhead.

"Central Disposal Facility" means a facility that is used by one or more producers for disposal of exempt E and P wastes and for which the operator of the facility receives no monetary remuneration, other than operating cost sharing.

"Class II Injection Well" means a well that is used for:

1. The disposal of fluids that are brought to the surface in connection with conventional oil or natural gas production and that may be commingled with wastewater produced from the operation of a gas plant that is an integral part of production operations, unless that wastewater is classified as a hazardous waste at the time of injection, or

2. Enhanced recovery of oil or gas, or

3. Storage of hydrocarbons that are liquids at standard temperature and pressure conditions.

"Closed System" means but is not limited to, the use of a combination of solids control equipment (i.e., shale shakers, flowline cleaners, desanders, desilters, mud cleaners, centrifuges, agitators, and necessary pumps and piping) incorporated in a series on the rig's steel mud tanks, or a self contained unit that eliminates the use of a reserve pit for the purpose of dumping and dilution of drilling fluids for the removal of entrained drill solids. A closed system for the purpose of these rules may with Division approval include the use of a small pit to receive cuttings, but does not include the use of trenches for the collection of fluids of any kind.

"Coalbed Methane" means natural gas that is produced, or may be produced, from coalbeds and rock strata associated with the coalbed.

"Commercial Disposal Facility" means a disposal well, pit or treatment facility whose owner(s) or operator(s) receives compensation from others for the temporary storage, treatment, and disposal of produced water, drilling fluids, drill cuttings, completion fluids, and any other exempt E and P wastes, and whose primary business objective is to provide these services.

"Completion of a Well" means that the well has been adequately worked to be capable of producing oil or gas or that well testing as required by the division has been concluded.

"Confining Strata" refers to a body of material that is relatively impervious to the passage of liquids or gases and that occurs either below, above, or lateral to a more permeable material in such a way that it confines or limits the movement of liquids or gases that may be present.

"Correlative Rights" means the opportunity of each owner in a pool to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the pool without waste.

"Cubic Foot" of gas means the volume of gas contained in one cubic foot of space at a standard pressure base of 14.73 psia and a standard temperature base of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Day" means a period of 24 consecutive hours.

"Development Wells" means all oil and gas producing wells other than wildcat wells.

"Director" means the executive and administrative head of the division.

"Disposal Facility" means an injection well, pit, treatment facility or combination thereof that receives E and P Wastes for the purpose of disposal. This includes both commercial and noncommercial facilities.

"Disposal Pit" means a lined or unlined pit approved for the disposal and/or storage of E and P Wastes.

"Division" means the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

"Drilling Fluid" means a circulating fluid usually called mud, that is introduced in a drill hole to lubricate the action of the rotary bit, remove the drilling cuttings, and control formation pressures.

"E and P Waste" means (Exploration And Production Waste), and is defined those wastes resulting from the drilling of and production from oil and gas wells as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), prior to January 1, 1992, to be exempt from Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

"Emergency Pit" means a pit used for containing fluids at an operating well during an actual emergency or for a temporary period of time.

"Enhanced Recovery" means the process of introducing fluid or energy into a pool for the purpose of increasing the recovery of hydrocarbons from the pool.

"Enhanced Recovery Project" means the injection of liquids or hydrocarbon or non-hydrocarbon gases directly into a reservoir for the purpose of augmenting reservoir energy, modifying the properties of the fluids or gases in the reservoir, or changing the reservoir conditions to increase the recoverable oil, gas, or oil and gas through the joint use of two or more well bores.

"Entity" means a well or a group of wells that have identical division of interest, have the same operator, produce from the same formation, have product sales from a common tank, LACT meter, gas meter, or are in the same participating area of a properly designated unit. Entity number assignments are made by the division in cooperation with other state government agencies.

"Field" means the general area underlaid by one or more pools.

"Gas" means natural gas or natural gas liquids or other gas or any mixture thereof defined as follows:

1. "Natural Gas" means those hydrocarbons, other than oil and other than natural gas liquids separated from natural gas, that occur naturally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir and are produced and recovered at the wellhead in gaseous form. Natural gas includes coalbed methane.

2. "Natural Gas Liquids" means those hydrocarbons initially in reservoir natural gas, regardless of gravity, that are separated in gas processing plants from the natural gas as liquids at the surface through the process of condensation, absorption, adsorption, or other methods.

3. "Other Gas" means hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), carbon dioxide (CO_2), helium (H) nitrogen (N), and other nonhydrocarbon gases that occur naturally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir or are injected into the reservoir in connection with pressure maintenance, gas cycling, or other secondary or enhanced recovery projects.

"Gas-Oil Ratio" means the ratio of the number of cubic feet of natural gas produced to the number of barrels of oil concurrently produced during any stated period. The term GOR is synonymous with gas-oil ratio.

"Gas Processing Plant" means a facility in which liquefiable hydrocarbons are removed from natural gas, including wet gas or casinghead gas, and the remaining residue gas is conditioned for delivery for sale, recycling or other use.

"Gas Well" means any well capable of producing gas in substantial quantities that is not an oil well.

"Ground Water" means water in a zone of saturation below the ground surface.

"Hearing" means any matter heard before the board or its designated hearing examiner.

"Horizontal Well" means a well bore drilled laterally at an angle of at least eighty (80) degrees to the vertical or with a horizontal projection exceeding one hundred (100) feet measured from the initial point of penetration into the productive formation through the terminus of the lateral in the same common source of supply.

"Illegal Oil or Illegal Gas" means oil or gas that has been produced from any well within the state in violation of Chapter 6 of Title 40, or any rule or order of the board.

"Illegal Product" means any product derived in whole or in part from illegal oil or illegal gas.

"Incremental Production" means that part of production that is achieved from an enhanced recovery project that would not have economically occurred under the reservoir conditions existing before the project and that has been approved by the division as incremental production.

"Injection or Disposal Well" means any Class II Injection Well used for the injection of air, gas, water or other substance into any underground stratum.

"Interest Owner" means a person owning an interest (working interest, royalty interest, payment out of production, or any other interest) in oil or gas, or in the proceeds thereof.

"Load Oil" means any oil or liquid hydrocarbon that is used in any remedial operation in an oil or gas well.

"Log or Well Log" means the written record progressively describing the strata, water, oil or gas encountered in drilling a well with such additional information as is usually recorded in the normal procedure of drilling including electrical, radioactivity, or other similar conventional logs, a lithologic description of samples and drill stem test information.

"Multiple Zone Completion" means a well completion in which two or more separate zones, mechanically segregated one from the other, are produced simultaneously from the same well.

"Oil" means crude oil or condensate or any mixture thereof, defined as follows:

1. "Crude Oil" means those hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, that occur naturally in the liquid phase in the reservoir and are produced and recovered at the wellhead in liquid form.

2. "Condensate" means those hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, that occur naturally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir that are separated from the natural gas as liquids through the process of condensation either in the reservoir, in the well bore or at the surface in field separators.

3. "Oil and Gas" shall not include gaseous or liquid substances derived from coal, oil shale, tar sands or other hydrocarbons classified as synthetic fuel.

"Oil and Gas Field" means a geographical area overlying an oil and gas pool.

"Oil Well" means any well capable of producing oil in substantial quantities.

"Operator or Designated Agent" means the person who has been designated by the owners or the board to operate a well or unit.

"Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and produce from a reservoir and to appropriate the oil and gas that he produces, either for himself or for himself and others.

"Person" means and includes any natural person, bodies politic and corporate, partnerships, associations and companies.

"Pit" means an earthen surface impoundment constructed to retain fluids and oil field wastes.

"Pollution" means such contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical or biological properties of any waters of the state, or the discharge of any liquid, gaseous or solid substance into any waters of the state in such manner as will create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety or welfare; to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses; or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

"Pool" means an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of oil or gas or both. Each zone of a general structure that is completely separated from any other zone in the structure is a separate pool. "Common source of supply" and "reservoir" are synonymous with "pool."

"Pressure Maintenance" means the injection of gas, water or other fluids into a reservoir, either to increase or maintain the existing pressure in such reservoir or to retard the natural decline in the reservoir pressure.

"Produced Water" means water produced in conjunction with the conventional production of oil and/or gas.

"Producer" means the owner or operator of a well capable of producing oil or gas.

"Producing Well" means a well capable of producing oil or gas.

"Product" means any commodity made from oil and gas.

"Production Facilities" means all storage, separation, treating, dehydration, artificial lift, power supply, compression, pumping, metering, monitoring, flowline, and other equipment directly associated with oil wells, gas wells or injection wells, prior to any processing plant or refinery.

"Purchaser or Transporter" means any person who, acting alone or jointly with any other person, by means of his own, an affiliated, or designated carrier, transporter or taker, shall directly or indirectly purchase, take or transport by any means whatsoever, or who shall otherwise remove from any well or lease, oil or gas produced from any pool, excepting royalty portions of oil or gas taken in kind by an interest owner who is not the operator.

"Recompletion" means any completion in a new perforated interval or pool within an established wellbore and approved as a recompletion by the division.

"Refinery" means a facility, other than a gas processing plant, where controlled operations are performed by which the physical and chemical characteristics of petroleum or petroleum products are changed.

"Reserve Pit" means a pit used to retain fluid during the drilling, completion, and testing of a well.

"Seismic Operator" means a person who conducts seismic exploration for oil or gas, whether for himself or as a contractor for others.

"Shut-in Well" means a well that is completed, is shown to be capable of production in paying quantities, and is not presently being operated.

"Spud In" means the first boring of a hole in the drilling of a well by any type of rig.

"State" means the State of Utah.

"Stratigraphic Test or Core Hole" means any hole drilled for the sole purpose of obtaining geological information. The general rules applicable to the drilling of a well will apply to the drilling of a stratigraphic test or core hole.

"Temporarily Abandoned Well" means a well that is completed, is shown not capable of production in paying quantities, and is not presently being operated.

"Temporary Spacing Unit" means a specified area of land designated by the board for purposes of determining well density and location. A temporary spacing unit shall not be a drilling unit as provided for in U.C.A. 40-6-6, Drilling Units, and does not provide a basis for pooling the interest therein as does a drilling unit.

"Underground Source of Drinking Water" (or USDW) means a fresh water aquifer or a portion thereof that supplies drinking water for human consumption or that contains less than

10,000 mg/1 total dissolved solids and that is not an exempted aquifer under R649-5-4.

"Waste" means:

1. The inefficient, excessive or improper use or the unnecessary dissipation of oil or gas or reservoir energy.

2. The inefficient storing of oil or gas.

3. The locating, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing of any oil or gas well in a manner that causes reduction in the quantity of oil or gas ultimately recoverable from a reservoir under prudent and economical operations, or that causes unnecessary wells to be drilled, or that causes the loss or destruction of oil or gas either at the surface or subsurface.

4. The production of oil or gas in excess of:

4.1. Transportation or storage facilities.

4.2. The amount reasonably required to be produced in the proper drilling, completing, testing, or operating of a well or otherwise utilized on the lease from which it is produced.

5. Underground or above ground waste in the production or storage of oil or gas.

"Waste Crude Oil Treatment Facility" means any facility or site constructed or used for the purpose of wholly or partially reclaiming, treating, processing, cleaning, purifying or in any manner making non-merchantable waste crude oil marketable.

"Well" means an oil or gas well, injection or disposal well, or a hole drilled for the purpose of producing oil or gas or both. The definition of well shall not include water wells, or seismic, stratigraphic test, core hole, or other exploratory holes drilled for the purpose of obtaining geological information only.

"Well Site" means the areas that are directly disturbed during the drilling and subsequent use of, or affected by production facilities directly associated with any oil well, gas well or injection well.

"Wildcat Wells" means oil and gas producing wells that are drilled and completed in a pool in which a well has not been previously completed as a well capable of producing in commercial quantities.

"Working Interest Owner" means the owner of an interest in oil or gas burdened with a share of the expenses of developing and operating the property.

"Workover" means any operation designed to sustain, to restore, or to increase the production rate, the ultimate recovery, or the reservoir pressure system of a well or group of wells and approved as a workover, a secondary recovery, a tertiary recovery, or a pressure maintenance project by the division. The definition shall not include operations that are conducted principally as routine maintenance or the replacement of worn or damaged equipment.

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R649. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining; Oil and Gas.
R649-2. General Rules.
R649-2-1. Scope of Rules.

1. The following general rules adopted by the board pursuant to Chapter 6 of Title 40 shall apply to all lands in the state in order to conserve the natural resources of oil and gas in the state, to protect human health and the environment, to prevent waste, to protect the correlative rights of all owners and to realize the greatest ultimate recovery of oil and gas.

2. Special rules and orders have been and will be issued by the board when required and shall prevail as against the general rules and orders of the board if in conflict therewith.

3. Exceptions to the general rules may also be granted by the director or authorized agent for good cause shown and shall prevail as against the general rules.

4. No exceptions granted by the board, director, or authorized agent to the rules applicable to the Underground Injection Control Program will be effective without the consent of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

R649-2-2. Application of Rules to Lands Owned or Controlled By the United States.

These general rules shall apply to all lands in the state including lands of the United States and lands subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to the extent lawfully subject to the state's power.

R649-2-3. Application of Rules to Unit Agreements.

1. The board may suspend the application of the general rules or orders or any part thereof, with regard to any unit agreement approved by a duly authorized officer of the appropriate federal agency, so long as the conservation of oil or gas and the prevention of waste is accomplished thereby.

2. Such suspension shall not relieve any operator from making such reports as are otherwise required by the general rules or orders, or as may reasonably be requested by the board or the division in order to keep the board and the division fully informed as to operations under such unit agreements.

R649-2-4. Designation of Agent or Operator.

1. A designation of agent or operator shall be submitted to the division prior to the commencement of operations.

2. A designation of agent or operator will, for purposes of the general rules and orders, be accepted as evidence of authority of agent to fulfill the obligations of the owner, to sign any required documents or reports on behalf of the owner, and to receive all authorized orders or notices given by the board or the division.

3. All changes of address and any termination of the designated agent's or operator's authority shall be promptly reported in writing to the division, and in the latter case a designation of a new agent or operator shall be promptly made.

R649-2-5. Right to Inspect.

1. The director or authorized agent shall have the right at all reasonable times to go upon and inspect any oil or gas properties and wells for the purpose of making any investigations or tests reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of the statutes, the general rules and orders of the board or any special field rules and orders. The director or authorized agent shall report any observed violation to the board.

2. The documentation of off lease transportation of crude oil required by R649-2-6, Access to Records, shall be carried in the motor vehicle during transportation and shall be available for examination and inspection by the director or an authorized agent upon request.

R649-2-6. Access to Records.

1. Any person who produces, operates, sells, purchases, acquires, stores, transports, refines, or processes oil or gas or who injects fluids for cycling, pressure maintenance, secondary or enhanced recovery, or disposal of salt water or oil field waste within the state, shall make and keep appropriate books and records covering his operations in the state from which he shall be able to make and substantiate all reports required by the board or the division.

1.1. Such books and records, together with copies of all reports and notices submitted to the board or the division shall be kept on file and available for inspection by the director or an authorized agent at all reasonable times for a period of at least six years.

1.2. The director or the authorized agent shall also have access to all pertinent well records wherever located.

2. Each owner or operator shall permit the director or authorized agent at his sole risk and expense, in the absence of negligence on the part of the owner or operator, to come upon any lease, property or well operated or controlled by him; to inspect the records pertaining to and the manner of operation of such property or well; and to have access at all reasonable times to any and all records pertaining to such well. All information so obtained by the director or authorized agent shall be kept confidential and shall be reported only to the division or its authorized agent, unless the owner or operator gives written permission to the director to release such information.

3. All off lease transportation of oil by motor vehicle shall be accompanied by a run ticket or equivalent document. The documentation shall identify the name and address of the transporter, the name of the operator, the lease or facility from which the oil was taken, the date of removal, the API gravity of the oil, the calculated percentage of BS and W, the volume of oil or the opening and closing tank gauges or meter readings, and the destination of the oil.

R649-2-7. Naming of Oil and Gas Fields or Pools.

1. The division shall name oil and gas fields or pools within the state in cooperation with a Fields Names Advisory Committee and with due regard and consideration for any recommendation from the owners or operators of such fields or pools. The Field Names Advisory Committee shall be composed of a representative of the United States Bureau of Land Management and representatives of appropriate state agencies and the oil and gas industry.

R649-2-8. Measurement of Production.

1. The volume of oil production shall be computed in barrels of clean oil, on the basis of acceptable meter measurements, tank measurements, or with such greater accuracy as may be required by the division. Computations of the volume of oil production shall be subject to the following corrections:

1.1. The gross volume of oil shall be corrected to exclude the entire volume of impurities not constituting a natural component part of the oil.

1.2. The observed volume of oil after correction for impurities shall be further corrected to the standard volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, in accordance with Table 6A of the API/ASTM D-1250, Chapter 11.1, Manual of Petroleum Measurement (1980), or any revisions or supplements, or any alternative publication or tables approved by the division.

1.3. The observed gravity of oil shall be corrected to the standard API gravity at 60 degrees Fahrenheit in accordance with Table 5A of API/ASTM, D-1250, Chapter 11.1, Manual of Petroleum Measurement (1980), or any revisions or supplements, or any alternative publication or tables approved by the division.

2. All gas shall be measured by an orifice type meter

unless otherwise authorized by the division.

2.1. In computing the volumes of all gas produced, sold, or injected, the standard pressure base shall be 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia), and the standard temperature base shall be 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

2.2. All measurements of gas shall be adjusted by computation to these standards, regardless of the pressure and temperature at which the gas was actually measured, unless otherwise authorized by the division.

R649-2-9. Refusal to Agree.

1. An owner shall be deemed to have refused to agree to bear his proportionate share of the costs of the drilling and operation of a well under Section 40-6-6(6) if:

1.1. The operator of the proposed well has, in good faith, attempted to reach agreement with such owner for the leasing of the owner's mineral interest or for that owner's voluntary participation in the drilling of the well.

1.2. The owner and the operator have been unable to agree upon terms for the leasing of the owner's interest or for the owner's participation in the drilling of the well.

2. If the operator of the proposed well shall fail to attempt, in good faith, to reach agreement with the owner for the leasing of that owner's mineral interest or for voluntary participation by that owner in the well prior to the filing of a Request for Agency Action for involuntary pooling of interests in the drilling unit under Section 40-6-6(6) then, upon written request and after notice and hearing, the hearing on the Request for Agency Action for involuntary pooling may, at the discretion of the board or its designated hearing examiner, be delayed for a period not to exceed 30 days, to allow for negotiations between the operator and the owner.

R649-2-10. Notification of Lease Sale or Transfer.

The owner of a lease shall provide notification to any person with an interest in such lease, when all or part of that interest in the lease is sold or transferred.

R649-2-11. Confidentiality of Well Log Information.

1. Well logs marked confidential shall be kept confidential for one year after the date on which the log is required to be filed with the division, unless the operator gives written permission to release the log at an earlier date.

2. Information on a newly permitted well will be held confidential only upon receipt by the division of a written request from the owner or operator.

3. The period of confidentiality may begin at the time the APD is submitted for approval if a request for confidentiality is received at that time. The information on the application itself will not be considered confidential.

4. Information that shall be held confidential includes well logs, electrical or radioactivity logs, electromagnetic, electrical, or magnetic surveys, core descriptions and analysis, maps, other geological, geophysical, and engineering information, and well completion reports that contain such information.

5. The owner or operator shall clearly mark documents as confidential. Such marking shall be in red and be clearly visible.

6. Confidential wells or information shall be reported separately from wells or information that is not in confidential status.

R649-2-12. Tests and Surveys.

1. When deemed necessary or advisable the Director or authorized agent can require that tests or surveys be made to determine the presence of waste of oil, gas, water, or reservoir energy; the quantity of oil, gas or water; the amount and direction of deviation of any well from the vertical; formation, casing, tubing, or other pressures; or any other test or survey deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act.

2. Directional, deviation, and/or measurements-while-drilling (MWD) surveys must be run on horizontal wells and submitted in accordance with R649-3-21, Well Completion and Filing of Well Logs, as amended for horizontal wells.

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R649. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining; Oil and Gas.
R649-3. Drilling and Operating Practices.
R649-3-1. Bonding.

1. An owner or operator shall furnish a bond to the division prior to approval of a permit to drill a new well, reenter an abandoned well or assume responsibility as operator of existing wells.

1.1. An owner or operator shall furnish a bond to the division on Form 4, for wells located on lands with fee or privately owned minerals.

1.2. An owner or operator shall furnish evidence to the division that a bond has been filed in accordance with state, federal or Indian lease requirements and approved by the appropriate agency for all wells located on state, federal or Indian leases.

2. A bond furnished to the division shall be payable to the division and conditioned upon the faithful performance by the operator of the duty to plug each dry or abandoned well, repair each well causing waste or pollution, and maintain and restore the well site.

3. Bond liability shall be for the duration of the drilling, operating and plugging of the well and restoration of the well site.

3.1. The bond for drilling or operating wells shall remain in full force and effect until liability thereunder is released by the division.

3.2. Release of liability shall be conditioned upon compliance with the rules and orders of the Board.

4. For all drilling or operating wells, the bond amounts for individual wells and blanket bonds required in subsections 5. and 6. represent base amounts adjusted to year 2002 average costs for well plugging and site restoration. The base amounts are effective immediately upon adoption of this bonding rule, subject to division notification as described in subsection 4.1.

4.1. The division shall provide written notification to each operator of the need to revise or establish bonds in amounts required by this bonding rule.

4.2. Within 120 days of such notification by the division, the operator shall post a bond with the division in compliance with this bonding rule.

4.3. If the division finds that a well subject to this bonding rule is in violation of Rule R649-3-36., Shut-in and Temporarily Abandoned Wells, the division shall require a bond amount for the applicable well in the amount of actual plugging and site restoration costs.

4.4. The division shall provide written notification to an operator found in violation of Rule R649-3-36., and identify the need to establish increased bonding for shut-in wells.

4.4.1. Within 30 days of notification by the division, the operator shall submit to the division an estimate of plugging and site restoration costs for division review and approval.

4.4.2. Upon review and approval of the cost estimate, the division will provide a notice of approval back to the operator specifying the approved bond amount for shut-in wells.

4.4.3. Within 120 days of receiving such notice of approval, the operator shall post a bond with the division in compliance with this bonding rule.

5. The bond amount for drilling or operating wells located on lands with fee or privately owned minerals shall be one of the following:

5.1. For wells of less than 1,000 feet in depth, an individual well bond in the amount of at least $1,500, for each such well.

5.2. For wells of more that 1,000 feet in depth but less than 3,000 feet in depth, an individual well bond in the amount of at least $15,000 for each such well.

5.3. For wells of more that 3,000 feet in depth but less than 10,000 feet in depth, an individual well bond in the amount of at least $30,000 for each such well.

5.4. For wells of more than 10,000 feet in depth, an individual well bond in the amount of at least $60,000 for each such well.

6. If, prior to the July 1, 2003 revision of this bonding rule, an operator is drilling or operating more than one well on lands with fee or privately owned minerals, and a blanket bond was furnished and accepted by the division in lieu of individual well bonds, that operator shall remain qualified for a blanket bond with the division subject to the amounts described by this bonding rule.

6.1. A blanket bond shall be conditioned in a manner similar to individual well bonds and shall cover all wells that the operator may drill or operate on lands with fee or privately owned minerals within the state.

6.2. For wells of less than 1,000 feet in depth, a blanket bond in the amount of at least $15,000 shall be required.

6.3. For wells of more than 1,000 feet in depth, a blanket bond in the amount of at least $120,000 shall be required.

6.4. Subsequent to the July 1, 2003 revision of this rule, operators who desire to establish a new blanket bond that consists either fully or partially of a collateral bond as described in subsection 10.2. shall be qualified by the division for such blanket bond.

6.4.1. Operators who elect to establish a surety bond as a blanket bond shall not require qualification by the division.

6.4.2. In those cases where operator qualification for blanket bond is required, the division will review the following criteria and make a written finding of the operator's adequacy to meet the criteria before accepting a new blanket bond:

6.4.3. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities shall be 1.20 or greater, as evidenced by audited financial statements for the previous two years and the most current quarterly financial report.

6.4.4. The ratio of total liabilities to stockholder's equity shall be 2.50 or less, as evidenced by audited financial statements for the previous two years and the most current quarterly financial report.

7. If an operator desires bond coverage in a lesser amount than required by these rules, the operator may file a Request for Agency Action with the Board for a variance from the requirements of these rules.

7.1. Upon proper notice and hearing and for good cause shown, the Board may allow bond coverage in a lesser amount for specific wells.

8. If after reviewing an application to drill or reenter a well or when reviewing a change of operator for a well, the division determines that bond coverage in accordance with these rules will be insufficient to cover the costs of plugging the well and restoring the well site, the division may require a change in the form or the amount of bond coverage. In such cases, the division will support its case for a change of bond coverage in the form of written findings to the operator of record of the well and provide a schedule for completion of the requisite changes.

8.1 Appeals of mandated bond amount changes will follow procedures established by Rule R649-10., Administrative Procedures.

9. The bond shall provide a mechanism for the surety or other guarantor of the bond, to provide prompt notice to the division and the operator of any action alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the surety or guarantor, or alleging any violations that would result in suspension or revocation of the suretys or guarantor's charter or license to do business.

9.1. Upon the incapacity of the surety or guarantor to guarantee payment of the bond by reason of bankruptcy, insolvency, or suspension or revocation of a charter or license, the operator shall be deemed to be without bond coverage.

9.2. Upon notification of insolvency or bankruptcy, the division shall notify the operator in writing and shall specify a

reasonable period, not to exceed 90 days, to provide bond coverage.

9.3. If an adequate bond is not furnished within the allowed period, the operator shall be required to cease operations immediately, and shall not resume operations until the division has received an acceptable bond.

10. The division shall accept a bond in the form of a surety bond, a collateral bond or a combination of these bonding methods.

10.1. A surety bond is an indemnity agreement in a sum certain payable to the division, executed by the operator as principal and which is supported by the performance guarantee of a corporation authorized to do business as a surety in Utah.

10.1.1. A surety bond shall be executed by the operator and a corporate surety authorized to do business in Utah that is listed in "A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide" at a rating of A- or better or a Financial Performance Rating (FPR) of 8 or better, according to the "A.M. Best's Guide". All surety companies also will be continuously listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570. Operators who do not have a surety bond with a company that meets the standards of subsection 10.1.1. will have 120 days from the date of division notification after enactment of the changes to subsection 10.1.1., or face enforcement action. When the division in the course of examining surety bonds notifies an operator that a surety company guaranteeing its performance does not meet the standards of subsection 10.1.1., the operator has 120 days after notice from the division by mail to correct the deficiency, or face enforcement action.

10.1.2. Surety bonds shall be noncancellable during their terms, except that surety bond coverage for wells not drilled may be canceled with the prior consent of the division.

10.1.3. The division shall advise the surety, within 30 days after receipt of a notice to cancel a bond, whether the bond may be canceled on an undrilled well.

10.2. A collateral bond is an indemnity agreement in a sum certain payable to the division, executed by the operator that is supported by one or more of the following:

10.2.1. A cash account.

10.2.1.1. The operator may deposit cash in one or more accounts at a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah, made payable upon demand only to the division.

10.2.1.2. The operator may deposit the required amount directly with the division.

10.2.1.3. Any interest paid on a cash account shall be retained in the account and applied to the bond value of the account unless the division has approved the payment of interest to the operator.

10.2.1.4. The division shall not accept an individual cash account in an amount in excess of $100,000 or the maximum insurable amount as determined by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

10.2.2. Negotiable bonds of the United States, a state, or a municipality.

10.2.2.1. The negotiable bond shall be endorsed only to the order of and placed in the possession of the division.

10.2.2.2. The division shall value the negotiable bond at its current market value, not at face value.

10.2.3. Negotiable certificates of deposit.

10.2.3.1. The certificates shall be issued by a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah.

10.2.3.2. The certificates shall be made payable or assigned only to the division both in writing and upon the records of the bank issuing the certificate.

10.2.3.3. The certificates shall be placed in the possession of the division or held by a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah.

10.2.3.4. If assigned, the division shall require the banks issuing the certificates to waive all rights of setoff or liens against those certificates.

10.2.3.5. The division shall not accept an individual certificate of deposit in an amount in excess of $100,000 or the maximum insurable amount as determined by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

10.2.4. An irrevocable letter of credit.

10.2.4.1. Letters of credit shall be placed in the possession of and payable upon demand only to the division.

10.2.4.2. Letters of credit shall be issued by a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah.

10.2.4.3. Letters of credit shall be irrevocable during their terms.

10.2.4.4. Letters of credit shall be automatically renewable or the operator shall ensure continuous bond coverage by replacing letters of credit, if necessary, at least 30 days before their expiration date with other acceptable bond types or letters of credit.

11. The required bond amount specified in subsections 5. and 6. of all collateral posted as assurance under this section shall be subject to a margin determined by the division which is the ratio of the face value of the collateral to market value, as determined by the division.

11.1. The margin shall reflect legal and liquidation fees, as well as value depreciation, marketability and fluctuations that might affect the net cash available to the division to complete plugging and restoration.

12. The market value of collateral may be evaluated at any time, and in no case shall the market value of collateral be less than the required bond amount specified in subsections 5. and 6.

12.1. Upon evaluation of the market value of collateral by the division, the division will notify the operator of any required changes in the amount of the bond and shall allow a reasonable period, not to exceed 90 days, for the operator to establish acceptable bond coverage.

12.2. If an adequate bond is not furnished within the allowed period the operator shall be required to cease operations immediately and shall not resume operations until the division has received an acceptable bond.

13. Persons with an interest in collateral posted as a bond, and who desire notification of actions pursuant to the bond, shall request the notification in writing from the division at the time collateral is offered.

14. The division may allow the operator to replace existing bonds with other bonds that provide sufficient coverage.

14.1. Replacement of a bond pursuant to this section shall not constitute a release of bond under subsection15.

14.2. The division shall not allow liability to cease under an existing bond until the operator has furnished, and the division has approved, an acceptable replacement bond.

14.3. When the operator of wells covered by a blanket bond changes, the division will review the financial eligibility of a new operator for blanket bonding as described in subsection 6.4., and the division will make a written finding concerning the applicability of blanket bonding to the prospective new operator.

14.4. Transfer of the ownership of property does not cancel liability under an existing bond until the division reviews and approves a change of operator for any wells affected by the transfer of ownership.

14.5. If a transfer of the ownership of property is made and an operator wishes to request a change to a new operator of record for the affected wells, then the following requirements shall be met:

14.5.1. The operator shall notify the division in writing when ownership of any well associated with the property has been transferred to a named transferee, and the operator shall request a change of operator for the affected wells.

14.5.2. The request shall describe each well by reference to

its well name and number, API number, and its location, as described by the section, township, range, and county, and shall also include a proposed effective date for the operator change.

14.5.3. The request shall contain the endorsement of the new operator accepting such change of operator.

14.5.4. The request shall contain evidence of the new operator's bond coverage.

14.5.5. The request may include a request to cancel liability for the well(s) included in the operator change that are listed under the existing operator's bond upon approval by the division of an adequate replacement bond in the name of the new operator.

14.6. Upon receipt of a request for change of operator, the division will review the proposed new operator's bond coverage, and if bond coverage is acceptable, the division will issue a notice of approval of the change of operator.

14.6.1. If the division determines that the new operator's bond coverage will be insufficient to cover the costs of plugging and site restoration for the applicable well(s), the division may deny the change of operator, or the division may require a change in the form and amount of the new operator's bond coverage in order to approve the change of operator. In such cases, the division will support its case for a change of the new operator's bond coverage in the form of written findings, and the division will provide a schedule for completion of the requisite changes in order to approve the operator change. The written findings and schedule for changes in bond coverage will be sent to both the operator of record of the applicable well(s) and the proposed new operator.

14.7. If the request for operator change included a request to cancel liability under the existing operator's bond in accordance with subsection 14.5.5., and the division approves the operator change, then the division will issue a notice of approval of termination of liability under the existing bond for the wells included in the operator change. When the division has approved the termination of liability under a bond, the original operator is relieved from the responsibility of plugging or repairing any wells and restoring any well site affected by the operator change.

14.8. If all of the wells covered by a bond are affected by an operator change, the bond may be released by the division in accordance with subsection 15.

15. Bond release procedures are as follows:

15.1. Requests for release of a bond held by the division may be submitted by the operator at any time after a subsequent notice of plugging of a well has been submitted to the division or the division has issued a notice of approval of termination of liability for all wells covered by an existing bond.

15.1.1. Within 30 days after a request for bond release has been filed with the division, the operator shall submit signed affidavits from the surface landowner of any previously plugged well site certifying that restoration has been performed as required by the mineral lease and surface agreements.

15.1.2. If such affidavits are not submitted, the division shall conduct an inspection of the well site in preparation for bond release as explained in subsection 15.2.

15.1.3. Within 30 days after a request for bond release has been filed with the division, the division shall publish notice of the request in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city and county of Salt Lake and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the proposed well is located.

15.1.4. If a written objection to the request for bond release is not received by the division within 15 days after publication of the notice of request, the division may release liability under the bond as an administrative action.

15.1.5. If a written objection to the request for bond release is received by the division within 15 days after publication of the notice of request, the request shall be set for hearing and notice thereof given in accordance with the procedural rules of the Board.

15.2. If affidavits supporting the bond release application are not received by the division in accordance with subsection 15.1.1., the division shall within 30 days or as soon thereafter as weather conditions permit, conduct an inspection and evaluation of the well site to determine if restoration has been adequately performed.

15.2.1. The operator shall be given notice by the division of the date and time of the inspection, and if the operator is unable to attend the inspection at the scheduled date and time, the division may reschedule the inspection to allow the operator to participate.

15.2.2. The surface landowner, agent or lessee shall be given notice by the operator of such inspection and may participate in the inspection; however, if the surface landowner is unable to attend the inspection, the division shall not be required to reschedule the inspection in order to allow the surface landowner to participate.

15.2.3. The evaluation shall consider the adequacy of well site restoration, the degree of difficulty to complete any remaining restoration, whether pollution of surface and subsurface water is occurring, the probability of future occurrence of such pollution, and the estimated cost of abating such pollution.

15.2.4. Upon request of any person with an interest in bond release, the division may arrange with the operator to allow access to the well site or sites for the purpose of gathering information relevant to the bond release.

15.2.5. The division shall retain a record of the inspection and the evaluation, and if necessary and upon written request by an interested party, the division shall provide a copy of the results.

15.3. Within 60 days from the filing of the bond release request, if a public hearing is not held pursuant to subsection 15.1.5., or within 30 days after such public hearing has been held, the division shall provide written notification of the decision to release or not release the bond to the following parties:

15.3.1. The operator.

15.3.2. The surety or other guarantor of the bond.

15.3.3. Other persons with an interest in bond collateral who have requested notification under R649-3-1.13.

15.3.4. The persons who filed objections to the notice of application for bond release.

15.4. If the decision is made to release the bond, the notification specified in subsection 15.3. shall also state the effective date of the bond release.

15.5. If the division disapproves the application for release of the bond or portion thereof, the notification specified in subsection 15.3. shall also state the reasons for disapproval, recommending corrective actions necessary to secure the release, and allowing an opportunity for a public hearing.

15.6. The division shall notify the municipality in which the well is located by certified mail at least 30 days prior to the release of the bond.

16. The following guidelines will govern the Forfeiture of Bonds.

16.1. The division shall take action to forfeit the bond if any of the following occur:

16.1.1. The operator refuses or is unable to conduct plugging and site restoration.

16.1.2. Noncompliance as to the conditions of a permit issued by the division.

16.1.3. The operator defaults on the conditions under which the bond was accepted.

16.2. In the event forfeiture of the bond is necessary, the matter will be considered by the Board.

16.3. For matters of bond forfeiture, the division shall send written notification to the parties identified in subsection

15.3., in addition to the notice requirements of the Board procedural rules.

16.4. After proper notice and hearing, the Board may order the division to do any of the following:

16.4.1. Proceed to collect the forfeited amount as provided by applicable laws for the collection of defaulted bonds or other debts.

16.4.2. Use funds collected from bond forfeiture to complete the plugging and restoration of the well or wells to which bond coverage applies.

16.4.3. Enter into a written agreement with the operator or another party to perform plugging and restoration operations in accordance with a compliance schedule established by the division as long as such party has the ability to perform the necessary work.

16.4.4. Allow a surety to complete the plugging and restoration, if the surety can demonstrate an ability to complete the plugging and restoration.

16.4.5. Any other action the Board deems reasonable and appropriate.

16.5. In the event the amount forfeited is insufficient to pay for the full cost of the plugging and restoration, the division may complete or authorize completion of plugging and restoration and may recover from the operator all costs of plugging and restoration in excess of the amount forfeited.

16.6. In the event the amount of bond forfeited was more than the amount necessary to complete plugging and restoration, the unused funds shall be returned by the division to the party from whom they were collected.

16.7. In the event the bond is forfeited and there exists any unplugged well or wells previously covered under the forfeited bond, then the operator must establish new bond coverage in accordance with these rules.

16.8. If the operator requires new bond coverage under the provisions of subsection 16.7., then the division will notify the operator and specify a reasonable period, not to exceed 90 days, to establish new bond coverage.

R649-3-2. Location And Siting of Vertical Wells and Statewide Spacing for Horizontal Wells.

1. In the absence of special orders of the board establishing drilling units or authorizing different well density or location patterns for particular pools or parts thereof, each oil and gas well shall be located in the center of a 40 acre quarter-quarter section, or a substantially equivalent lot or tract or combination of lots or tracts as shown by the most recent governmental survey, with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction from the center location, a "window" 400 feet square.

1.1.No oil or gas well shall be drilled less than 920 feet from any other well drilling to or capable of producing oil or gas from the same pool.

1.2. No oil or gas well shall be completed in a known pool unless it is located more than 920 feet from any other well completed in and capable of producing oil or gas from the same pool.

2. The division shall have the administrative authority to determine the pattern location and siting of wells adjacent to an area for which drilling units have been established or for which a request for agency action to establish drilling units has been filed with the board and adjacent to a unitized area, where there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the particular pool underlying the drilling unit or unitized area may extend beyond the boundary of the drilling unit or unitized area and the uniformity of location patterns is necessary to ensure orderly development of the pool.

3. In the absence of special orders of the Board, no portion of the horizontal interval within the potentially productive formation shall be closer than six hundred-sixty (660) feet to a drilling or spacing unit boundary, federally unitized area boundary, uncommitted tract within a unit, or boundary line of a lease not committed to the drilling of such horizontal well.

4. The surface location for a horizontal well may be anywhere on the lease.

5. Any horizontal interval shall not be closer than one thousand three hundred and twenty (1,320) feet to any vertical well completed in and producing from the same formation. Vertical wells drilled to and completed in the same formation as in a horizontal well are subject to applicable drilling unit orders of the board or the other conditions of this rule that do not specifically pertain to horizontal wells and may be drilled and produced as provided therein.

6. A temporary six hundred and forty (640) acre spacing unit, consisting of the governmental section in which the horizontal well is located, is established for the orderly development of the anticipated pool.

7. In addition to any other notice required by the statute or these rules, notice of the Application for Permit to Drill for a horizontal well shall be given by certified mail to all owners within the boundaries of the designated temporary spacing unit.

8. Horizontal wells to be located within federally supervised units are exempt from the above referenced conditions of 5, 6 and 7.

9. Exceptions to any of the above referenced conditions of 3 through 7 may be approved upon proper application pursuant to R649-3-3, Exception to Location and Siting of Wells, or R649-10, Administrative Procedures.

10. Additional horizontal wells may be approved by order of the Board after hearing brought upon by a Request for Agency Action (Petition) filed in accordance with the Board's Procedural Rules.

R649-3-3. Exception to Location and Siting of Wells.

1. The division shall have the administrative authority to grant an exception to the locating and siting requirements of R649-3-2 or an order of the board establishing oil or gas well drilling units after receipt from the operator of the proposed well of the following items:

1.1. Proper written application for the exception well location.

1.2. Written consent from all owners within a 460 foot radius of the proposed well location when such exception is to the requirements of R649-3-2, or;

1.3. Written consent from all owners of directly or diagonally offsetting drilling units when such exception is to an order of the board establishing oil or gas well drilling units.

2. If for any reason the division shall fail or refuse to approve such an exception, the board may, after notice and hearing, grant an exception.

3. The application for an exception to R649-3-2 or board drilling unit order shall state fully the reasons why such an exception is necessary or desirable and shall be accompanied by a plat showing:

3.1. The location at which an oil or gas well could be drilled in compliance with R649-3-2 or Board drilling unit order.

3.2. The location at which the applicant requests permission to drill.

3.3. The location at which oil or gas wells have been drilled or could be drilled, in accordance with R649-3-2 or board drilling unit order, directly or diagonally offsetting the proposed exception.

3.4. The names of owners of all lands within a 460 foot radius of the proposed well location when such exception is to the requirements of R649-3-2, or

3.5. The names of owners of all directly or diagonally offsetting drilling units when such exception is to an order of the board establishing oil or gas drilling units.

4. No exception shall prevent any owner from drilling an

oil or gas well on adjacent lands, directly or diagonally offsetting the exception, at locations permitted by R649-3-2, or any applicable order of the board establishing oil or gas well drilling units for the pool involved.

5. Whenever an exception is granted, the board or the division may take such action as will offset any advantage that the person securing the exception may obtain over other producers by reason of the exception location.

R649-3-4. Permitting of Wells to be Drilled, Deepened or Plugged-Back.

1. Prior to the commencement of drilling, deepening or plugging back of any well, exploratory drilling such as core holes and stratigraphic test holes, or any surface disturbance associated with such activity, the operator shall submit Form 3, Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back and obtain approval. Approval shall be given by the division if it appears that the contemplated location and operations are not in violation of any rule or order of the board for drilling a well.

2. The following information shall be included as part of the complete Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back.

2.1. The telephone number of the person to contact if additional information is needed.

2.2. Proper identification of the lease as state, federal, Indian, or fee.

2.3. Proper identification of the unit, if the well is located within a unit.

2.4. A plat or map, preferably on a scale of one inch equals 1,000 feet, prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer, that shows the proposed well location. For directional wells, both surface and bottomhole locations should be marked.

2.5. A copy of the Division of Water Rights approval or the identifying number of the approval for use of water at the drilling site.

2.6. A drilling program containing the following information shall also be submitted as part of a complete APD.

2.6.1. The estimated tops of important geologic markers.

2.6.2. The estimated depths at which the top and the bottom of anticipated water, oil, gas, or other mineral-bearing formations are expected to be encountered, and the owner's or operator's plans for protecting such resources.

2.6.3. The owner's or operator's minimum specifications for pressure control equipment to be used and a schematic diagram thereof showing sizes, pressure ratings or API series, proposed testing procedures and testing frequency.

2.6.4. Any supplementary information more completely describing the drilling equipment and casing program as required by Form 3, Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back.

2.6.5. The type and characteristics of the proposed circulating medium or mediums to be employed in drilling, the quantities and types of mud and weighting material to be maintained, and the monitoring equipment to be used on the mud system.

2.6.6. The anticipated type and amount of testing, logging, and coring.

2.6.7. The expected bottomhole pressure and any anticipated abnormal pressures or temperatures or potential hazards, such as hydrogen sulfide, H_2S rules are found in R649-3-12 expected to be encountered, along with contingency plans for mitigating such identified hazards.

2.6.8. Any other facets of the proposed operation that the lessee or operator desires to point out for the division's consideration of the application.

2.6.9. If an Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back is for a proposed horizontal well, a horizontal well diagram clearly showing the well bore path from the surface through the terminus of the lateral shall be submitted.

2.7. Form 5, Designation of Agent or Operator shall be filed when the operator is a person other than the owner.

2.8. If located on State or Fee surface, an APD will not be approved until an Onsite Predrill Evaluation is performed as outlined in R649-3-18.

3. Two legible copies, carbon or otherwise, of the APD filed with the appropriate federal agency may be used in lieu of the forms prescribed by the board.

4. Approval of the APD shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of such approval. Upon approval of an APD, a well will be assigned an API number by the division. The API number should be used to identify the permitted well in all future correspondence with the division.

5. If a change of location or drilling program is desired, an amended APD shall be filed with the division and its approval obtained. If the new location is at an authorized location in the approved drilling unit, or the change in drilling program complies with the rules for that area, the change may be approved verbally or by telegraph. Within five days after obtaining verbal or telegraphic authorization, the operator shall file a written change application with the division.

6. After a well has been completed or plugged and abandoned, it shall not be reentered without the operator first submitting a new APD and obtaining the division's approval. Approval shall be given if it appears that a bond has been furnished or waived, as required by R649-3-1, Bonding, and the contemplated work is not in violation of any rule or order of the board.

7. An operator or owner who applies for an APD in an area not subject to a special order of the board establishing drilling units, may contemporaneously or subsequently file a Request for Agency Action to establish drilling units for an area not to exceed the area reasonably projected by the operator or owner to be underlaid by the targeted reservoir.

8. An APD for a well within the area covered by a proper Request for Agency Action that has been filed by an interested person, or the division or the board on its own motion, for the establishment of drilling units or the revision of existing drilling units for the spacing of wells shall be held in abeyance by the division until such time as the matter has been noticed, fully heard and determined.

9. An exception to R649-3-4-8 shall be made and a permit shall be issued by the division if an owner or operator files a sworn statement demonstrating to the division's satisfaction that on and after the date the Request for Agency Action requesting the establishment of drilling units was filed, or the action of the division or board was taken; and

9.1. The owner or operator has the right or obligation under the terms of an existing contract to drill the requested well; or

9.2. The owner or operator has a leasehold estate or right to acquire a leasehold estate under a contract that will be terminated unless he is permitted to commence the drilling of the required well before the matter can be fully heard and determined by the board.

R649-3-5. Identification.

1. Every drilling and producible well shall be identified by a sign posted on the derrick or in a conspicuous place near the well.

2. The sign shall be of durable construction. The lettering on the sign shall be kept in a legible condition and shall be large enough to be legible under normal conditions at a distance of 25 feet.

3. The wells on each lease or property shall be numbered in nonrepetitive, logical, and distinctive sequence. Each sign shall show the number or name of the well, the name of the owner or operator, the lease name, and the location of the well by quarter section, township, and range.

R649-3-6. Drilling Operations.

1. Drilling operations shall be conducted according to the drilling program submitted on the original APD and as approved by the division. Any change of plans to the original drilling program shall be submitted to the division by using Form 9, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells and shall receive division approval prior to implementation. A change of plans necessary because of emergency conditions may be implemented without division approval. The operator shall provide the division with verbal notice of the emergency change within 24 hours and written notice within five days.

2. An operator of a drilling well as designated in R649-2-4 shall comply with reporting requirements as follows:

2.1. The spudding in of a well shall be reported to the division within 24 hours. The report should include the well name and number, drilling contractor, rig number and type, spud date and time, the date that continuous drilling will commence, the name of the person reporting the spud, and a contact telephone number.

2.2. The operator shall file Form 6, Entity Action Form with the division within five working days of spudding in a well. The division will assign the well an entity number that will identify the well on the operator's monthly oil and gas production and disposition reports.

2.3. The operator shall notify the division 24 hours in advance of all testing to be performed on the blowout preventer equipment on a well.

2.4. The operator shall submit a monthly status report for each drilling well on Form 9, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells. The report should include the well depth and a description of the operations conducted on the well during the month. The report shall be submitted no later than the fifth day of the following calendar month until such time as the well is completed and the well completion report is filed.

2.5. The operator shall notify the division 24 hours in advance of all casing tests performed in accordance with R649-3-13.

2.6. The operator shall report to the division all fresh water sand encountered during drilling on Form 7, Report of Water Encountered During Drilling, The report shall be filed with Form 8, Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log.

R649-3-7. Well Control.

1. When drilling in wildcat territory, the owner or operator shall take all reasonably necessary precautions for keeping the well under control at all times and shall provide, at the time the well is started, proper high pressure fittings and equipment. All pressure control equipment shall be maintained in good working condition at all times.

2. In all proved areas, the use of blowout prevention equipment "BOPE" shall be in accordance with the established and approved practice in the area. All pressure control equipment shall be maintained in good working condition at all times.

3. Upon installation, all ram type BOPE and related equipment, including casing, shall be tested to the lesser of the full manufacturer's working pressure rating of the equipment, 70% of the minimum internal yield pressure of any casing subject to test, or one psi/ft of the last casing string depth. Annular type BOPE are to be tested in conformance with the manufacturer's published recommendations. The operator shall maintain records of such testing until the well is completed and will submit copies of such tests to the division if required.

4. In addition to the initial pressure tests, ram and annular type preventers shall be checked for physical operation each trip. All BOPE components, with the exception of an annular type blowout preventer, shall be tested monthly to the lesser of 50% of the manufacturer's rated pressure of the BOPE, the maximum anticipated pressure to be contained at the surface, one psi/ft of the last casing string depth, or 70% of the minimum internal yield pressure of any casing subject to test.

5. If a pressure seal in the assembly is disassembled, a test of that seal shall be conducted prior to the resumption of any drilling operation. A shell test of the affected seal shall be adequate. If the affected seal is integral with the BOP stack, either pipe or blind ram, necessitating a test plug to be set in order to test the seal, the division may grant approval to proceed without testing the seal if necessary for prudent operations.

6. All tests of BOPE shall be noted on the driller's log, IADC report book, or equivalent and shall be available for examination by the director or an authorized agent during routine inspections.

7. BOPE used in possible or probable hydrogen sulfide or sour gas formations shall be suitable for use in such areas.

R649-3-8. Casing Program.

1. The method of cementing casing in the hole shall be by pump and plug method, displacement method, or other method approved by the division.

2. When drilling in wildcat territory or in any field where high pressures are probable, the conductor and surface strings of casing must be cemented throughout their lengths, unless another procedure is authorized or prescribed by the division, and all subsequent strings of casing must be securely anchored.

3. In areas where the pressures and formations to be encountered during drilling are known, sufficient surface casing shall be run to:

3.1. Reach a depth below all known or reasonably estimated, utilizable, domestic, fresh water levels.

3.2. Prevent blowouts or uncontrolled flows.

4. The casing program adopted must be planned to protect any potential oil or gas horizons penetrated during drilling from infiltration of waters from other sources and to prevent the migration of oil, gas, or water from one horizon to another.

R649-3-9. Protection of Upper Productive Strata.

1. No well shall be deepened for the purpose of producing oil or gas from a lower stratum until all upper productive strata are protected, either permanently by casing and cementing or temporarily through the use of tubing and packer, to the satisfaction of the division.

2. In any well that appears to have defective, poorly cemented, or corroded casing that will permit or may create underground waste or may contaminate underground or surface fresh water, the operator shall proceed with diligence to use the appropriate method and means to eliminate such hazard of underground waste or contamination of fresh water. If such hazard cannot be eliminated, the well shall be properly plugged and abandoned.

3. Natural gas that is encountered in substantial quantities in any section of a drilled hole above the ultimate objective shall be shut off with reasonable diligence, either by mudding, casing or other approved method, and shall be confined to its original source to the satisfaction of the division.

R649-3-10. Tolerances for Vertical Drilling.

1. Deviation from the vertical for short distances is permitted in the drilling of a well without special approval to straighten the hole, sidetrack junk, or correct other mechanical difficulties.

2. All wells shall be drilled such that the surface location of the well and all points along the intended well bore shall be within the tolerances allowed by R649-3-2, Location and Siting of Vertical Wells and Statewide Spacing for Horizontal Wells, or the appropriate board order.

R649-3-11. Directional Drilling.

1. Except for the tolerances allowed under R649-3-10, no

well may be intentionally deviated unless the operator shall first file application and obtain approval from the division.

1.1. An application for directional drilling may be approved by the division without notice and hearing when the applicant is the owner of all the oil and gas within a radius of 460 feet from all points along the intended well bore, or the applicant has obtained the written consent of the owner to the proposed directional drilling program.

1.2. An application for directional drilling may be included as part of the initial APD for a proposed well.

2. An application for directional drilling shall include the following information:

2.1. The name and address of the operator.

2.2. The lease name, well number, field name, reservoir name, and county where the proposed well is located.

2.3. A plat or sketch showing the distance from the surface location to section and lease lines, the target location within the intended producing interval, and any point along the intended well bore outside the 460 foot radius for which the consent of the owner has been obtained.

2.4. The reason for the intentional deviation.

2.5. The signature of designated agent or representative of operator.

3. Within 30 days following completion of a directionally drilled well, a complete angular deviation and directional survey of the well obtained by an approved well survey company shall be filed with the division, together with other regularly required reports.

R649-3-12. Drilling Practices for Hydrogen Sulfide H_2S Areas and Formations.

1. This rule shall apply to drilling, redrilling, deepening, or plugging back operations in areas where the formations to be penetrated are known to contain or are expected to contain H_2S in excess of 20 ppm and to areas where the presence or absence thereof is unknown.

2. A written contingency plan, providing details of actions to be taken to alert and protect operating personnel and members of the public in the event of an accidental release of H_2S gas shall be submitted to the division as part of the initial APD for a well or as a sundry notice.

3. All proposed drill site locations shall be planned to obtain the maximum safety benefits consistent with the rig configuration, terrain, prevailing winds, etc.

3.1. The drilling rig shall, where possible, be situated so that prevailing winds blow across the rig in a direction toward the reserve pit and away from escape routes.

3.2. On-site trailers shall be located to allow reasonably safe distances from both the well and the outlet of the flare line.

4. At least two cleared areas shall be designated as crew briefing or safety areas.

4.1. Both areas shall be located at least 200 feet from the well, with at least one area located generally upwind from the well.

5. Protective equipment shall be provided by the operator or its drilling contractor for operating personnel and shall include the following:

5.1. An adequate number of positive pressure type self-contained breathing apparatus to allow all personnel normally involved on a drilling location immediate access to such equipment, with a minimum of one working apparatus available for the immediate use of each rig hand in emergencies.

5.2. Chalk boards or note pads to be used for communication when wearing protective breathing apparatus.

5.3. First aid supplies.

5.4. One resuscitator complete with medical oxygen.

5.5. A litter or stretcher.

5.6. Harnesses and lifelines.

5.7. A telephone, radio, mobile phone, or other communication device that provides emergency two-way communication from a safe area near the well location.

6. Each drill site shall have an H_2S detection and monitoring system that activates audible and visible alarms when the concentration of H_2S reaches the threshold limit of 20 ppm in air. This equipment shall have a rapid response time and be capable of sensing a minimum of ten ppm H_2S in air, with at least three sensing points, located at the shale shaker, on the derrick floor, and in the cellar. Other sensing points shall be located at other critical areas where H_2S might accumulate. Portable H_2S detection equipment capable of sensing an H_2S concentration of 20 ppm shall be available for all working personnel and shall be equipped with an audible warning signal.

7. Equipment to indicate wind direction at all times shall be installed at prominent locations. At least two wind socks or streamers shall be located at separate elevations at the well location and shall be easily visible from all areas of the location. Windsocks or streamers shall be located in illuminated areas for night operations.

8. When H_2S is encountered during drilling, well marked, highly visible warning signs shall be displayed at the rig and along all access routes to the well location.

8.1. The signs shall warn of the presence of H_2S and shall prohibit approach to the well location when red flags are displayed.

8.2. Red flags shall be displayed when H_2S is present in concentrations greater than 20 ppm in air as measured on the equipment required under R649-3-12-6.

9. Unless adequate natural ventilation is present, portable fans or ventilation equipment shall be located in work areas to disperse H_2S when it is encountered.

10. A flare system shall be utilized to safely gather and burn H_2S bearing gas.

10.1. Flare lines shall be located as far from the operating site as feasible and shall be located in a manner to compensate for wind changes.

10.2. The outlets of all flare lines shall be located at least 150 feet from the well head unless otherwise approved by the division.

11. Sufficient quantities of additives shall be maintained on location to add to the mud system to scavenge or neutralize H_2S.

R649-3-13. Casing Tests.

1. In order to determine the integrity of the casing string set in the well, the operator shall, unless otherwise requested by the division, perform a pressure test of the casing to the pressures specified under R649-3-7.4 before drilling out of any casing string, suspending drilling operations, or completing the well.

R649-3-14. Fire Hazards on the Surface.

1. All rubbish or debris that might constitute a fire hazard shall be removed to a distance of a least 100 feet from the well location, tanks, separator, or any structure. All waste oil or gas shall be burned or disposed of in a manner to avert creation of a fire hazard.

2. Any gas other than poisonous gas escaping from the well during drilling operations shall be, so far as practicable, conducted to a safe distance from the well site and burned in a suitable flare.

R649-3-15. Pollution and Surface Damage Control.

1. The operator shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid polluting lands, streams, reservoirs, natural drainage ways, and underground water.

1.1. The owner or operator shall carry on all operations and maintain the property at all times in a safe and workmanlike manner having due regard for the preservation and conservation

of the property and for the health and safety of employees and people residing in close proximity to those operations.

1.2. At a minimum, the owner or operator shall:

1.2.1. Take reasonable steps to prevent and shall remove accumulations of oil or other materials deemed to be fire hazards from the vicinity of well locations, lease tanks and pits.

1.2.2. Remove from the property or store in an orderly manner, all scrap or other materials not in use.

1.2.3. Provide secure workmanlike storage for chemical containers, barrels, solvents, hydraulic fluid, and other non-exempt materials.

1.2.4. Maintain tanks in a workmanlike manner that will preclude leakage and provide for all applicable safety measures, and construct berms of sufficient height and width to contain the quantity of the largest tank at the storage facility.

1.2.4.1. The use of crude or produced water storage tanks without tops is strictly prohibited except during well testing operations.

1.2.5. Catch leaks and drips, contain spills, and cleanup promptly.

1.2.6. Waste reduction and recycling should be practiced in order to help reduce disposal volumes.

1.2.7. Produced water, tank bottoms and other miscellaneous waste should be disposed of in a manner that is in compliance with these rules and other state, federal, or local regulations or ordinances.

1.2.8. In general, good housekeeping practices should be used.

R649-3-16. Reserve Pits and Other On-site Pits.

1. Small onsite oil field pits including, but not limited to, reserve pits, emergency pits, workover and completion pits, storage pits, pipeline drip pits, and sumps shall be located and constructed in such a manner as to contain fluids and not cause pollution of waters and soils. They shall be located and constructed according to the Division guidelines for onsite pits. See Ranking Criteria for Reserve and Onsite Pit Liner Requirements, on the Oil, Gas and Mining web page.

2. Reserve pit location and construction requirements including liner requirements will be discussed at the predrill site evaluation. Special stipulations concerning the reserve pit will be included as part of the Division's approval to drill.

3. Following drilling and completion of the well the reserve pit shall be closed within one year, unless permission is granted by the Division for a longer period.

4. Pit contents shall meet the Division's Cleanup Levels (guidance document for numeric clean-up levels) or background levels prior to burial.

5. The contents may require treatment to reduce mobility and/or toxicity in order to meet cleanup levels.

6. The alternative to meeting cleanup levels would be transporting of material to an appropriate disposal facility.

R649-3-17. Inspection.

1. Inspection of wells shall be performed by the division to determine operator compliance with the rules and orders of the board.

2. The inspection shall not interfere with the mechanical operation of facilities or equipment used in drilling and production operations.

3. Inspections of operations involving a safety hazard shall not be conducted, nor shall an inspection be conducted that may cause a safety hazard.

R649-3-18. On-site Predrill Evaluation.

1. An on-site predrill evaluation of drilling operations located on state or private land shall be scheduled and conducted by the division prior to approval of an APD and no later than 30 days after receipt by the division of a complete APD.

1.1. An on-site predrill evaluation may be performed by the division prior to submittal of a complete APD at the written request of the operator.

1.2. The division, the operator, and other persons associated with the surface management or construction of the well site shall attend the predrill evaluation.

1.3. When appropriate, the operator's surveyor and archaeologist may also participate in the predrill evaluation.

1.4. When the surface of the land involved is privately owned, the operator shall include in the APD the name, address, and telephone number of the private surface owner as shown on the real property records of the county where the well is located.

1.5. The surface owner shall be invited by the division to attend the predrill evaluation.

1.6. The surface owner's inability to attend the predrill evaluation shall not delay the scheduled evaluation.

2. Special stipulations concerning surface use or justifications for well spacing exceptions may be addressed and developed at the predrill evaluations.

2.1. Special stipulations shall be incorporated as conditions of the approved APD, together with any additional conditions determined by the division to be necessary following a review of the complete application.

R649-3-19. Well Testing.

1. Each operator shall conduct a stabilized production test of at least 24 hours duration not later than 15 days following the completion or recompletion of any well for the production of oil or gas.

1.1. The results of the test shall be reported in writing to the division within 15 days after completion of the test.

1.2. Additional tests shall be made as requested by the division.

2. The division may request subsurface pressure measurements on a sufficient number of wells in any pool to provide adequate data to determine reservoir characteristics.

3. Upon written request, the division may waive or extend the time for conducting any test.

4. A gas-oil ratio "GOR" test shall be conducted not later than 15 days following the completion or recompletion of each well in a pool that contains both oil and gas.

4.1. The average daily oil production, the average daily gas production and the average GOR shall be recorded.

4.2. The results of the GOR test shall be reported in writing to the division within 15 days after completion of the test.

4.3. A GOR test of at least 24 hours duration shall satisfy the requirements of R649-3-19-1.

5. When the results of a multipoint test or other approved test for the determination of gas well potential have not been submitted to the division within 30 days after completion or recompletion of any producible gas well, the division may order this test to be made.

5.1. All data pertinent to the test shall be submitted to the division in legible, written form within 15 days after completion of the test.

5.2. The performance of a multipoint or other approved test shall satisfy the requirements of R649-3-19-1.

6. All tests of any producible gas well will be taken in accordance with the Manual of Back-Pressure Testing of Gas Wells published by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, with necessary modifications as approved by the division.

R649-3-20. Gas Flaring or Venting.

1. Produced gas from an oil well, also known as associated gas or casinghead gas, may be flared or vented only in the following amounts:

1.1. Up to 1,800 MCF of oil well gas may be vented or flared from an individual well on a monthly basis at any time without approval.

1.2. During the period of time allowed for conducting the stabilized production test or other approved test as required by R649-3-19, the operator may vent or flare all produced oil well gas as needed for conducting the test.

1.2.1. The operator shall not vent or flare gas that is not necessary for conducting the test or beyond the time allowed for conducting the test.

1.3. During the first calendar month immediately following the time allowed for conducting the initial stabilized production test as required by R649-3-19.1, the operator may vent or flare up to 3,000 MCF of oil well gas without approval.

1.4. Unavoidable or short-term oil well gas venting or flaring may occur without approval in accordance with R649-3-20.4, 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3.

2. Produced gas from a gas well may be vented or flared only in the following amounts:

2.1. During the period of time allowed for conducting the stabilized production test, the multipoint test, or other approved test as required by R649-3-19, the operator may vent or flare all produced gas well gas as needed for conducting the test.

2.2. The operator shall not vent or flare gas which is not necessary for conducting the tests or beyond the time allowed for conducting the tests.

2.3. Unavoidable or short-term gas well gas venting or flaring may occur without approval in accordance with R649-3-20.4, 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3.

3. If an operator desires to produce a well for the purpose of testing and evaluation beyond the time allowed by R649-3-19 and vent or flare gas in excess of the aforementioned limits of gas venting or flaring, the operator shall make written request for administrative action by the division to allow gas venting or flaring during such testing and evaluation.

3.1. The operator shall provide any information pertinent to a determination of whether marketing or otherwise conserving the produced gas is economically feasible.

3.2. Upon such request and based on the justification information presented, the division may authorize gas venting or flaring at unrestricted rates for up to 30 days of testing or no more than 50 MMCF of gas vented or flared, whichever is less.

4. Once a well is completed for production and gas is being transported or marketed, the operator is allowed unavoidable or short-term gas venting or flaring without approval only in the following cases:

4.1. Gas may be vented or released from oil storage tanks or other low pressure oil production vessels unless the division determines that the recovery of such vapors is warranted.

4.2. Gas may be vented or flared from a well during periods of line failures, equipment malfunctions, blowouts, fires, or other emergencies if shutting in or restricting production from the well would cause waste or create adverse impact on the well or producing reservoir.

4.3. The operator shall provide immediate notification to the division in all such cases in accordance with R649-3-32, Reporting of Undesirable Events.

4.4. Upon notification, the division shall determine if gas venting or flaring is justified and specify conditions of approval if necessary.

4.5. Gas may be vented or flared from a well during periods of well purging or evaluation tests not exceeding a period of 24 hours or a maximum of 144 hours per month.

4.6. The operator shall provide subsequent written notification to the division in all such cases.

5. If an operator wishes to flare or vent a greater amount of produced gas than allowed by this rule, the operator must submit a Request for Agency Action to the board to be considered as a formal board docket item. The request should include the following items:

5.1. A statement justifying the need to vent or flare more than the allowable amount.

5.2. A description of production test results.

5.3. A chemical analysis of the produced gas.

5.4. The estimated oil and gas reserves.

5.5. A description of the reinjection potential or other conservation oriented alternative for disposition of the produced gas.

5.6. A description of the amount of gas used in lease operations.

5.7. An economic evaluation supporting the operator's determination that conservation of the gas is not economically viable. The evaluation should utilize any engineering or geologic data available and should consider total well production, not just gas production, in presenting the profitability and costs for beneficial use of the gas.

5.8. Any other information pertinent to a determination of whether marketing or otherwise conserving the produced gas is economically feasible.

6. Upon review of the request for approval to vent or flare gas from a well, the board may elect to:

6.1. Allow the requested venting or flaring of gas.

6.2. Restrict production until the gas is marketed or otherwise beneficially utilized.

6.3. Take any other action the board deems appropriate in the circumstances.

7. When gas venting or flaring from a well has not been approved by the division or the magnitude and duration of venting or flaring exceeds the amounts specified in these rules or any division or board approval, then the board may issue a formal order to alleviate the noncompliance and/or require the operator to appear before the board to provide justification of such venting or flaring. The division shall notify the appropriate governmental taxing and royalty agencies of any unapproved venting or flaring and of any subsequent board action.

8. No extraction plant processing gas in Utah shall flare or vent such gas unless such venting or flaring is made necessary by mechanical difficulty of a very limited temporary nature or unless the gas vented or flared is of no commercial value.

9. In the event of a more prolonged mechanical difficulty or in the event of plant shut-downs or curtailment because of scheduled or nonscheduled maintenance or testing operations or other reasons, or in the event a plant is unable to accept, process, and market all of the casinghead gas produced by wells connected to its system, the plant operator shall notify the division as soon as possible of the full details of such shut-down or curtailment, following which the division shall take such action as is necessary.

R649-3-21. Well Completion and Filing of Well Logs.

1. For the purposes of this rule only, a well shall be determined to be completed when the well has been adequately worked to be capable of producing oil or gas or when well testing as required by the division is concluded.

2. Within 30 days after the completion of any well drilled or redrilled for the production of oil or gas, Form 8, Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log, shall be filed with the division, together with a copy of the electric and radioactivity logs, if run.

3. In addition, one copy of all drillstem test reports, formation water analyses, porosity, permeability or fluid saturation determinations, core analyses and lithologic logs or sample descriptions if compiled, shall be filed with the division.

4. As prescribed under R649-2-12, Test and Surveys, the directional, deviation and/or measurement-while-drilling (MWD) survey for a horizontal well shall be filed within 30 days of being run. Such directional, deviation and/or MWD survey specifically related to well location or well bore path

shall not be held confidential. Other MWD survey data that presents well log, or other geological, geophysical, or engineering information may be held confidential as provided in R649-2-11, Confidentiality of Well Log Information.

R649-3-22. Completion Into Two or More Pools.

1. The completion of a single well into more than one pool may be permitted by submitting an application to the division and securing its approval.

1.1. The application shall be submitted on Form 9, Sundry Notice and Report and shall be accompanied by an exhibit showing the location of all wells on contiguous oil and gas leases or drilling units overlying the pool.

1.2. The application shall set forth all material facts involved and the manner and method of completion proposed.

2. If oil or gas is to be produced from two or more pools open to each other through the same string of casing so that commingling will take place, the application must also be accompanied by a description of the method used to account for and to allocate production from each pool so commingled.

3. The application shall include an affidavit showing that the operator has provided a copy of the application to the owners of all contiguous oil and gas leases or drilling units overlying the pool.

3.1. If none of these owners file a written objection to the application within 15 days after the date the application is filed with the division, the application may be considered and approved by the division without a hearing.

3.2. If a written objection is filed that cannot be resolved administratively, the application may be approved only after notice and hearing by the board.

R649-3-23. Well Workover and Recompletion.

1. Requests for approval of a notice of intention to perform a workover or recompletion shall be filed by an operator with the division on Form 9, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, or if the operation includes substantial redrilling, deepening, or plugging back of an existing well, on Form 3, Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen or Plug Back.

2. The division shall review the proposed workover or recompletion for conformance with the Oil and Gas Conservation General Rules and advise the operator of its decision and any necessary conditions of approval.

3. Recompletions shall be conducted in a manner to protect the original completion interval(s) and any other known productive intervals.

4. The same tests and reports are required for any well recompletion as are required following an original well completion.

5. The applicant shall file a subsequent report of workover on Form 9, Sundry Notices and Reports, or a subsequent report of recompletion on Form 8, Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log, within 30 days after completing the workover or recompletion operations.

6. For the purpose of qualifying for a tax credit under Utah Code Ann. Section 59-5-102(3), the operator on his behalf and on behalf of each working interest owner must file a request with the division on Form 15, Designation of Workover or Recompletion. The request must be filed within 90 days after completing the workover or recompletion operations.

7. A workover which may qualify under Utah Code Ann. Section 59-5-102(3) shall be downhole operations conducted to maintain, restore or increase the producibility or serviceability of a well in the geologic interval(s) that the well is currently completed in, but shall not include:

7.1. Routine maintenance operations such as pump changes, artificial lift equipment or tubing repair, or other operations that do not involve changes to the wellbore configuration or the geologic interval(s) that it penetrates and that do not stimulate production beyond that which would be anticipated as the result of routine maintenance.

7.2. Operations to convert any well for use as a disposal well or other use not associated with enhancing the recovery of hydrocarbons.

7.3. Operations to convert a well to a Class II injection well for enhanced recovery purposes may qualify if the secondary or enhanced recovery project has received the necessary board approval.

8. A recompletion that may qualify under Utah Code Ann. Section 59-5-102(3) shall be downhole operations conducted to reestablish producibility or serviceability of a well in any geologic interval(s).

9. The division shall review the request for designation of a workover or recompletion and advise the operator and the State Tax Commission of its decision to approve or deny the operations for the purposes of Utah Code Ann. Section 59-5-102(3).

10. The division is responsible for approval of workover and recompletion operations that qualify for the tax credit.

10.1. If the operator disagrees with the decision of the division, the decision may be appealed to the board.

10.2. Appeals of all other workover and recompletion tax credit decisions should be made to the State Tax Commission.

R649-3-24. Plugging and Abandonment of Wells.

1. Before operations are commenced to plug and abandon any well the owner or operator shall submit a notice of intent to plug and abandon to the division for its approval.

1.1. The notice shall be submitted on Form DOGM-9, Sundry Notice and Report on Wells.

1.2. A legible copy of a similar report and form filed with the appropriate federal agency may be used in lieu of the forms prescribed by the board.

1.3. In cases of emergency the operator may obtain verbal or telegraphic approval to plug and abandon.

1.4. Within five days after receiving verbal or telegraphic approval, the operator shall submit a written notice of intent to plug and abandon on Form 9.

2. Both verbal and written notice of intent to plug and abandon a well shall contain the following information:

2.1. The location of the well described by section, township, range, and county.

2.2. The status of the well, whether drilling, producing, injecting or inactive.

2.3. A description of the well bore configuration indicating depth, casing strings, cement tops if known, and hole size.

2.4. The tops of known geologic markers or formations.

2.5. The plugging program approved by the appropriate federal agency if the well is located on federal or Indian land.

2.6. An indication of when plugging operations will commence.

3. A dry or abandoned well must be plugged so that oil, gas, water, or other substance will not migrate through the well bore from one formation to another.

3.1. Unless a different method and procedure is approved by the division, the method and procedure for plugging the well shall be as follows:

3.2. The bottom of the hole shall be filled to, or a bridge shall be placed at, the top of each producing formation open to the well bore, and a cement plug not less than 100 feet in length shall be placed immediately above each producing formation open to the well bore.

3.3. A solid cement plug shall be placed from 50 feet below a fresh water zone to 50 feet above the fresh water zone, or a 100 foot cement plug shall be centered across the base of the fresh water zone and a 100 foot plug shall be centered across the top of the fresh water zone.

3.4. At least ten sacks of cement shall be placed at the

surface in a manner completely plugging the entire hole. If more than one string of casing remains at the surface, all annuli shall be so cemented.

3.5. The interval between plugs shall be filled with noncorrosive fluid of adequate density to prevent migration of formation water into or through the well bore.

3.6. The hole shall be plugged up to the base of the surface string with noncorrosive fluid of adequate density to prevent migration of formation water into or through the well bore, at which point a plug of not less than 50 feet of cement shall be placed.

3.7. Any perforated interval shall be plugged with cement and any open hole porosity zone shall be adequately isolated to prevent migration of fluids.

3.8. A cement plug not less than 100 feet in length shall be centered across the casing stub if any casing is cut and pulled, a second plug of the same length shall be centered across the casing shoe of the next larger casing.

4. An alternative method of plugging, required under a federal or Indian lease, will be accepted by the division.

5. Within 30 days after the plugging of any well has been accomplished, the owner or operator shall file a subsequent report of plugging with the division. The report shall give a detailed account of the following items:

5.1. The manner in which the plugging work was carried out, including the nature and quantities of materials used in plugging and the location, nature, and extent by depths, of the plugs.

5.2. Records of any tests or measurements made.

5.3. The amount, size, and location, by depths of any casing left in the well.

5.4. A statement of the volume of mud fluid used.

5.5. A complete report of the method used and the results obtained, if an attempt was made to part any casing.

6. Upon application to and approval by the division, and following assumption of liability for the well by the surface owner, a well or other exploratory hole that may safely be used as a fresh water well need not be filled above the required sealing plugs set below the fresh water formation. The owner of the surface of the land affected may assume liability for any well capable of conversion to a water well by sending a letter assuming such liability to the division and by filing an application with and obtaining approval for appropriation of underground water from the Division of Water Rights.

7. Unless otherwise approved by the division, all abandoned wells shall be marked with a permanent monument showing the well number, location, and name of the lease. The monument shall consist of a portion of pipe not less than four inches in diameter and not less than ten feet in length, of which four feet shall be above the ground level and the remainder shall be securely embedded in cement. The top of the pipe must be permanently sealed.

8. If any casing is to be pulled after a well has been abandoned, a notice of intent to pull casing must be filed with the division and its approval obtained before the work is commenced.

8.1. The notice shall include full details of the contemplated work. If a log of the well has not already been filed with the division, the notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the log showing all casing seats as well as all water strata and oil and gas shows.

8.2. Where the well has been abandoned and liability has been terminated with respect to the bond previously furnished under R649-3-1, a $10,000 plugging bond shall be filed with the division by the applicant.

R649-3-25. Underground Disposal of Drilling Fluids.

1. Operators shall be permitted to inject and dispose of reserve pit drilling fluids downhole in a well upon submitting an application for such operations to the division and obtaining its approval. Injection of reserve pit fluids shall be considered by the division on a case-by-case basis.

2. Each proposed injection procedure will be reviewed by the division for conformance to the requirements and standards for permitting disposal wells under R649-5-2 to assure protection of fresh-water resources.

3. The subsurface disposal interval shall be verified by temperature log, or suitable alternative, during the disposal operation.

4. The division shall designate other conditions for disposal, as necessary, in order to ensure safe, efficient fluid disposal.

R649-3-26. Seismic Exploration.

1. Form 1, Application for Permit to Conduct Seismic Exploration shall be submitted to the division by the seismic contractor at least seven days prior to commencing any type of seismic exploration operations. In cases of emergency, approval may be obtained either verbally or by telegraphic communication.

1.1. Changes of plans or line locations may be implemented in an emergency situation without division approval.

1.2. Within five days after the change is performed, the seismic contractor shall submit written notice of the change to the division.

1.3. The permit may be revoked at any time by the division for failure to comply with the rules and orders of the board.

1.4. Any request to deviate from the general plugging and operations procedures of these rules shall be included on the permit application.

1.5. The name, address, and telephone number of the seismic contractor's local contact shall be submitted to the division as soon as determined if not available when the permit application is submitted.

1.6. After review of the application for a seismic permit, the division may require written permission of the owner of the surface of the affected land if it is determined that the seismic operation may significantly impact any building, pipeline, water well, flowing spring, or other cultural or natural feature in the area.

1.7. The permit will be in effect for six months from the date of approval. The permit may be extended upon application to and approval by the division.

2. Bonding shall not be required for seismic exploration requiring the drilling of shot holes.

3. Seismic contractors shall give the division at least 24 hours advance notice of the plugging of seismic holes. The notice shall include the date and time the plugging activities are expected to commence, the name and address of the seismic contractor responsible for the holes, and, if different, the name and address of the hole plugging company.

4. Unless the seismic contractor can prove to the satisfaction of the division that another method will provide adequate protection to ground water resources and other man-made or natural features and will provide long-term land stability, the following procedures shall be required for the conduct of seismic operations and hole plugging:

4.1. Seismic contractors shall take reasonable precautions to avoid conducting shot hole operations closer than 1,320 feet to any building, pipeline, water well, flowing spring, or other cultural/natural feature, e.g., a historical monument, marker, or structure, that may be adversely affected by the seismic operations.

4.2. When nonartesian water is encountered while drilling seismic shot holes, the holes shall be filled from the bottom up with a high grade bentonite/water slurry mixture.

4.3. The slurry shall have a density that is at least four

percent greater than the density of fresh water and shall have a marsh funnel viscosity of at least 60 seconds per quart.

4.4. The density and viscosity of the slurry are to be measured prior to adding cuttings. Cuttings not added to the slurry are to be disposed of in accordance with R649-3-26-4.6.

4.5. Upon approval by the division, any other suitable plugging material commonly used in the industry may be substituted for the bentonite/water slurry as long as the physical characteristics of the substitute plugging material are at least comparable to those of the bentonite/water slurry.

4.6. The hole shall be filled with the substitute plugging material from the bottom up to a depth of three feet below ground level.

4.7. A nonmetallic permaplug shall be set at a depth of three feet. The remaining hole shall be filled and tamped to the surface with cuttings and native soil.

4.8. The permaplug shall be imprinted with an approved identification number or mark.

4.9. When drilling with air only, and in completely dry holes, plugging may be accomplished by returning the cuttings to the holes, tamping the returned cuttings to the depth of three feet below ground level, and setting the permaplug topped with more cuttings and soil. A small mound shall be left over the hole for settling allowance.

4.10. If artesian flow, water flowing at the surface, is encountered in the drilling of any seismic hole, cement shall be used to seal off the water flow to prevent cross-flow, erosion, or contamination of fresh water supplies.

4.11. Unless severe weather conditions prevent access, the holes shall be cemented immediately.

4.12. Approval may be granted to seismic operator to plug a flowing hole in another manner, if it is proved to this division that the alternate method will provide adequate protection to ground water resources and provide long term land stability.

4.13. The owner of the surface of the land affected may assume liability for a seismic hole capable of conversion to a water well by sending a letter assuming such liability to the division and by filing an application with and obtaining approval for appropriation of underground water from the Division of Water Rights.

4.14. Shotholes shall be properly plugged and abandoned as soon as practical after the shot has been fired.

4.15. No shothole shall be left unplugged for more than 30 days without approval of the division.

4.16. Until properly plugged, shotholes shall be covered with a tin hat or other similar cover.

4.17. The hats shall be imprinted with the seismic contractor's name or initials.

4.18. Any slurry, drilling fluids, or cuttings that are deposited on the surface around the seismic hole shall be raked or otherwise spread out to a height of not more than one inch above the surface, so that the growth of the natural grasses or foliage will not be impaired.

4.19. Restoration plans required by the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Chapter 8 of Title 40, or by any other surface management agency will be accepted by the division.

4.20. The surface area around each seismic shothole shall be reclaimed and reseeded to its original condition insofar as such restoration is practical and is required by the surface management agency.

4.21. All flagging, stakes, cables, cement, or mud sacks shall be removed from the drill site and disposed of in an acceptable manner.

5. Upon application to the division, approval may be obtained for preplugging of shotholes using coarse bentonite material or a suitable alternative used in the industry. Preplugging of holes in this manner shall be performed according to the following procedures:

5.1. A sales receipt indicating proof of purchase of an adequate amount of coarse bentonite to properly plug all shotholes shall be submitted to the division upon request.

5.2. For shotholes drilled with air that are completely dry, the seismic contractor shall have the option of preplugging with the coarse bentonite material or of using an alternate plugging material under R649-3-26-4.3.

5.3. For conventionally drilled, wet holes, enough approved material shall be used to cover the initial water level, i.e., the depth of the initial water level in the hole prior to adding coarse bentonite material shall be equal to the final plug depth.

5.4. An additional ten feet of approved material shall be placed above this depth and hole cuttings shall be used to fill the remainder of the hole to a depth of three feet below ground level.

5.5. A nonmetallic plug imprinted with an approved identification number or mark shall be installed at this depth.

5.6. The remaining three feet of hole shall be filled and tamped to the surface with cuttings and native soil.

5.7. The remaining cuttings shall be raked or spread to a height not to exceed one inch above ground level.

5.8. When using heliportable drills and insufficient cuttings are available, the hole shall be preplugged with bentonite plugging material or an approved alternate material to a depth of three feet below ground level.

5.9. Installation of a nonmetallic plug and filling the remainder of the hole shall be performed as required by R649-3-26-5.3.

5.10. The coarse bentonite plugging material shall have the following specifications - chemically unaltered sodium bentonite, coarse ground, three quarter inch maximum size, not more than 19% moisture content and not more than 15% inert solids by volume.

6. Form 2, Seismic Exploration Completion Report shall be submitted to the Division within 60 days after completion of each seismic exploration project. The report shall include: Certification by the seismic contractor that all shot holes have been plugged as prescribed by the division.

R649-3-27. Multiple Mineral Development.

1. Drilling operations conducted in areas designated by the board for multiple mineral development shall comply with all rules or orders of the board for drilling, casing, cementing, and plugging except as the general rules or orders may be modified by this rule.

2. It is the policy of the division to promote the development of all mineral resources on land under its jurisdiction. Consistent with that policy, operators engaged in oil and gas operations on lands on which operators are exploring for and developing mineral resources other than oil and gas may enter into a cooperative agreement with these other operators with respect to multiple mineral development. The agreement shall define:

2.1. The extent and limits of liability when one operator, either intentionally or unintentionally, interferes with or damages the deposits of another.

2.2. The coordination of access to and development of the area.

2.3. Mitigation of surface impact including but not limited to issues pertaining to relocation of natural gas pipeline gathering and distribution systems and other surface facilities occasioned by placement of a spent shale pile; phased or coordinated surface occupancy so as to allow each operator to enjoy his respective mineral estate with the least disruption of operations and damage to the oil and gas deposits, either directly or indirectly, through waste; and limitation of oil and gas operations in areas of concentrated surface oil shale facilities.

2.4. Mitigation of subsurface impact including but not

limited to issues pertaining to the interface in the underground environment of oil shale mining operations with other mineral operations.

2.5. The extent of exchange of geological, engineering, and production data.

2.6. Other cooperative efforts consistent with multiple mineral development under the rules and orders of the board pertaining to oil and gas operations, oil shale operations, and mined land reclamation.

3. The division, together with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration shall be signatory to the agreement, where applicable.

4. In the event the operators cannot agree on cooperative development of their respective mineral deposits, or having once entered into a cooperative agreement subsequently disagree on the application of the terms and provisions thereof, any operator whose oil and gas or mining operation or deposit may be adversely affected or damaged by the operations of another operator may apply to the board for, or the board may on its own motion enter an order, after notice and hearing, delineating the respective rights and obligations of all operators with respect to development of all minerals concerned.

5. After notice and hearing the board may modify its order to more effectively carry out the policies of multiple mineral development.

R649-3-28. Designated Potash Areas.

1. In any area designated as a potash area, either by the board, or an appropriate state or federal government agency, all wells shall be drilled, cased, cemented, and plugged in accordance with the rules and orders of the board. The following minimum requirements and definitions shall also apply to the drilling, logging, casing, and plugging operations within the Salt Section to protect against migration of oil, gas, or water into or within any formation or zone containing potash. As used in this rule, Salt Section shall mean the Paradox Salt Section of Pennsylvanian Age.

2. Any drilling media used through the Salt Section shall be such that sodium chloride is not soluble in the media at normal temperatures.

3. Gamma ray-neutron, gamma ray-sonic or other appropriate logs shall be run promptly through the Salt Section. One field copy of the log through the Salt Section shall be submitted to the division within ten days, or upon the request of the division, whichever is the earlier.

4. A directional survey shall be run from a point at least 20 feet below the Salt Section to the surface. The survey shall be filed with the division prior to completion or plugging and abandonment of the well.

5. In addition to the requirements of the R649-3-8, any casing set into or through the Salt Section shall be cemented solidly through the Salt Section above the casing shoe.

6. Any cement used in setting casing or in plugging that comes in contact with the Salt Section shall be of such chemical composition as to avoid dissolution of the Salt Section and to provide weight, strength, and physical properties sufficient to protect uphole formations and prevent blowouts or uncontrolled flows.

7. If a well is dry, cement plugs at least 200 feet in length shall be placed across the top and the base of the Salt Section, across any oil, gas or water show, and across any potash zone.

7.1. Plugs shall not be required inside a properly cemented casing string. The division shall approve the location of the plugs after examining the appropriate logs, drilling and testing records for the well.

7.2. No well shall be temporarily abandoned with open hole in the Salt Section.

8. The division may inspect the drilling operations at all times, including any mining operations that may affect any drilling or producing well bores. A potash owner, if contributing by agreement to the logging and directional survey costs of a well, may inspect the well for compliance with this rule.

9. Before commencing drilling operations for oil or gas on any land within designated potash area, the operator shall furnish by registered mail, a copy of the APD, together with the plat or map required under R649-3-4, to all potash owners and lessees whose interests are within a radius of 2,640 feet of the proposed well.

10.After proper notice and hearing, the board may modify this rule for a particular well or area by requiring that greater or lesser precautions be taken to prevent the escape of oil, gas, or water from one stratum into another. The board may also expand or contract from the designated potash areas.

R649-3-29. Workable Coal Beds.

1. Prior to commencing drilling operations for oil and gas on any lands where there are mine workings, the operator shall furnish a copy of the APD, a plat or map as required under R649-3-4, and a designation of the proposed angle and direction of the well, if the well is to be deviated substantially from a vertical course, to all coal owners and lessees whose interests are within a radius of 5,280 feet of the proposed well.

2. A well penetrating one or more workable coal beds or mine workings shall be drilled to a depth and shall be of a size, to permit the placing of casing in the hole at the points and in the manner necessary to exclude all oil, gas or gas pressure from the coal bed, other than oil, gas or gas pressure originating in the coal bed.

3. Unless otherwise authorized by the division, the casing run through a coal bed shall be seated at least 50 feet into the closest impervious formation below the coal bed. The casing shall be cemented solidly through the coal bed to a height at least 50 feet into the closest impervious formation above the coal bed.

4. A directional survey or a cement bond log shall be performed and furnished to the division upon written request by the division.

5. Upon penetrating a coal bed the operator shall notify the division, in writing, before completing or plugging and abandoning the well.

R649-3-30. Underground Mining Operations.

1. Prior to commencing drilling operations for oil and gas on any land where there are known or suspected underground mining operations, solution mining operations or surface mining operations, including solar evaporation ponds, the operator shall include in the APD or in a separate cover letter, any information known to the operator concerning the name and address of the owner or operator of the mining workings.

2. The division may, with the concurrence of the operator, change the surface location of the proposed well if there appears to be any possibility of interference between the proposed well bore and the mine workings.

R649-3-31. Designated Oil Shale Areas.

1. Designated oil shale areas are subject to the general drilling, plugging and other performance standards described in this section, except where the board has adopted, by order, specific standards for individual oil shale areas. As of June 8, 2001, the board has adopted specific standards for individual oil shale areas by board orders in Cause Nos. 190-5(b), 190-3, and 190-13. The board may adopt specific standards in other areas, or modify the above orders, in the future.

2. Lands may be designated as an oil shale area by the board, either upon its own motion, or upon the petition of an interested person following notice and hearing.

3. As used in this rule, oil shale section means the

sequence of strata containing oil shale beds, including any interbedded strata not containing oil shale, consisting of the Parachute Creek Member of the Green River Formation of Tertiary Age, defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 1,428 feet and 2,755 feet below the Kelly Bushing on the induction-electrical log of the Ute Trail No. 10 API No. 43-047-15382 well drilled by Dekalb Agricultural Association, Inc. and located in the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 21 East, S.L.M., Uintah County, Utah. The Mahogany Zone is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 2,230 feet and 2,360 feet below the Kelly Bushing on the induction-electrical log of the well cited above.

4. For purposes of identifying the oil shale intervals, an appropriate electrical log shall be run through the oil shale section. One field copy of the log through the oil shale section shall be made available to the division pursuant to R649-3-23 or upon written request by the division.

5. On all wells that are intentionally deviated from the vertical within the oil shale section, pursuant to the provisions of R649-3-10 and R649-3-11, a directional survey shall be run from a point at least 20 feet below the oil shale section to the surface and shall thereafter be filed with the division within 20 days after reaching total depth.

6.Any oil shale lessee or operator whose oil shale mine workings reach a distance of 2,640 feet from a producing well or any oil and gas lessee or operator whose producing well is approached by oil shale mine workings within a distance of 2,640 feet shall request agency action with the board. The board may promulgate an order after notice and hearing with respect to the running of a directional survey through the oil shale section, the cost and potential resource loss liability and responsibility as to the oil and gas operator and the oil shale lessee or operator and any other issues regarding multiple mineral development.

7. The directional survey shall be the confidential property of the parties paying for the survey and shall be kept confidential until released by said parties or the division.

8. In addition to the requirements pertaining to the cementing of casing contained in the R649-3-8, any casing set into or through the oil shale section shall be cemented over the entire oil shale section.

9. If a well is dry, junked or abandoned, a cement plug shall be placed across that portion of the oil shale section extending 200 feet above and 200 feet below the longitudinal center of the Mahogany Zone. The cement plug shall not be required inside a casing cemented in accordance with R649-3-31-7. When the casing is cemented, cement plugs 200 feet in length shall be centered across the top and across the base of the Parachute Creek Member of the Green River Formation.

10. In the event the casing is not cemented in accordance with R649-3-31-7, the division shall approve the method and procedure to prevent the migration of oil, gas, and other substances through the wellbore from one formation to another.

11. The division shall approve the adequacy and location of the cement plugs after examining the appropriate logs and drilling and testing records for the well, to ensure that the oil shale section is adequately protected.

12. Upon written request of the owner or operator under R649-8-6, the division shall keep all well logs confidential. The division may inspect the drilling operations at all times, including any mining operations that may affect drilling or producing well bores.

13. Before commencing drilling operations for oil or gas on any land within a designated oil shale area, the operator shall furnish a copy of the APD, together with a plat or map as directed under R649-3-4, to all oil shale owners or their lessees whose interests are within a radius of 2,640 feet of the proposed well. The operator shall furnish a notice of intention to plug and abandon any well in the oil shale area, as required under R649-3-24-1, to the owners or their lessees prior to commencement of plugging operations.

14. The operator shall use generally accepted techniques for vertical or directional drilling as defined under R649-3-10 and R649-3-11 to maintain the well bore within an intact core of a mine pillar. Within 20 days of reaching the total depth or before completion of the well, whichever is the earlier, a directional survey shall be run as prescribed by this rule.

R649-3-32. Reporting of Undesirable Events.

1. The division shall be notified of all fires, leaks, breaks, spills, blowouts, and other undesirable events occurring at any oil or gas drilling, producing, or transportation facility, or at any injection or disposal facility.

2. Immediate notification shall be required for all major undesirable events as outlined in R649-3-32-5.

2.1. Immediate notification shall mean a verbal report submitted to the division as soon as practical but within a maximum of 24 hours after discovery of an undesirable event.

2.2. A complete written report of the incident shall also be submitted to the division within five days following the conclusion of an undesirable event.

2.3. The requirements for written reports are specified in R649-3-32-4.

3. Subsequent notification shall be required for all minor undesirable events as outlined in R649-3-32-6.

3.1. Subsequent notification shall mean a complete written report of the incident submitted to the division within five days following the conclusion of an undesirable event.

3.2. The requirements for written reports are specified in R649-3-32-4.

4. Complete written reports of undesirable events may be submitted on Form 9, Sundry Notice and Report on Wells. The report shall include:

4.1. The date and time of occurrence and, if immediate notification was required, the date and time the occurrence was reported to the Division.

4.2. The location where the incident occurred described by section, township, range, and county.

4.3. The specific nature and cause of the incident.

4.4. A description of the resultant damage.

4.5. The action taken, the length of time required for control or containment of the incident, and the length of time required for subsequent cleanup.

4.6. An estimate of the volumes discharged and the volumes not recovered.

4.7. The cause of death if any fatal injuries occurred.

5. Major undesirable events include the following:

5.1. Leaks, breaks or spills of oil, salt water or oil field wastes that result in the discharge of more than 100 barrels of liquid, that are not fully contained on location by a wall, berm, or dike.

5.2. Equipment failures or other accidents that result in the flaring, venting, or wasting of more than 500 Mcf of gas.

5.3. Any fire that consumes the volumes of liquid or gas specified in R649-3-32-5.1 and R649-3-32-5.2.

5.4. Any spill, venting, or fire, regardless of the volume involved, that occurs in a sensitive area stipulated on the approval notice of the initial APD for a well, e.g., parks, recreation sites, wildlife refuges, lakes, reservoirs, streams, urban or suburban areas.

5.5. Each accident that involves a fatal injury.

5.6. Each blowout, loss of control of a well.

6. Minor undesirable events include the following:

6.1. Leaks, breaks or spills or oil, salt water, or oil field wastes that result in the discharge of more than ten barrels of liquid and are not considered major events in R649-3-32-5.

6.2 Equipment failures or other accidents that result in the

flaring, venting or wasting of more than 50 Mcf of gas and are not considered major events in R649-3-32-5.

6.3. Any fire that consumes the volumes of liquid or specified in R649-3-32-6.1 and R649-3-32-6.2.

6.4. Each accident involving a major or life-threatening injury.

R649-3-33. Drilling Procedures in the Great Salt Lake.

1. For all drilling activities proposed within the Great Salt Lake, the APD required by R649-3-4 shall be filed at least 30 days prior to the date on which the operator intends to commence operations. As part of the APD, the operator shall include:

1.1. The name of the drilling contractor and the number and type of rig to be used.

1.2. An illustration of the boundaries of all state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, or waterfowl management areas within one mile of the proposed well location.

1.3. An illustration of the locations of all evaporation pits, producing wells, structures, buildings, and platforms within one mile of the proposed well location.

1.4.An oil spill emergency contingency plan.

2. Unless permitted by the board after notice and hearing, no well shall be drilled that has a surface location:

2.1. Within 1,320 feet from an evaporation pit without the consent of the operator of such pit.

2.2. Within one mile from the boundary of a state or federal park, wildlife refuge, or waterfowl management area without the consent of the appropriate state or federal regulatory agency.

2.3. Within three miles of Gunnison Island during the Pelican nesting season (March 15 through September 30) or within one mile from said island at any other time.

2.4. Within any area south of the Salt Lake Base Meridian Line.

2.5. Within any area north of Township 10 North.

2.6. Within one mile inside of what would be the water's edge if the water level of the Great Salt Lake were at the elevation of 4,193.3 feet above sea level.

3. Well casing and cementing shall be subject to the following special requirements for the purpose of this rule, the several casing strings in order of normal installation are drive or structural casing, conductor casing, surface casing, intermediate casing, and production casing. All depths refer to true vertical depth:

3.1. The drive or structural casing shall be set by drilling, driving or jetting to a minimum depth of 50 feet below the floor of the lake bed or to such greater depth required to support unconsolidated deposits and to provide hole stability for initial drilling operations. If drilled in, the drilling fluid shall be a type that will not pollute the lake; in addition, a quantity of cement sufficient to fill the annular space back to the lake floor with returns circulated, must be used.

3.2. The conductor casing shall be set at a minimum depth of 200 feet below the floor of the lake, and shall be cemented with a quantity sufficient to fill the annular space back to the lake surface with returns circulated.

3.3. The surface casing shall be set at a minimum depth of 500 feet if the proposed depth of the well is less than 7,000 feet; or 1,000 feet if the proposed depth is over 7,000 feet but less than 11,000 feet; or 1,500 feet if the depth is 11,000 feet. The casing shall be cemented with a quantity sufficient to fill the annular space back to the lake surface with returns circulated, and the bottom of the casing shall be in competent rock.

3.4. The intermediate and production casing shall be set at any time when drilling below the surface casing and hole conditions justify setting casing. This casing will be cemented in such a manner that all hydrocarbons, water aquifers, lost-circulation or zones of significant porosity and permeability, significant beds containing priority minerals, and abnormal pressure intervals are covered or isolated.

3.5. Prior to drilling the plug after cementing, all casing strings except the drive or structural casing, shall be pressure tested. This test shall not exceed the rated working pressure of the casing. If the pressure declines more than ten percent in 30 minutes, or if there are other indications of a leak, corrective measures must be taken until a satisfactory test is obtained. All casing pressure tests shall be recorded on the driller's log.

4. Blowout preventers and related well control equipment shall be installed, and tested in a manner necessary to prevent blowouts and shall be subject to the following special conditions:

4.1. Prior to drilling below the surface casing, blowout prevention equipment shall be installed and maintained ready for use until drilling operations are completed.

4.2. An inside blowout preventer assembly and a full opening string safety valve in the open position shall be maintained on the rig floor at all times while drilling operations are being conducted.

4.2.1. Valves shall be maintained on the rig floor to fit all pipe in the drill string.

4.2.2. A top kelly cock shall be installed below the swivel and another at the bottom of the kelly of such design that it can be run through the blowout preventers.

4.3. Before drilling below the surface casing the blowout prevention equipment shall include a minimum of:

4.3.1. Three remotely and manually controlled, hydraulically operated blowout preventers with a rated working pressure that exceeds the maximum anticipated surface pressure, including one equipped with pipe rams, one with blind rams and one hydril type.

4.3.2. A drilling spool with side outlets, if side outlets are not provided in the blowout preventer body.

4.3.3. A choke manifold.

4.3.4. A kill line.

4.3.5. A fill-up line.

4.4. Ram-type blowout preventers and related control equipment shall be tested to the rated working pressure of the stack assembly or to the working pressure of the casing, whichever is the lesser, at the following times:

4.4.1. When installed.

4.4.2. Before drilling out after each string of casing is set.

4.4.3. Not less than once each week while drilling.

4.4.4. Following repairs that require disconnecting a pressure seal in the assembly.

4.5. The hydril-type blowout preventer shall be tested to 70 percent of the pressure testing requirements of ram-type blowout preventers. The hydril-type blowout preventer shall be actuated on the drill pipe once each week.

4.6. Accumulators or accumulators and pumps shall maintain a reserve capacity at all times to provide for repeated operation of hydraulic preventers.

4.7. A blowout prevention drill shall be conducted weekly for each drilling crew to insure that all equipment is operational and that crews are properly trained to carry out emergency duties. All blowout preventer tests and crew drills shall be recorded on the driller's log.

5. The characteristics and use of drilling mud and the conduct of related drilling procedures shall be such as are necessary to maintain the well in a safe condition to prevent uncontrolled blowouts of any well. Quantities of mud materials sufficient to insure well control shall be maintained and readily accessible for use at all times.

6. Mud testing equipment shall be maintained on the derrick floor at all times, and mud tests consistent with good operating practice shall be performed daily, or more frequently as conditions warrant. The following mud system monitoring equipment must be installed, with derrick floor indicators, and

used throughout the period of drilling after setting and cementing the surface casing:

6.1. A recording mud pit level indicator including a visual and audio warning device to determine mud pit volume gains and losses.

6.2. A mud return indicator to determine when returns have been obtained, or when they occur unintentionally, and additionally to determine that returns essentially equal the pump discharge rate.

7. In the conduct of all oil and gas operations, the operator shall prevent pollution of the waters of the Great Salt Lake. The operator shall comply with the following pollution prevention requirements:

7.1. Oil in any form, liquid or solid wastes containing oil, shall not be disposed of into the waters of the lake.

7.2. Liquid or solid waste materials containing substances that may be harmful to aquatic life or wildlife, or injurious in any manner to life and property, or that in any way unreasonably adversely affects the chemicals or minerals in the lake shall not be disposed of into the waters of the lake.

7.3. Waste materials, exclusive of cuttings and drilling media, shall be transported to shore for disposal.

8. All spills or leakage of oil and liquid or solid pollutants shall be immediately reported to the division. A complete written statement of all circumstances, including subsequent clean-up operation, shall be forwarded to said agencies within 72 hours of such occurrences.

9. Standby pollution control equipment consistent with the state of the art, shall be maintained by, and shall be immediately available to, each operator.

R649-3-34. Well Site Restoration.

1. The operator of a well shall upon plugging and abandonment of the well restore the well site in accordance with these rules.

2. For all land included in the well site for which the surface is federal, Indian, or state ownership, the operator shall meet the well site restoration requirements of the appropriate surface management agency.

3. For all land included in the well site for which the surface is fee or private ownership, the operator shall meet the well site restoration requirements of the private landowner or the minimum well site restoration requirements established by the division.

4. Well site restoration on lands with fee or private ownership shall be completed within one (1) year following the plugging of a well unless an extension is approved by the division for just and reasonable cause.

5. These rules shall not preclude the opportunity for a private landowner to assume liability for the well as a water well in accordance with R649-3-24.6.

6. The operator shall make a reasonable effort to establish surface use agreements with the owners of land included in the well site prior to the commencement of the following actions on fee or private surface:

6.1. Drilling a new well.

6.2. Reentering an abandoned well.

6.3. Assuming operatorship of existing wells.

7. Upon application to the division to perform any of the aforementioned and prior to approval of such actions by the division, the operator shall submit an affidavit to the division stating whether appropriate surface use agreements have been established with and approved by the surface landowners of the well site.

8. If necessary and upon request by the division, the operator shall submit a copy of the established surface use agreements to the division.

9. If no surface use agreement can be established, the division shall establish minimum well site restoration requirements for any well located on fee or private surface for the purposes of final bond release.

10. Established surface use agreements may be modified or terminated at any time by mutual consent of the involved parties; however, the operator shall notify the division if such is the case and if a surface use agreement is terminated without a new agreement established, the division shall establish minimum well site reclamation requirements.

11. The operator shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of any surface use agreement, and it shall be assumed by the division until notified otherwise that surface use agreements remain in full force and effect until all the requirements of the agreement are satisfied or until the agreement has been terminated by mutual consent of the involved parties.

12. The surface use agreement shall stipulate the minimum well site restoration to be performed by the operator in order to allow final release of the bond.

13. The final bond release by the division shall include a determination by the division whether or not the operator has met the requirements of an established surface use agreement, and the division may suspend final bond release until the operator has completed all the requirements of the surface use agreement.

14. The agreement may state requirements for well site grading, contouring, scarification, reseeding, and abandonment of any equipment or facilities for which the landowner agrees to assume liability.

15. The agreement shall not address operations regulated by the rules and orders of the board such as:

15.1. Disposal of drilling fluid, produced fluid, or other fluid waste associated with the drilling and production of the well.

15.2. Reclamation or treating of waste crude oil.

15.3. Any other operation or condition for which the board has jurisdiction.

16. If the operator cannot establish surface use agreements then the operator shall so notify the division.

17. Within 30 days of the notification or as soon as weather conditions permit, the division shall conduct an inspection and evaluation of the well site in order to establish minimum well site restoration requirements for the purpose of final bond release.

18. The operator shall be given notice by the division of the date and time of the inspection, and if the operator cannot attend the inspection at the scheduled date and time, the division may reschedule the inspection to allow the operator to participate.

19. The surface landowner, agent or lessee shall be given notice by the operator of such inspection and may participate in the inspection; however, if the surface landowner cannot attend the inspection, the division shall not be required to reschedule the inspection in order to allow the surface landowner to participate.

20. The evaluation shall consider the condition of the land prior to disturbance, the extent of proposed disturbance, the degree of difficulty to conduct complete restoration, the potential for pollution, the requirements for abating pollution, and the possible land use after plugging and restoration are completed.

21. Within 30 days after performing the inspection, the division shall provide the operator with the results of the inspection and the evaluation listing the minimum well site restoration requirements established by the division.

22. The division shall retain a record of the inspection and the evaluation, and if necessary and upon written request by an interested party, the division shall provide a copy of the minimum well site restoration requirements established by the division.

23. If any person disagrees with the results of the inspection and the evaluation and desires a reconsideration of the minimum well site restoration requirements established by the division, such person may submit a request to the board for a hearing and order to modify the requirements.

24. The board, after proper notice and hearing, may issue an order modifying the minimum well site restoration requirements established by the division.

25. The minimum well site restoration requirements established by the division or by board order shall be considered part of any permit granted by the division to conduct operations at a well site, and the inability of the operator to meet such requirements shall be considered grounds for forfeiture of the bond.

26.If the minimum well site restoration requirements suggest to the division that bond coverage for a well should be increased, the division shall take action as stated in R649-3-1.

R649-3-35. Wildcat Wells.

1. For purposes of qualifying for a severance tax exemption under Section 59-5-102(2)(d), an operator must file an application with the division for designation of a wildcat well.

1.1. The application may be filed prior to drilling the well, and a tentative determination of the wildcat designation will be issued at that time. An application or request for final designation of wildcat status as appropriate, must be filed at the time of filing of Form 8, Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log.

1.2. The application shall contain, where applicable, the following information:

1.2.1. A plat map showing the location of the well in relation to producing wells within a one mile radius of the wellsite.

1.2.2. A statement concerning the producing formation or formations in the wildcat well and also the producing formation or formations of the producing wells in the designated area, including completion reports and other appropriate data.

1.2.3. Stratigraphic cross sections through the producing wells in the designated area and the proposed wildcat well.

1.2.4. A statement as to whether the well is in a known geologic structure. However, whether the well is in a known geologic structure shall not be the sole basis of determining whether the well is a wildcat.

1.2.5. Bottomhole pressures, as applicable, in a wildcat well compared to the wells producing in the designated area from the same zone.

1.2.6. Any other information deemed relevant by the applicant or requested by the division.

2. Information derived from well logs, including certain information in completion reports, stratigraphic cross sections, bottomhole pressure data, and other appropriate data provided in R649-3-35-1 will be held confidential in accordance with R649-2-11 at the request of the operator.

3. The division shall review the submitted information and advise the operator and the State Tax Commission of its decision regarding the wildcat well designation as related to Section 59-5-102(2)(d).

4. The division is responsible for approval of a request for designation of a well as a wildcat well. If the operator disagrees with the decision of the division, the decision maybe appealed to the board. Appeals of all other tax-related decisions concerning wildcat wells should be made to the State Tax Commission.

R649-3-36. Shut-in and Temporarily Abandoned Wells.

1. Wells may be initially shut-in or temporarily abandoned for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months. If a well is to be shut-in or temporarily abandoned for a period exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months, the operator shall file a Sundry Notice providing the following information:

1.1. Reasons for shut-in or temporarily abandonment of the well,

1.2. The length of time the well is expected to be shut-in or temporarily abandoned, and

1.3. An explanation and supporting data, for showing the well has integrity, meaning that the casing, cement, equipment condition, static fluid level, pressure, existence or absence of Underground Sources of Drinking Water and other factors do not make the well a risk to public health and safety or the environment.

2. After review the Division will either approve the continued shut-in or temporarily abandoned status or require remedial action to be taken to establish and maintain the well's integrity.

3. After five (5) years of nonactivity or nonproductivity, the well shall be plugged in accordance with R649-3-24, unless approval for extended shut-in time is given by the Division upon a showing of good cause by the operator.

4. If after a five (5) year period the well is ordered plugged by the Division, and the operator does not comply, the operator shall forfeit the drilling and reclamation bond and the well shall be properly plugged and abandoned under the direction of the Division.

R649-3-37. Enhanced Recovery Project Certification.

1. In order for incremental production achieved from an enhanced recovery project to qualify for the severance tax rate reduction provided under Subsection 59-5-102(4), the operator on behalf of the producers shall present evidence demonstrating that the recovery technique or techniques utilized qualify for an enhanced recovery determination and the Board must certify the project as an enhanced recovery project.

2. For enhanced recovery projects certified by the Board after January 1, 1996:

2.1. As part of the process of certifying incremental production that qualifies for a reduction in the severance tax rate under Subsection 59-5-102(4), the operator shall furnish the Division:

2.1.1. An extrapolation (projection) and tabulation of expected non-enhanced recovery of oil and gas production from the project.

2.1.2. The projection shall be for not less than seventy-two (72) months commencing with the first month following the project certification by the Board.

2.1.3. The projection shall be based on production history of all wells within the project area for not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding either certification or commencement of the project; reservoir and production characteristics; and the application of generally accepted petroleum engineering practices.

2.1.4. The projected production volumes approved by the division shall serve as the base level production for purposes of determining the incremental oil and gas production that qualifies for a reduction in the severance tax rate.

2.2. The operator shall provide a statement as to all assumptions made in preparing the projection and any other information concerning the project that the division may reasonably require in order to evaluate the operator's projection.

2.3. An operator's request for incremental production certification may be approved administratively by the Director or authorized agent. The Director or authorized agent shall review the request within 30 days after its receipt and advise the operator of the decision. If the operator disagrees with the Director or authorized agent's decision, the operator may request a hearing before the Board at its next regularly scheduled hearing. The Director or authorized agent may also refer the matter to the Board if a decision is in doubt.

2.4. Upon approval of a request for incremental production certification, the Director or authorized agent shall forward a copy of the certification to the Utah Tax Commission.

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R649. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining; Oil and Gas.
R649-5. Underground Injection Control of Recovery Operations and Class II Injection Wells.
R649-5-1. Requirements for Injection of Fluids Into Reservoirs.

1. Operations to increase ultimate recovery, such as cycling of gas, the maintenance of pressure, the introduction of gas, water or other substances into a reservoir for the purpose of secondary or other enhanced recovery or for storage and the injection of water into any formation for the purpose of water disposal shall be permitted only by order of the board after notice and hearing.

2. A petition for authority for the injection of gas, liquefied petroleum gas, air, water, or any other medium into any formation for any reason, including but not necessarily limited to the establishment of or the expansion of waterflood projects, enhanced recovery projects, and pressure maintenance projects shall contain:

2.1. The name and address of the operator of the project.

2.2. A plat showing the area involved and identifying all wells, including all proposed injection wells, in the project area and within one-half mile radius of the project area.

2.3. A full description of the particular operation for which approval is requested.

2.4. A description of the pools from which the identified wells are producing or have produced.

2.5. The names, description and depth of the pool or pools to be affected.

2.6. A copy of a log of a representative well completed in the pool.

2.7. A statement as to the type of fluid to be used for injection, its source and the estimated amounts to be injected daily.

2.8. A list of all operators or owners and surface owners within a one-half mile radius of the proposed project.

2.9. An affidavit certifying that said operators or owners and surface owners within a one-half mile radius have been provided a copy of the petition for injection.

2.10. Any additional information the board may determine is necessary to adequately review the petition.

3. Applications as required by R649-5-2 for injection wells that are located within the project area, may be submitted for board consideration and approval with the request for authorization of the recovery project.

4. Established recovery projects may be expanded and additional wells placed on injection only upon authority from the board after notice and hearing or by administrative approval.

5. If the proposed injection interval can be classified as an USDW, approval of the project is subject to the requirements of R649-5-4.

R649-5-2. Requirements for Class II Injection Wells Including Water Disposal, Storage and Enhanced Recovery Wells.

1. Injection wells shall be completed, equipped, operated, and maintained in a manner that will prevent pollution and damage to any USDW, or other resources and will confine injected fluids to the interval approved.

2. The application for an injection well shall include a properly completed UIC Form 1 and the following:

2.1. A plat showing the location of the injection well, all abandoned or active wells within a one-half mile radius of the proposed well, and the surface owner and the operator of any lands or producing leases, respectively, within a one-half mile radius of the proposed injection well.

2.2. Copies of electrical or radioactive logs, including gamma ray logs, for the proposed well run prior to the installation of casing and indicating resistivity, spontaneous potential, caliper, and porosity.

2.3. A copy of a cement bond or comparable log run for the proposed injection well after casing was set and cemented.

2.4. Copies of logs already on file with the division should be referenced, but need not be refiled.

2.5. A description of the casing or proposed casing program of the injection well and of the proposed method for testing the casing before use of the well.

2.6. A statement as to the type of fluid to be used for injection, its source and estimated amounts to be injected daily.

2.7. Standard laboratory analyses of:

2.7.1. The fluid to be injected,

2.7.2. The fluid in the formation into which the fluid is being injected, and

2.7.3. The compatibility of the fluids.

2.8. The proposed average and maximum injection pressures.

2.9. Evidence and data to support a finding that the proposed injection well will not initiate fractures through the overlying strata or a confining interval that could enable the injected fluid or formation fluid to enter any fresh water strata.

2.10. Appropriate geological data on the injection interval with confining beds clearly labeled,

2.10.1. Nearby Underground Sources of Drinking Water, including the geologic formation name,

2.10.2. Lithologic descriptions, thicknesses, depths, water quality, and lateral extent;

2.10.3. Information relative to geologic structure near the proposed well that may effect the conveyance and/or storage of the injected fluids.

2.11. A review of the mechanical condition of each well within a one-half mile radius of the proposed injection well to assure that no conduit exists that could enable fluids to migrate up or down the wellbore and enter improper intervals.

2.12. An affidavit certifying that a copy of the application has been provided to all operators, owners, and surface owners within a one-half mile radius of the proposed injection well.

2.13. Any other additional information that the board or division may determine is necessary to adequately review the application.

3. Applications for injection wells that are within a recovery project area will be considered for approval:

3.1. Pursuant to R649-5-1-3.

3.2. Subsequent to board approval of a recovery project pursuant to R649-5-1-1.

4. Approval of an injection well is subject to the requirements of R649-5-4, if the proposed injection interval can be classified as an USDW.

5. In addition to the requirements of this section, the provisions of R649-3-1, R649-3-4, R649-3-24, R649-3-32, and R649-8-1 and R649-10 shall apply to all Class II injection wells.

R649-5-3. Noticing and Approval of Injection Wells.

1. Applications for injection wells submitted pursuant to R649-5-1-3 shall be noticed in conformance with the procedural rules of the board as part of the hearing for the recovery project. Any person desiring to object to approval of such an application for an injection well shall file the objection in conformance with the procedural rules of the board.

2. The receipt of a complete and technically adequate application, other than an application submitted pursuant to R649-5-3-1, shall be considered as a request for agency action by the Division and shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city and county of Salt Lake and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the proposed well is located. A copy of the notice of agency action shall also be sent to all parties including government agencies. The notice of agency action shall contain at least the following

information:

2.1. The applicant's name, business address, and telephone number.

2.2. The location of the proposed well.

2.3. A description of proposed operation.

3. If no written objection to the application for administrative approval of an injection well is received by the division within 15 days after publication of the notice of agency action, or an aquifer exemption is not required in accordance with R649-5-4, and a board hearing is not otherwise required, the application may be considered and approved administratively.

4. If a written objection to an application for administrative approval of an injection well is received by the division within 15 days after publication of the notice of application, or if a hearing is required by these rules or deemed advisable by the director, the application shall be set for notice and hearing by the board.

5. The director shall have the authority to grant an exception to the hearing requirements of R649-5-1.1 for conversion to injection of additional wells that constitute a modification or expansion of an authorized project provided that any such well is necessary to develop or maintain thorough and efficient recovery operations for any authorized project and provided that no objection is received pursuant to R649-5-3-3.

6. The director shall have authority to grant an exception to the hearing requirements of R649-5-1-1 for water disposal wells provided disposal is into a formation or interval that is not currently nor anticipated to be an underground source of drinking water and provided that no objection is received pursuant to R649-5-3-3.

R649-5-4. Aquifer Exemption.

1. The board may, after notice and hearing and subject to the EPA approval, authorize the exemption of certain aquifers from classification as an USDW based upon the following findings:

1.1. The aquifer does not currently serve as a source of drinking water.

1.2. The aquifer cannot now and will not in the future serve as a source of drinking water for any of the following reasons:

1.2.1.The aquifer is mineral, hydrocarbon or geothermal energy producing, or it can be demonstrated by the applicant as part of a permit application for a Class II well operation, to contain minerals or hydrocarbons that, considering their quantity and location, are expected to be commercially producible.

1.2.2. The aquifer is situated at a depth or location that makes recovery of water for drinking water purposes economically or technologically impractical.

1.2.3. The aquifer is contaminated to the extent that it would be economically or technologically impractical to render water from the aquifer fit for human consumption.

1.2.4. The aquifer is located above a Class III well mining area subject to subsidence or catastrophic collapse.

1.3. The total dissolved solids content of the water from the aquifer is more than 3,000 and less than 10,000 mg/l, and the aquifer is not reasonably expected to be used as a source of fresh or potable water.

2. Interested parties desiring to have an aquifer exempted from classification as a USDW, shall submit to the division an application that includes sufficient data to justify the proposal. The division shall consider the application and if appropriate, will advise the applicant to submit a request to the board for an aquifer exemption.

R649-5-5. Testing and Monitoring of Injection Wells.

1. Before operating a new injection well, the casing shall be tested to a pressure not less than the maximum authorized injection pressure, or to a pressure of 300 psi, whichever is greater.

2. Before operating an existing well newly converted to an injection well, the casing outside the tubing shall be tested to a pressure not less than the maximum authorized injection pressure, or to a pressure of 1,000 psi, whichever is lesser, provided that each well shall be tested to a minimum pressure of 300 psi.

3. In order to demonstrate continuing mechanical integrity after commencement of injection operations, all injection wells shall be pressure tested or monitored as follows:

3.1. Pressure Test. The casing-tubing annulus above the packer shall be pressure tested not less than once each five years to a pressure equal to the maximum authorized injection pressure or to a pressure of 1,000 psi, whichever is lesser, provided that no test pressure shall be less than 300 psi. A report documenting the test results shall be submitted to the division.

3.2. Monitoring. If approved by the director, and in lieu of the pressure testing requirement, the operator may monitor the pressure of the casing-tubing annulus monthly during actual injection operations and report the results to the division.

3.3. Other test procedures or devices such as tracer surveys, temperature logs or noise logs may be required by the division on a case-by-case basis.

3.4. The operator shall sample and analyze the fluids injected in each disposal well or enhanced recovery project at sufficiently frequent time intervals to yield data representative of fluid characteristics, and no less frequently than every year.

3.5. The operator shall submit a copy of the fluid analysis to the division with the Annual Fluid Injection Report, UIC Form 4.

R649-5-6. Duration of Approval for Injection Wells.

1. Approvals or orders authorizing injection wells shall be valid for the life of the well, unless revoked by the board for just cause, after notice and hearing.

2. An approval may be administratively amended if:

2.1. There is a substantial change of conditions in the injection well operation.

2.2. There are substantial changes to the information originally furnished.

2.3. Information as to the permitted operation indicates that an USDW is no longer being protected.

R649-5-7. Unit or Cooperative Development or Operation.

Any person desiring to obtain the benefits of Section 40-6-7(1) insofar as the same relates to any method of unit or cooperative development or operation of a field or pool or a part of either, shall file a Request for Agency Action and a copy of such agreement with the board for approval after notice and hearing.

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R649. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining; Oil and Gas.
R649-6. Gas Processing and Waste Crude Oil Treatment.
R649-6-1. Gas Processing Plants.

1. In accordance with Section 40-6-16 any operator of a facility or plant in which liquefiable hydrocarbons are removed from natural gas, including wet gas or casinghead gas, and the remaining residue gas is conditioned for delivery for sale, recycling, or other use, shall file monthly, Form 13-A and Form 13-B.

1.1. Reports shall be filed for all gas processing plants or facilities to account for the receipt, processing, and disposition of all gas by the plant.

1.2. Plant operators that are required by contractual arrangements to allocate the residue gas and extracted liquids processed by the plant or facility to the individual producing wells, shall identify each well or entity connected to the plant or facility by API number and report the metered wet gas volumes, residue gas volumes returned to the field, and all allocated residue gas and natural gas liquid volumes.

R649-6-2. Waste Crude Oil Treatment Facilities.

1. Prior to the construction of a waste crude oil treatment facility, an application shall be submitted to the division describing the ownership, location, type, and capacity of the facility contemplated; the extent and location of the surface area to be disturbed, including any pit, pond, or land associated with the facility; and a reclamation plan for the site. Approval of the application must be issued by the division before any ground clearing or construction shall occur.

2. As a condition for approval of any application, the owner or operator shall post a bond in an amount determined by the division to cover reclamation costs for the site. Failure to post the bond shall be considered sufficient grounds for denial of the application.

3. No waste crude oil treatment facility operator shall accept delivery of crude oil obtained from any tank, reserve pit, disposal pond or pit, or similar facility unless the delivery is accompanied by a run ticket, invoice, receipt or similar document showing the origin and quantity of the crude oil.

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R649. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining; Oil and Gas.
R649-8. Reporting and Report Forms.
R649-8-1. General Report Forms.

1. The forms listed below, as modified by the Division from time to time shall be used for the purpose indicated in accordance with the instructions and the applicable rule.

Form 1 Application for Permit to Conduct Seismic Exploration R649-8-2

Form 2 Seismic Exploration Completion Report R649-8-3

Form 3 Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back (APD) R649-8-4

Form 4 Bond R649-8-5

Form 5 Designation of Agent or Operator R649-8-6

Form 6 Entity Action Form R649-8-7

Form 7 Report of Water Encountered During Drilling R649-8-8

Form 8 Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log R649-8-9

Form 9 Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells R649-8-10

Form 10 Monthly Oil and Gas Production Report R649-8-11

Form 11 Monthly Oil and Gas Disposition Report R649-8-12

Form 12 Report of Transferred Oil R649-8-13

Form 13-A Monthly Summary Report of Gas Processing Plant Operations R649-8-14

Form 13-B Monthly Report of Gas Processing Plant Product Allocations R649-8-15

Form 14 Monthly Report of Waste Crude Oil Treatment Facility Operations R649-8-16

Form 15 Designation of Workover or Recompletion R649-8-17

UIC Form 1 Application for Injection Well R649-8-18

UIC Form 2 Monthly Report of Enhanced Recovery Project R649-8-19

UIC Form 3 Monthly Injection Report R649-8-20

UIC Form 4 Annual Fluid Injection Report R649-8-21

UIC Form 5 Transfer of Authority to Inject R649-8-22

2. Any permitted well which is referenced on a report form, correspondence, or well log should be identified by its assigned API number.

R649-8-2. Form 1, Application for Permit to Conduct Seismic Exploration.

At least seven days prior to commencing any type of seismic exploration operations, an Application for Permit to Conduct Seismic Exploration shall be submitted in duplicate to the division by the seismic contractor in accordance with R649-3-26.

R649-8-3. Form 2, Seismic Exploration Completion Report.

Within 60 days of the completion of each seismic exploration project, a Seismic Exploration Completion Report shall be submitted to the division by the seismic contractor in accordance with R649-3-26.

R649-8-4. Form 3, Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back (APD).

Prior to the commencement of drilling, deepening, or plugging back any well or the commencement of exploratory drilling such as core holes and stratigraphic test holes, and prior to the commencement of any surface disturbance associated with such activity, the operator shall submit in duplicate an Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back in accordance with R649-3-4.

R649-8-5. Form 4, Bond.

Except where a bond in satisfactory form has been filed by the operator in accordance with state, federal, or Indian lease requirements and evidence has been furnished to the division that such bond has been approved by the appropriate agency, the division shall require from the operator a good and sufficient bond in accordance with R649-3-1.

R649-8-6. Form 5, Designation of Agent or Operator.

Prior to the commencement of operations, a Designation of Agent or Operator shall be filed with the division in accordance with R649-2-4.

R649-8-7. Form 6, Entity Action Form.

1. For the purpose of accurately establishing the division's computerized oil and gas production accounting system and properly maintaining division of interest data for each well in the system, the operator shall file an Entity Action Form with the division within five working days of any of the following actions:

1.1. Spudding of a well, R649-3-6.

1.2. A change in operations which requires adding or removing a well from a group of wells that have identical division of interests, produce from the same formation, have product sales from a common tank, LACT meter, or gas meter, and have the same operator.

1.3. A change in operations when a service well is converted to a producing oil or gas well.

1.4. A change in operations when a well is recompleted and is capable of producing from another formation, R649-3-23.

1.5. A change in interest which requires adding or removing a well from a participating area of a properly designated unit.

2. Upon receipt of an Entity Action Form, the division will assign an entity number to a new well or change the entity number as needed for an existing well.

2.1. This number identifies the well on the operator's monthly oil and gas production and disposition reports.

2.2. Entity numbers are used by the State Tax Commission and other state government agencies to properly account for all production taxes and the divisions of royalty interest on state leases.

3. This form does not take the place of Form 9, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, which is to be used to provide detailed accounts of physical operations on wells.

R649-8-8. Form 7, Report of Water Encountered During Drilling.

The operator shall report to the division all fresh water sands encountered during drilling in accordance with R649-3-6. The report shall be filed with the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log, Form 8.

R649-8-9. Form 8, Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log.

In accordance with R649-3-11, R649-3-21, R649-3-23, and R649-3-24, the operator shall file a Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log and a copy of the electric and radioactivity logs, if run, within 30 days after completing, recompleting, or plugging a well.

R649-8-10. Form 9, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells.

1. This report form shall be used to notify the division of the intention to do miscellaneous work on any well for which a specific report form is not provided, and to report the subsequent results of that work.

1.1. A notice of intention to do work on a well located on lands with state, fee or privately owned minerals or to change plans previously approved shall be submitted in duplicate and must be received and approved by the division before the work is commenced.

1.2. The operator is responsible for receipt of the notice by the division in ample time for proper consideration and action. In cases of emergency the operator may obtain verbal approval to commence work.

1.3. Within five days after receiving verbal approval, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notice describing the work and acknowledging the verbal approval.

2. In addition to the types of work listed on the form, a Sundry Notice is required for the following:

2.1. Monthly status report for each drilling well in accordance with R649-3-6.

2.2. Application for permit to complete a well into more than one pool in accordance with R649-3-22.

2.3. Notice of intent to plug and abandon a well in accordance with R649-3-24.

2.4. Notice of intent to pull casing in accordance with R649-3-24.

2.5. Notice of change of operator. The report form should be submitted by both the previous operator and the new operator.

R649-8-11. Form 10, Monthly Oil and Gas Production Report.

1. The division will provide this report monthly to operators of all oil and gas wells within the state. Each operator shall complete the form to properly account for all oil, gas, and water produced from each well.

2. This report shall be submitted in conjunction with Form 11, Monthly Oil and Gas Disposition Report before the fifteenth day of the second calendar month following the month of production.

R649-8-12. Form 11, Monthly Oil and Gas Disposition Report.

1. All oil and gas well operators shall complete this form monthly to account for all oil and gas dispositions from each entity.

1.1. The report should account for the physical dispositions of all oil and gas produced during the report month from each well or group of wells (entity).

1.2. Only the initial disposition of each product as it leaves the well site or is used at the well site should be reported.

1.3. Residue gas and/or load oil received from another well, plant, or field should not be shown on this report.

2. This report shall be submitted in conjunction with Form 10, Monthly Oil and Gas Production Report and Form 12, Report of Transferred Oil on or before the fifteenth day of the second calendar month following the month of production.

R649-8-13. Form 12, Report of Transferred Oil.

1. This report is to be used only in accounting for oil that is transferred from one entity to another entity or oil that is acquired and used during remedial operations on a well.

This includes situations such as the following:

1.1. Oil that is produced at one entity or is acquired from another company, is then used as load oil at a "second" entity, and is then recovered and sold, or

1.2. Oil that is produced and then transferred to a "second" entity for treatment and sale due to mechanical problems at the producing entity.

2. Load oil that is recovered at the "second" entity and non-load oil that is transferred to the "second" entity should be excluded from all reported production, dispositions, and stocks of the "second" entity on Form 11, Monthly Oil and Gas Disposition Report. This allows the reporting of the "second" entity's true production and sales on Form 11, while the remainder of any sales is accounted for on this form.

2.1. The transported volumes reported on this form plus the transported volume for the "second" entity on Form 11 should equal the total run ticket volume as reported by the trucking or pipeline company serving this entity.

2.2. This report is to be filed as an attachment to Form 11, Monthly Oil and Gas Disposition Report during the month in which recovered load oil or any other transferred oil (non-load oil) is sold from the "second" entity.

R649-8-14. Form 13-A, Monthly Summary Report of Gas Processing Plant Operations.

1. Gas processing plant operators shall complete and submit a monthly report in accordance with R649-6-1, to account for the receipt, processing and disposition of all gas by the plant.

2. The report is due on or before the fifteenth day of the second calendar month following the operations month covered by the report.

R649-8-15. Form 13-B, Monthly Report of Gas Processing Plant Product Allocations.

1. Gas processing plant operators that are required by contractual arrangements to allocate residue gas and extracted liquids to the individual producing wells must complete and submit this form monthly in accordance with R649-6-1.

2. The report is to be filed as an attachment to Form 13-A, Monthly Summary Report of Gas Processing Plant Operations on or before the fifteenth day of the second calendar month following the operations month covered by the report.

R649-8-16. Form 14, Monthly Report of Waste Crude Oil Treatment Facility Operations.

1. Each operator of treatment or reclaiming facilities handling tank bottoms, oil from pits or ponds, or any other waste crude oil, shall complete and submit this report monthly in accordance with R649-6-2 to account for stocks, receipts, and deliveries of processed and unprocessed waste crude oil.

2. The report is due on or before the fifteenth day of the second calendar month following the operations month covered by the report.

R649-8-17. Form 15, Designation of Workover or Recompletion.

1. In accordance with Rule R649-3-23, each operator desiring to claim a tax credit for workover or recompletion work performed must submit this report within 90 days after the workover or recompletion work is completed. Upon determination and notification by the division that the described work qualifies for a tax credit under this rule, the operator may claim the tax credit on reports submitted to the Tax Commission during the third quarter after completion of the work.

2. The following workover and recompletion operations qualify for a tax credit:

2.1. Perforating,

2.2. Stimulation (e.g., acid jobs, frac jobs, solvent treatments, nitrogen cleanouts),

2.3. Sand control,

2.4. Water control or shut-off,

2.5. Wellbore cleanout,

2.6. Casing or liner repair,

2.7. Well deepening,

2.8. Initiation of enhanced recovery (excluding surface equipment and associated costs),

2.9. Change of lift system (excluding surface equipment and associated costs),

2.10. Gas well tubing changes (i.e., down-sizing),

2.11. Thief zone identification and elimination.

3. The following workover and recompletion operations do not qualify for a tax credit:

3.1. Pump changes,

3.2. Rod string fishing and repair/replacement,

3.3. Tubing repair/replacement,
3.4. Surface equipment installation and repair,
3.5. Operations generally classified as routine maintenance or repair.
4. Division approval is conditional subject to audit, and actual final expenses may be disallowed if they are not appropriate workover or recompletion expenses.

R649-8-18. UIC Form 1, Application for Injection Well.
Prior to the commencement of operations for injecting any fluid into a well for the purpose of enhanced recovery, disposal, or storage, the operator shall submit an Application for Injection Well and obtain division approval in accordance with R649-5-2.

R649-8-19. UIC Form 2, Monthly Report of Enhanced Recovery Project.
1. The operator shall submit this report monthly to report the injection pressure, rate, and volume for each enhanced recovery injection well or project.
2. The report is due within 30 days following the end of the month of operations.

R649-8-20. UIC Form 3, Monthly Injection Report.
1. The operator shall submit this report monthly to report the daily injection pressure, rate, and volume for each disposal well and/or storage well.
2. The report is due within 30 days following the end of the month of operations.

R649-8-21. UIC Form 4, Annual Fluid Injection Report.
1. The operator of disposal wells, storage wells, or enhanced recovery projects shall file an annual report with the division using this form.
2. The report is due within 60 days following the end of the year.

R649-8-22. UIC Form 5, Transfer of Authority to Inject.
1. The authority to inject for any injection well shall not be transferred from one operator to another without the approval of the division. The transfer of authority to inject for any injection well from one operator to another shall be submitted to the division on this form prior to the date of the proposed transfer.
2. The division shall, within 30 days after receipt of a properly completed form, return a copy of the form to each operator indicating approval or denial of the transfer of authority to inject. If approved, a copy of the order authorizing injection shall be attached to the form returned to the new operator.

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R649-9. Waste Management and Disposal.
R649-9-1. Introduction.

1. Section 40-6-5 UCA authorizes the board to regulate the disposal of salt water and oil-field wastes. It is the intent of the Board and Division to regulate Exploration and Production Wastes E and P wastes and facilities for the disposal of these wastes in a manner that protects the environment, limits liability to producers, and minimizes the volume of waste.

2. These rules specify the informational and procedural requirements for waste management and disposal, the permitting of disposal facilities and the cleanup requirements for E and P waste related sites.

R649-9-2. General Waste Management.

1. Wastes addressed by these rules are E and P Wastes that are exempt from the RCRA hazardous waste management requirements.

1.1. Before using a commercial disposal facility the operator may contact the Division to verify the status of the facility. The Division regularly updates this information on the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining web site.

1.2. Each site and/or facility used for disposal must be permitted and in good standing with the division.

2. Reduction of the amount of material generated that must be disposed of is the preferred practice.

2.1. Recycling should be used whenever possible and practical.

2.2. In general, good housekeeping practices shall be used.

2.3. Operators shall catch leaks, drips, contain spills, and cleanup promptly.

3. The method of disposal used shall be compatible with the waste that is the subject of disposal.

3.1. RCRA exempt waste shall not be mixed with nonexempt waste.

4. Every operator shall file an Annual Waste Management Plan by January 15 of each year to account for the proper disposition of produced water and other E and P Wastes.

4.1. If changes are made to the plan during the year, then the operator shall notify the division in writing of this change.

4.2. This plan will include the type and estimated annual volume of wastes that will be or have been generated.

4.3. The disposal facilities private or to be used for disposal,

4.4. The description of any waste reduction or minimization procedures.

4.5. Any onsite disposal/treatment methods or programs to be implemented by the operator.

R649-9-3. Permitting of Disposal Pits.

1. All commercial disposal pits and disposal pits located off of an existing mineral lease shall be bonded in accordance with R649-9-9, Bonding of Disposal Facilities to assure proper operation, maintenance, and closure of the pits.

2. Application shall be made to the Division for approval of any disposal pit.

2.1. The pit shall be designed appropriately for the intended purpose.

2.2. Commercial disposal pits shall be designed and constructed under the supervision of a registered professional engineer.

2.3. The application and site shall meet the following requirements:

2.3.1 The pit shall be located on level, stable ground, and an acceptable distance away from any established or intermittent drainage.

2.3.2. The pit shall not be located in a geologically and hydrologically unsuitable area, such as aquifer recharge areas, flood plains, drainage bottoms, and areas near faults.

2.3.3. The pit shall have adequate storage capacity to safely contain all produced water even during those periods when evaporation rates are at a minimum.

2.3.4. The pit shall be designed and constructed so as to prevent the entrance of surface water.

2.3.5. The pit shall be designed, maintained and operated to prevent unauthorized surface or subsurface discharge of water.

2.3.6. The pit shall be fenced and maintained to prevent access by livestock, wildlife and unauthorized personnel and if required, equipped with flagging or netting to deter entry by birds and waterfowl.

2.3.7. The pit levees for produced water pits receiving volumes in excess of five barrels per day, shall be constructed so that the inside grade of the levee is no steeper than 3:1 and the outside grade no steeper than 2:1. The top of the levee shall be level and of sufficient width to allow for adequate compaction.

2.3.8 All approved produced water pits not located at a well site shall be identified with a suitable sign.

2.3.9. The artificial materials used in lining pits shall be impervious and resistant to weather, sunlight, hydrocarbons, aqueous acids, alkalies, salt, fungi, or other substances that might be contained in the produced water.

3. If rigid materials are used, leak proof expansion joints shall be provided, or the material shall be of sufficient thickness and strength to withstand, expansion, contraction and settling movements in the underlying earth, without cracking.

3.1. If flexible materials are used, they shall be of sufficient thickness and strength to be resistant to tears and punctures.

3.2. Commercial disposal pits shall be lined with a minimum liner thickness of 40 mils or as approved by the Division.

3.3. Lined pits constructed in relatively impermeable soils shall have an underlaying gravel filled sump and lateral system or suitable leak detection system.

3.4. Lined pits constructed in relatively permeable soils shall have a secondary liner underlaying the leak detection system, that is graded so as to direct leaks to the observation sump.

3.5. Test borings shall be taken in sufficient quantity and to an adequate depth to satisfactorily define subsurface conditions and assure that the liner will be placed on a firm stable base and to determine the appropriate leak detection system.

4. Requirements for Unlined Disposal Pits.

4.1 An application for disposal of produced water into an unlined pit will be considered if such disposal does not demonstrate significant pollution potential to surface or ground water and meets at least one of the following criteria:

4.2. The water to be disposed of does not have a higher total dissolved solids "TDS" content than ground water that could be affected and provided that the water does not contain objectionable levels of constituents and characteristics including chlorides, sulfates, pH, oil, grease, heavy metals and aromatic hydrocarbons.

4.3. That all, or a substantial part of the produced water is being used for beneficial purposes such as irrigation and livestock or wildlife watering and a water analysis indicates that the water is acceptable for the intended use.

4.4. The volume of water to be disposed of does not exceed five barrels per day on a monthly basis.

5. Application Requirements for Produced Water Pits.

5.1. Applications for disposal of produced water into lined pits shall include the following information:

5.2. A topographic map and drawing of the site, on a suitable scale, that indicate the pit dimensions, cross section,

side slopes, leak detection system and location relative to other site facilities. The drawings shall be of professional quality.

5.3. The maximum daily quantity of water to be disposed of and a representative water analysis of such water that includes the concentrations of chlorides and sulfates, pH, total dissolved solids "TDS", and information regarding any other significant constituents if requested.

5.4. Climatological data indicating the average annual evaporation and precipitation for the area.

5.5. The method and schedule for disposal of precipitated solids.

5.6. Drawings of unloading facilities and explanation of the method for controlling and disposing of any liquid hydrocarbon accumulation so that the evaporation process is not hampered.

5.7. The engineering data and design criteria used to determine the pit size that includes a 2-foot free-board.

5.8. The type, thickness, strength, and life span of material to be used for lining the pit and the method of installation.

5.9. A description of the leak detection method to be utilized,

5.9.1. The proposed inspection frequency of the detection system.

5.9.2. The proposed procedures for repair of the liner should leakage occur.

6. Applications for disposal of produced water into unlined pits shall include the following information:

6.1. A topographic map and drawing of the site on a suitable scale that indicate the pit dimensions, cross section, side slopes, size and location relative to other site facilities.

6.2. The daily quantity of water to be disposed of and a representative water analysis of such water that includes the total dissolved solids "TDS", pH, oil and grease content, the concentrations of chlorides and sulfates, and information regarding any other significant constituents if required.

6.3. Climatological data indicating the average annual evaporation and precipitation for the area.

6.4. The estimated percolation rate based on soil characteristics under and adjacent to the pit.

6.5. Estimated depth and areal extent of any USDW in the area and an indication of any effect or interaction of the produced water with any such water resources present at or near the surface.

6.6. If beneficial use is the basis for the application, written confirmation from the user should be submitted.

6.7. If the application is made on the basis that surface and subsurface waters will not be adversely affected by disposal in an unlined pit, the following additional information is required:

6.7.1. A map showing the location of surface waters, water wells, and existing water disposal facilities within a one mile radius of the proposed disposal facility.

6.7.2. The weighted average concentration of total dissolved solids "TDS" of all surface and subsurface waters within a one mile radius that might be affected by the proposed disposal.

6.7.3. Any reasonable geological and hydrological evidence showing that the proposed disposal method will not adversely affect existing water quality or major uses of such waters.

7. Within 30 days of the submission of an application for disposal of produced water into a commercial disposal pit, the division shall review the application as to its completeness and adequacy for the intended purpose and shall require such changes that are found necessary to assure compliance with the applicable rules. If the application is in order, the Division shall provide for a public notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the pit is to be located.

R649-9-4. Permitting of Other Disposal Facilities.

1. Facilities used for the treatment and disposal of E and P wastes other than evaporation pits shall be permitted by the Division. This would include such activities as landfarming, composting, solidifying, bioremediation, and others.

2. All commercial treatment and disposal facilities must be bonded in accordance with R649-9-9, Bonding of Disposal Facilities, to assure proper operation, maintenance, and closure of the facility.

3. Application Requirements for Treatment and Disposal Facilities. The application shall contain the following:

3.1. A complete description of the proposed facility,

3.2. Processes involved including a complete list of all wastes to be accepted at the facility and products generated.

3.3. Maps and drawings of suitable scale showing all facilities and equipment.

3.4. Materials or products to be applied to the land surface or subsurface shall meet the Division's cleanup levels for contaminated soil and other wastes.

3.5. If leachability and/or toxicity is of concern due to the type or source(s) of wastes, tests will be required and may utilize the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP).

3.6. The submission of an application to the Division of Water Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, for a discharge permit may be required if it is determined that the facility and associated activity will not have a de minimus actual or potential effect on ground water quality.

3.7. If the Division determines there is potential for discharge, or if the proposal involves a commercial disposal operation it will be forwarded to the Division of Water Quality for their review.

R649-9-5. Construction and Inspection Requirements for Disposal Facilities.

1. Division personnel shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for inspection of any proposed disposal facility during the construction and operation of the facility.

2. The division shall be notified at least two working days prior to the installation of a pit liner so that an inspection of the leak detection system can be conducted.

3. In any case, the division shall be notified after completion of facility construction, at least two working days prior to its use, so that an inspection can be conducted to verify that the facility has been constructed in accordance with the approved application.

4. Disposal facilities shall be operated in accordance with an approved application and in a manner that does not cause pollution or safety and health hazards.

5. Failure to meet the requirements and standards for construction and operation of a disposal facility shall be considered as noncompliance and will result in the imposition of corrective actions and compliance schedules or a cessation of operations order.

R649-9-6. Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Disposal Facilities.

1. All unauthorized discharges or spills from disposal facilities including water observed in a leak detection system shall be promptly reported to the division.

2. Each producer who utilizes any approved produced water disposal facility shall comply with the reporting requirements of R649-8-10.

3. Each operator of a disposal facility, excluding disposal wells, shall report to the Division on a quarterly basis. This report shall include the volume and type of wastes received at the facility during the quarter and results of the leak detection system inspections.

4. The occurrence of water in a leak detection system during operation of a pit constitutes liner failure and requires immediate action.

4.1. The Division has the option of allowing the operator a short period of time to take corrective action.

4.2. Further utilization of the pit will be allowed only after liner repairs and an inspection by the Division.

5. Each owner/operator of a commercial disposal facility shall keep records showing at a minimum the following: date and time waste was received, origin, volume, type, transporter, and generator of the waste. These records shall be available for inspection by the Division for at least six years.

R649-9-7. Final Closure and Cleanup of Disposal Facilities.

1. A plan for final closure of a disposal facility shall be submitted to the Division for approval. The closure plan shall include the following:

1.1. Provisions for removal of all equipment at the site.

1.2. Proposed plans and procedures for sampling and testing soils and ground water at the site.

1.3. Soils will need to meet the Division's Cleanup Levels for Contaminated Soils or background levels whichever is less stringent.

1.4. Provisions for a monitoring plan if required by the Division, and

1.5. A consideration of post disposal land use and landowner requests when the closure plan is developed.

2. A bond for a disposal facility will be released when the requirements of a closure plan approved by the Division has been met as determined by the Division.

R649-9-8. Variances from Requirements and Standards.

Requests for approval of a variance from any of the requirements or standards of these rules shall be submitted to the director in writing and provide information as to the circumstances that warrant approval of the requested variance and the proposed alternative means by which the requirements or standards will be satisfied. Variances may be approved only after proper notice and public hearing before the board.

R649-9-9. Bonding of Disposal Facilities.

1. Disposal facilities, other than injection wells, shall be bonded according to this rule in order to protect the State and oil and gas producers from unnecessary liabilities and cleanup costs in the future. The objectives are to provide the State with adequate security to allow rehabilitation of a site to the point of preventing further or future pollution, and health and safety hazards should a facility owner default.

1.1. The parameters used to calculate the proper bond amount are: pit area, storage capacity, and volume of waste stored.

1.2. Bonds accepted shall be of the same type as those accepted for wells i.e. surety, collateral, or a combination of the two as described in the R649-3-1.

1.2.1. In order to assist owners of facilities operating prior to 1997 to establish bonding, the total bond amount provided may consist of an initial amount as determined by the division and an additional amount collected at a price per barrel and/or price per cubic yard of waste collected until the total bond amount is reached.

1.2.2. The total bond will be held by the division or financial institution until the facility has been closed and inspected by the division in accordance with a division approved closure plan.

1.3. Total bond amount is calculated using values for pit area, pit storage capacity, and volume of stock piled waste material.

1.3.1. No salvage value of equipment or removal cost is used.

1.3.2. This bond will only be used by the State to treat or remove waste from the site and secure the facility to prevent any future contamination should the facility owner default on cleanup responsibilities.

1.3.3. Bond amounts will be calculated as follows, and the per volume or per acre figures may be adjusted periodically to compensate for change in cost to perform the necessary cleanup work:

$14,000 per acre of pit, partial acres will be calculated at the rate of $14,000 per acre; plus

$1.00 per barrel of produced water for one-quarter of the total storage capacity of the facility; plus

$30 per cubic yard of solid or semi-solid waste material stockpiled at the facility.

$10,000 Minimum bond amount.

1.4. All commercial disposal facilities (except injection wells covered by R649-3-1) will be covered by an adequate and acceptable bond before being permitted to accept any exploration and production waste. The initial and minimum bond payment will be at least $10,000. The total bond amount will be calculated as described in Subsection R649-9-9(1.3). If requested by the disposal facility owner, the bond beyond the initial amount may be posted at a rate of two cents per barrel of liquid or sixty cents per cubic yard of solid/semi-solid waste material accepted for disposal at the facility.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-101. Adjudicative Proceedings.
R651-101-1. Authority and Effective Date.

(a) These rules establish and govern the administrative proceedings before the Division or Director, respectively, as required by Section 63-46b-5.

(b) These rules govern all adjudicative proceedings commenced on or after January 1, 1993.

R651-101-2. Definitions.

These definitions are in addition to definitions in Section 63-46b-2.

(a) "Adjudicative proceeding" means a Division action or proceeding that determines the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests of one or more identifiable persons, including all Division actions to grant, deny, revoke, suspend, modify, annul, withdraw, or amend the authority, right, permit or license; and judicial review of all such actions. Any matters not governed by Chapter 63-46b shall not be included within this definition.

(b) "Board" means the Board of Parks and Recreation.

(c) "Director" means the Director of the Division.

(d) "Division" means the Division of Parks and Recreation and (as the context requires) its officers, employees, or agents.

(e) "Party" means the Division, Director or other person commencing an adjudicative proceeding, all respondents, and all persons authorized by statute or agency rule to participate as parties in an adjudicative proceeding.

(f) "Presiding officer" means the Director or an individual or body of individuals designated by the Director, rules or statute to conduct a particular adjudicative proceeding.

(g) "Respondent" means any person against whom an adjudicative proceeding is initiated, whether by the Division, Director or any other person.

The meaning of any other words used shall be as defined in Chapters 41-22, 63-11, 73-18, 73-18a or 73-18b; or any rules subsequently promulgated.

R651-101-3. Designation of Informal Proceedings.

All adjudicative proceedings of the Division or Director are hereby designated as informal proceedings.

R651-101-4. Construction.

(a) These rules shall be construed in accordance with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 63-46b, and supersede any conflicting provision of procedural rules promulgated by the Board or Division.

(b) These rules shall be liberally construed to secure a just, speedy and economical determination of all issues presented to the Division or Director.

(c) Deviation from Rules

For good cause, and where no party will be prejudiced, the Division or Director may permit a deviation from these rules except where precluded by statute.

(d) Computation of Time

The time within which any act shall be done, as herein provided, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday, and then it is excluded and the period runs until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday.

R651-101-5. Commencement of Proceedings.

(a) Proceedings Commenced by the Division or Director.

All informal adjudicative proceedings commenced by the Division or Director, shall be initiated as provided by applicable statute, Division rules, and Section 63-46b-3(2)(a).

(b) Proceedings Commenced by Persons Other than the Division or Director.

(1) All informal adjudicative proceedings commenced by persons other than the Division or Director shall be commenced by either completing prepared forms requesting agency action on file at the Division or, if no such forms are required to initiate a particular proceeding, by submitting in writing a request for agency action in accordance with Subsection 63-46b-3(2)(c).

R651-101-6. Pleadings.

(a) Pleadings before the Presiding Officer for administrative hearings shall consist of a notice of agency action, a request for agency action, responses and motions together with affidavits, briefs, memoranda of law and fact in support thereof.

(b) Motions may be submitted for the Presiding Officer's consideration on either written or oral argument and the filing of affidavits in support or contravention thereof may be permitted. Any written motion shall be accompanied by a short supporting memorandum of fact and law.

(c) Amendments to Pleadings

The Presiding Officer may allow pleadings to be amended or corrected, and defects which do not affect substantial rights of the parties may be disregarded; provided, however, that applications and other similar documents which are governed by specific statutory provisions shall be amended only as provided by statute.

R651-101-7. Hearings.

(a) The Division, Director or a Presiding Officer shall hold a hearing if a hearing is required by statute, or if a hearing is permitted by statute and is requested by a party within 30 days of the commencement of the adjudicative proceeding. The Division, Director or a Presiding Officer may at their discretion initiate a hearing to determine matters within their authority.

(b) Notice of the hearing will be served on all parties by regular mail at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

(c) If no hearing is held in a particular adjudicative proceeding, the Presiding Officer shall within a reasonable time issue a decision pursuant to Subsection 63-46b-5(1)(i).

R651-101-8. Intervention.

Intervention is prohibited except where a federal statute or rule requires that a state permit intervention.

R651-101-9. Pre-hearing Procedure.

The Presiding Officer may, upon written notice to all parties of record, hold a pre-hearing conference for the purposes of formulating or simplifying the issues, obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof, arranging for the exchange of proposed exhibits, and agreeing to such other matters as may expedite the orderly conduct of the proceedings or the settlement thereof.

R651-101-10. Continuance.

If application is made to the Presiding Officer within a reasonable time prior to the date of hearing, upon proper notice to the other parties the Presiding Officer may grant a continuance of the hearing.

R651-101-11. Parties to a Hearing.

(a) All persons defined as a "party" are entitled to participate in hearings before the Division or Director.

(b) All parties shall be entitled to introduce evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, make arguments, and fully participate in the proceeding.

R651-101-12. Appearances and Representation.

(a) Taking Appearances

Parties shall enter their appearances at the beginning of a hearing or at such time as may be designated by the Presiding

Officer by giving their names and addresses and stating their positions or interests in the proceeding.

(b) Representation of Parties

(1) An individual who is a party to a proceeding, or an officer designated by a partnership, corporation, association or governmental subdivision or agency which is a party to a proceeding, may represent his or its interest in the proceeding.

(2) Any party may be represented by an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Utah.

R651-101-13. Failure to Appeal--Default.

When a party or his authorized representative to a proceeding fails to appear at a hearing after due notice has been given, the Presiding Officer may continue the matter or may enter an order of default as provided by Section 63-46b-11 or may proceed to hear the matter in the absence of the defaulting party.

R651-101-14. Discovery, Testimony, Evidence and Argument.

(a) Discovery is prohibited and the Division or Director may not issue subpoenas or other discovery orders.

(b) All parties shall have access to information contained in the Division's files of public record and to all materials and information gathered in any investigation, to the extent permitted by law.

(c) Testimony

At the hearing, the Presiding Officer shall accept oral or written testimony from any party. Further, the Presiding Officer shall have the right to question and examine any witnesses called to present testimony at a hearing. The testimony and statements which are received at hearings may, but need not, be under oath.

(d) Order of Presentation of Evidence

Unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Officer at a hearing, the presentation of evidence shall be as follows:

(1) When agency action is initiated by a person other than the Division or Director:

(i) person initiating the action,

(ii) respondent (if any), then

(iii) Division staff.

(2) When the Division or Director initiates agency action:

(i) Division staff,

(ii) respondent, then

(ii) other interested parties (if any).

During any hearing a party may offer rebuttal evidence.

(e) Rules of Evidence

A hearing may be conducted in an informal manner and without adherence to the rules of evidence required in judicial proceedings. Irrelevant, immaterial and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. The weight to be given to evidence shall be determined by the Presiding Officer. Any relevant evidence may be admitted if it is the type of evidence commonly relied upon by prudent man in the conduct of their affairs. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence, but it shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible in a judicial proceeding.

(f) Documentary Evidence

Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies or excerpts. However, upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original.

(g) Official Notice

The Presiding Officer may take official notice of the following matters:

(1) Rules, regulations, official reports, written decisions, orders or policies of the Board, Division or any other regulatory agency, state or federal;

(2) Official documents introduced into the record by proper reference; provided, however such documents shall be made available so that the parties to the hearing may examine the documents and present rebuttal testimony if they so desire;

(3) Matters of common knowledge and generally recognized technical or scientific facts within the Division's or Director's specialized knowledge and of any factual information which the Presiding Officer may have gathered from a field inspection.

(h) Oral Argument and Memoranda

Upon the conclusion of the taking of evidence, the Presiding Officer may, in his discretion, permit the parties to make oral arguments setting forth their positions and also to submit written memoranda within the time specified by the Presiding Officer.

R651-101-15. Record of Hearing.

(a) A record of any hearing shall be recorded at the Division's expense. When a record is made by the Division, it shall be done by means of an automatic recording device. Any party, at his own expense, may have a reporter approved by the Division prepare a transcript from the record of the hearing.

(b) If a party desires that the testimony be recorded by means of a court reporter, that party may employ a court reporter at his own expense and shall furnish a transcript of the testimony to the Division free of charge. This transcript shall be available at the Division office to any party to the hearing.

R651-101-16. Decisions and Orders.

(a) Report and Order

After the Presiding Officer has reached a final decision upon any adjudicative proceeding, he shall make and enter a signed order in writing that states the decision, the reasons for the decision, a notice of the rights of the parties to request Division or Director review reconsideration or judicial review, as appropriate, and notice of the time limits for filing a request for review, reconsideration or a court appeal. The order shall be based on the facts appearing in any of the Division's files and on the facts presented in evidence at any hearings.

(b) Service of Decisions

A copy of the Presiding Officer's order shall be promptly mailed by regular mail to each of the parties.

R651-101-17. Agency Review.

Who may file

(a) Where the agency action is taken by a Presiding Officer other than the Director, any aggrieved party may seek review of an order or decision, to the Director as the case may be, by following the procedures of Section 63-46b-12 and the following additional rules. Such review shall be considered a prerequisite for judicial review. The requests for review shall be to the Director, as provided by law.

(b) Filing of Request for Review.

(1) Requests for review of agency action within the statutory or regulatory purview of the Division shall be filed with the Director within ten days after the issuance of the order.

(c) Action on the Request for Review

(1) Where the request for review is to the Director, the request shall be reviewed by the Director.

(2) Unless otherwise provided by law, all reviews shall be based on the record before the Presiding Officer. In order to assist in review, parties, upon request, may be allowed to file briefs or other documents explaining their position.

(3) Parties shall not be entitled to a hearing on review, except as allowed by law; provided, however, that the Director may, in his discretion, grant a hearing for their benefit to assist them in the review. Notice of any hearing shall be mailed to all parties at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

(d) Action on Review

Within a reasonable time after the filing of any response,

other filings, or after any hearing, the Director shall issue a written order on review which shall be signed by the Director and shall be mailed to each party. The order shall contain the items, findings, conclusions and notices more fully set forth in Subsection 63-46b-12(6)(c).

R651-101-18. Request for Reconsideration.

(a) Who may file

Within ten days after the date that an order on review is issued, any aggrieved party may file a request for reconsideration by following the procedures of Section 63-46b-13 and the following additional rules. Such a request is not a prerequisite for judicial review.

(b) Action on the Request

The Director shall issue a written order granting or denying the request for reconsideration. If such an order is not issued within 20 days after the filing of the request, the request for rehearing shall be considered denied. Any order granting rehearing shall be strictly limited to the matter specified in the order.

R651-101-18. Judicial Review.

Any party aggrieved by final agency action may obtain judicial review of such action pursuant to sections 63-46b-14 and 15, except where judicial review is expressly prohibited by statute. A petition for judicial review shall be filed within 30 days after the date that the order constituting final agency action is issued.

R651-101-20. Declaratory Orders.

An interested person may file a request for agency action requesting that the Division or Director issue a declaratory order determining the applicability of any statute, rule, or order within the primary jurisdiction of the Board, Division or Director pursuant to Section 63-46b-21. A request for a declaratory order shall set forth in detail the specific statute, rule, or order which is in question, the specific facts for which the order is requested, the manner in which the person making the request claims the statute, rule, or order may affect him, and the specific questions for which a declaratory order is requested.

The Division or Director may in their discretion decline to issue declaratory orders where they deem the facts presented to be conjectural, or where the public interest would best be served by not issuing such order.

R651-101-21. Emergency Orders.

The Division or Director may issue an order on an emergency basis without complying with these rules under the circumstances and procedures set forth in Section 63-46b-20.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-223. Vessel Accident Reporting.
R651-223-1. Notification Required.

An operator shall immediately and by the quickest means of communication available notify the nearest state park ranger or other law enforcement officer of an accident that involves a vessel or its equipment when one of the following occurs: a person dies or disappears from a vessel under circumstances that indicate death; a person is injured and receives medical treatment beyond first aid; or property is damaged in excess of $2,000.

This notification shall include:

(a) the date, time, and location of the occurrence;
(b) the name of each person who died or disappeared;
(c) the assigned number of the vessel; and
(d) the name and address of the owner and operator.

R651-223-2. Other Notification.

If the operator cannot provide this notification, then another person on board shall make the notification required in rule R651-223-1.

R651-223-3. Report Required.

The operator, owner, or other person on board shall submit a completed and signed Owner/Operator Boating Accident Report (PR-53A) to the division within 10 days of the accident.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-634. Nonresident OHV User Permits and Fees.
R651-634-1. User Permits and Fees.

Except as provided below, any nonresident owning an off-highway vehicle, who operates or gives another person permission to operate the off-highway vehicle on any public land, trail, street or highway in this state, shall pay an annual off-highway vehicle user fee

1. A decal will be issued which proves payment has been made. The decal will then be displayed on the off-highway vehicle as follows: On snowmobiles, the decal shall be mounted on the left side of the hood, pan or tunnel. On motorcycles, the decal shall be mounted on the left fork, or on the left side body plastic. On all-terrain vehicles, the decal shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. Vehicle types are defined in 41-22-2 UCA. In all instances, the decal shall be mounted in a visable location. The decal shall be non-transferable.

2. A receipt will be issued with the decal indicating the fee paid, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the off-highway vehicle, and the off-highway vehicle owner's name and address. This receipt shall remain with the off-highway vehicle at all times.

3. Fees charged will be in accordance with S.B. 14 (1999 Utah Laws 1, effective July 1, 1999), and H.B. 51 (2004 Utah Laws, Chapter 314, effective July 1, 2004) which state that the off-highway vehicle user annual fee will be $30 per year.

4. Nonresident OHV user permits shall expire December 31, annually.

Applicants for a nonresident OHV user permit shall provide evidence that the applicant is the owner of the off-highway vehicle, and is not a resident of Utah. Such evidence shall include:

a. A government issued identification card showing the state of residency of the off-highway vehicle owner, and one of the following:

(1) A title or certificate of registration from a state other than Utah.

(2) An original bill of sale; or

b. A sworn affidavit stating that the off-highway vehicle is owned by a nonresident of the State of Utah. The affidavit must state the name and address of the vehicle owner, and a description of the off-highway vehicle, including the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

Off-highway vehicles currently registered in a state offering reciprocal operating privileges to Utah residents shall be exempt from the nonresident user fee requirements of this rule. The Division shall maintain a list of states offering reciprocal operating privileges to Utah residents. This list shall be updated at least annually.

Provisions of this rule shall not apply to off-highway vehicles exempt under 41-22-35(1)(b)(i), or to off-highway vehicles participating in scheduled competitive events sponsored by a public or private entity, or in noncompetitive events sponsored in whole or in part by any governmental entity.

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.
R657-5. Taking Big Game.
R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

(2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation and the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Antlerless deer" means a deer without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(b) "Antlerless elk" means an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(c) "Antlerless moose" means a moose with antlers shorter than its ears.

(d) "Arrow quiver" means a portable arrow case that completely encases all edges of the broadheads.

(e) "Buck deer" means a deer with antlers longer than five inches.

(f) "Buck pronghorn" means a pronghorn with horns longer than five inches.

(g) "Bull elk" means an elk with antlers longer than five inches.

(h) "Bull moose" means a moose with antlers longer than its ears.

(i) "Cow bison" means a female bison.

(j) "Doe pronghorn" means a pronghorn without horns or with horns five inches or shorter.

(k) "Highway" means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of any nature when any part of it is open to the use of the public as a matter of right for vehicular travel.

(l) "Hunter's choice" means either sex may be taken.

(m) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as limited entry and does not include general or once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

(n) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt by any means, including conservation permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(o) "Once-in-a-lifetime hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as once-in-a-lifetime, and does not include general or limited entry hunts.

(p) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(q) "Ram" means a male desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

(r)(i) "Resident" for purposes of this rule means a person who:

(A) has been domiciled in the state of Utah for six consecutive months immediately preceding the purchase of a license or permit; and

(B) does not claim residency for hunting, fishing, or trapping in any other state or country.

(ii) A Utah resident retains Utah residency if that person leaves this state:

(A) to serve in the armed forces of the United States or for religious or educational purposes; and

(B) complies with Subsection (m)(i)(B).

(iii)(A) A member of the armed forces of the United States and dependents are residents for the purposes of this chapter as of the date the member reports for duty under assigned orders in the state if the member:

(I) is not on temporary duty in this state; and

(II) complies with Subsection (m)(i)(B).

(iv) A copy of the assignment orders must be presented to a wildlife division office to verify the member's qualification as a resident.

(v) A nonresident attending an institution of higher learning in this state as a full-time student may qualify as a resident for purposes of this chapter if the student:

(A) has been present in this state for 60 consecutive days immediately preceding the purchase of the license or permit; and

(B) complies with Subsection (m)(i)(B).

(vi) A Utah resident license or permit is invalid if a resident license for hunting, fishing, or trapping is purchased in any other state or country.

(vii) An absentee landowner paying property tax on land in Utah does not qualify as a resident.

(s) "Spike bull" means a bull elk which has at least one antler having no branching above the ears. Branched means a projection on an antler longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

(t)(i) "Valid application" means:

(A) it is for a species that the applicant is eligible to possess a permit;

(B) there is a hunt for that species regardless of estimated permit numbers; and

(C) there is sufficient information on the application to process the application, including personal information, hunt information, and sufficient payment.

(ii) Applications missing any of the items in Subsection (a) may still be considered valid if the application is timely corrected through the application correction process.

R657-5-3. License, Permit, and Tag Requirements.

(1) A person may engage in hunting protected wildlife or in the sale, trade, or barter of protected wildlife or their parts in accordance with Section 23-19-1 and the rules or proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

(2) Any license, permit, or tag that is mutilated or otherwise made illegible is invalid and may not be used for taking or possessing big game.

R657-5-4. Age Requirements and Restrictions.

(1)(a) A person 14 years of age or older may purchase a permit and tag to hunt big game. A person 13 years of age may purchase a permit and tag to hunt big game if that person's 14th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit and tag are issued.

(2)(a) A person at least 14 years of age and under 16 years of age must be accompanied by his parent or legal guardian, or other responsible person 21 years of age or older and approved by his parent or guardian, while hunting big game with any weapon.

(b) As used in this section, "accompanied" means at a distance within which visual and verbal communication are maintained for the purposes of advising and assisting.

R657-5-5. Duplicate License and Permit.

(1) Whenever any unexpired license, permit, tag or certificate of registration is destroyed, lost or stolen, a person may obtain a duplicate from a division office, for five dollars or half of the price of the original license, or permit, whichever is less.

(2) The division may waive the fee for a duplicate unexpired license, permit, tag or Certificate of Registration provided the person did not receive the original license, permit, tag or certificate of registration.

R657-5-6. Hunting Hours.

Big game may be taken only between one-half hour before official sunrise through one-half hour after official sunset.

R657-5-7. Temporary Game Preserves.

(1)(a) A person who does not have a valid permit to hunt on a temporary game preserve may not carry a firearm or archery equipment on any temporary game preserve while the respective hunts are in progress.

(b) "Carry" means having a firearm on your person while hunting in the field.

(2) As used in this section, "temporary game preserve" means all bull elk, buck pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, limited entry buck deer areas and cooperative wildlife management units, excluding incorporated areas, cities, towns and municipalities.

(3) Weapon restrictions on temporary game preserves do not apply to:

(a) a person licensed to hunt upland game or waterfowl provided the person complies with Rules R657-6 and R657-9 and the Upland Game Proclamation and Waterfowl Proclamation, respectively, and possessing only legal weapons to take upland game and waterfowl;

(b) livestock owners protecting their livestock;

(c) peace officers in the performance of their duties; or

(d) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.

R657-5-8. Prohibited Weapons.

(1) A person may not use any weapon or device to take big game other than those expressly permitted in this rule.

(2) A person may not use:

(a) a firearm capable of being fired fully automatic; or

(b) any light enhancement device or aiming device that casts a beam of light.

R657-5-9. Rifles and Shotguns.

(1) The following rifles and shotguns may be used to take big game:

(a) any rifle firing centerfire cartridges and expanding bullets; and

(b) a shotgun, 20 gauge or larger, firing only 00 or larger buckshot or slug ammunition.

R657-5-10. Handguns.

(1) A handgun may be used to take deer and pronghorn, provided the handgun is a minimum of .24 caliber, fires a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet and develops 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle.

(2) A handgun may be used to take elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat provided the handgun is a minimum of .24 caliber, fires a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet and develops 500 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards.

R657-5-11. Muzzleloaders.

(1) A muzzleloader may be used during any big game hunt, except an archery hunt, provided the muzzleloader:

(a) can be loaded only from the muzzle;

(b) has open sights, peep sights, or a fixed non-magnifying 1x scope;

(c) has a single barrel;

(d) has a minimum barrel length of 18 inches;

(e) is capable of being fired only once without reloading;

(f) powder and bullet, or powder, sabot and bullet are not bonded together as one unit for loading;

(g) is loaded with black powder or black powder substitute, which must not contain nitrocellulose based somkeless powder.

(2)(a) A lead or expanding bullet or projectile of at least 40 caliber must be used to hunt big game.

(b) A 170 grain or heavier bullet, including sabots must be used for taking deer and pronghorn.

(c) A 210 grain or heavier bullet must be used for taking elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat, except sabot bullets used for taking these species must be a minimum of 240 grains.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a muzzleloader permit may not possess or be in control of any firearm other than a muzzleloading rifle or have a firearm other than a muzzleloading rifle in his camp or motor vehicle during a muzzleloader hunt.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:

(i) a person licensed to hunt upland game or waterfowl provided the person complies with Rules R657-6 and R657-9 and the Upland Game Proclamation and Waterfowl Proclamation, respectively, and possessing only legal weapons to take upland game or waterfowl;

(ii) a person licensed to hunt big game species during hunts that coincide with the muzzleloader hunt;

(iii) livestock owners protecting their livestock; or

(iv) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.

R657-5-12. Archery Equipment.

(1) Archery equipment may be used during any big game hunt, except a muzzleloader hunt, provided:

(a) the minimum bow pull is 40 pounds at the draw or the peak, whichever comes first; and

(b) arrowheads used have two or more sharp cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring;

(c) expanding arrowheads cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring when expanded; and

(d) arrows must be a minimum of 20 inches in length from the tip of the arrowhead to the tip of the nock, and must weigh at least 300 grains.

(2) The following equipment or devices may not be used to take big game:

(a) a crossbow, except as provided in Rule R657-12;

(b) arrows with chemically treated or explosive arrowheads;

(c) a mechanical device for holding the bow at any increment of draw;

(d) a release aid that is not hand held or that supports the draw weight of the bow; or

(e) a bow with an attached electronic range finding device or a magnifying aiming device.

(3) Arrows carried in or on a vehicle where a person is riding must be in an arrow quiver or a closed case.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained an archery permit may not possess or be in control of a firearm or have a firearm in his camp or motor vehicle during an archery hunt.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:

(i) a person licensed to hunt upland game or waterfowl provided the person complies with Rules R657-6 and R657-9 and the Upland Game Proclamation and Waterfowl Proclamation, respectively, and possessing only legal weapons to take upland game or waterfowl;

(ii) a person licensed to hunt big game species during

hunts that coincide with the archery hunt;

(iii) livestock owners protecting their livestock; or

(iv) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.

R657-5-13. Areas With Special Restrictions.

(1)(a) Hunting of any wildlife is prohibited within the boundaries of all park areas, except those designated by the Division of Parks and Recreation in Rule R651-603-5.

(b) Hunting with rifles and handguns in park areas designated open is prohibited within one mile of all park area facilities, including buildings, camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps, and developed beaches.

(c) Hunting with shotguns or archery equipment is prohibited within one-quarter mile of the areas provided in Subsection (b).

(2) Hunting is closed within the boundaries of all national parks and monuments unless otherwise provided by the governing agency.

(3) Hunters obtaining a Utah license, permit or tag to take big game are not authorized to hunt on tribal trust lands. Hunters must obtain tribal authorization to hunt on tribal trust lands.

(4) Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

(5) In Salt Lake County, a person may not:

(a) hunt big game within one-half mile of Silver Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon;

(b) hunt big game or discharge a shotgun or archery equipment within 600 feet of a road, house, or any other building; or

(c) discharge a rifle, handgun, shotgun firing slug ammunition, or muzzleloader within one mile of a cabin, house, or other building regularly occupied by people, except west of I-15 a muzzleloader may not be discharged within one-half mile of a cabin, house or other building regularly occupied by people.

(6) Hunting is closed within a designated portion of the town of Alta. Hunters may refer to the town of Alta for boundaries and other information.

(7) Domesticated Elk Facilities and Domesticated Elk Hunting Parks, as defined in Section 4-39-102(2) and Rules R58-18 and R58-20, are closed to big game hunting. This restriction does not apply to the lawful harvest of domesticated elk as defined and allowed pursuant to Rule R58-20.

(8) State waterfowl management areas are closed to taking big game, except as otherwise provided in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(9) Hunters are restricted to using archery equipment, muzzleloaders or shotguns on the Matheson Wetlands.

(10) A person may not discharge a firearm, except a shotgun or muzzleloader, from, upon, or across the Green River located near Jensen, Utah from the Highway 40 bridge upstream to the Dinosaur National Monument boundary.

R657-5-14. Spotlighting.

(1) Except as provided in Section 23-13-17:

(a) a person may not use or cast the rays of any spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light to locate protected wildlife while having in possession a firearm or other weapon or device that could be used to take or injure protected wildlife; and

(b) the use of a spotlight or other artificial light in a field, woodland, or forest where protected wildlife are generally found is prima facie evidence of attempting to locate protected wildlife.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

(a) the use of headlights or other artificial light in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife; or

(b) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

R657-5-15. Use of Vehicle or Aircraft.

(1)(a) A person may not use an airplane or any other airborne vehicle or device, or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles, except a vessel as provided in Subsection (c), to take protected wildlife.

(b) A person may not take protected wildlife being chased, harmed, harassed, rallied, herded, flushed, pursued or moved by an aircraft or any other vehicle or conveyance listed in Subsection (a).

(c) Big game may be taken from a vessel provided:

(i) the motor of a motorboat has been completely shut off;

(ii) the sails of a sailboat have been furled; and

(iii) the vessel's progress caused by the motor or sail has ceased.

(2)(a) A person may not use any type of aircraft from 48 hours before any big game hunt begins through 48 hours after any big game hunting season ends to:

(i) transport a hunter or hunting equipment into a hunting area;

(ii) transport a big game carcass; or

(iii) locate, or attempt to observe or locate any protected wildlife.

(b) Flying slowly at low altitudes, hovering, circling or repeatedly flying over a forest, marsh, field, woodland or rangeland where protected wildlife is likely to be found may be used as evidence of violations of Subsections (1) and (2).

(3) The provisions of this section do not apply to the operation of an aircraft in a usual manner, or landings and departures from improved airstrips, where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife.

R657-5-16. Party Hunting and Use of Dogs.

(1) A person may not take big game for another person, except as provided in Section 23-19-1 and Rule R657-12.

(2) A person may not use the aid of a dog to take, chase, harm or harass big game.

R657-5-17. Big Game Contests.

A person may not enter or hold a big game contest that:

(1) is based on big game or their parts; and

(2) offers cash or prizes totaling more than $500.

R657-5-18. Tagging.

(1) The carcass of any species of big game must be tagged in accordance with Section 23-20-30.

(2) A person may not hunt or pursue big game after any of the notches have been removed from the tag or the tag has been detached from the permit.

(3) The tag must remain with the largest portion of the meat until the animal is entirely consumed.

R657-5-19. Transporting Big Game Within Utah.

(1) A person may transport big game within Utah only as follows:

(a) the head or sex organs must remain attached to the largest portion of the carcass;

(b) the antlers attached to the skull plate must be transported with the carcass of an elk taken in a spike bull unit; and

(c) the person who harvested the big game animal must accompany the carcass and must possess a valid permit corresponding to the tag attached to the carcass, except as

provided in Subsection (2).

(2) A person who did not take the big game animal may transport it only after obtaining a shipping permit or disposal receipt from the division or a donation slip as provided in Section 23-20-9.

R657-5-20. Exporting Big Game From Utah.

(1) A person may export big game or their parts from Utah only if:

(a) the person who harvested the big game animal accompanies it and possesses a valid permit corresponding to the tag which must be attached to the largest portion of the carcass; or

(b) the person exporting the big game animal or its parts, if it is not the person who harvested the animal, has obtained a shipping permit from the division.

R657-5-21. Purchasing or Selling Big Game or Their Parts.

(1) A person may only purchase, sell, offer or possess for sale, barter, exchange or trade any big game or their parts as follows:

(a) Antlers, heads and horns of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold only on the dates published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game;

(b) Untanned hides of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold only on the dates published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game;

(c) Inedible byproducts, excluding hides, antlers and horns, or legally possessed big game as provided in Subsection 23-20-3(1)(d), may be purchased or sold at any time;

(d) tanned hides of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold at any time; and

(e) shed antlers and horns may be purchased or sold at any time.

(2)(a) Protected wildlife that is unlawfully taken and seized by the division may be sold at any time by the division or its agent.

(b) A person may purchase protected wildlife, which is sold in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), at any time.

(3) A person selling or purchasing antlers, heads, horns or untanned hides shall keep transaction records stating:

(a) the name and address of the person who harvested the animal;

(b) the transaction date; and

(c) the permit number of the person who harvested the animal.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply to scouting programs or other charitable organizations using untanned hides.

R657-5-22. Possession of Antlers and Horns.

(1) A person may possess antlers or horns or parts of antlers or horns only from:

(a) lawfully harvested big game;

(b) antlers or horns lawfully purchased as provided in Section R657-5-21; or

(c) shed antlers or horns.

(2) "Shed antler" means an antler which:

(a) has been dropped naturally from a big game animal as part of its annual life cycle; and

(b) has a rounded base commonly known as the antler button or burr attached which signifies a natural life cycle process.

(3) "Shed horn" means the sheath from the horn of a pronghorn that has been dropped naturally as part of its annual life cycle. No other big game species shed their horns naturally.

R657-5-23. Poaching-Reported Reward Permits.

(1) Any person who provides information leading to another person's arrest and successful prosecution for wanton destruction of a bull moose, desert bighorn ram, rocky mountain bighorn ram, rocky mountain goat, bison, bull elk, buck deer or buck pronghorn under Section 23-20-4 for any once-in-a-lifetime species or within any limited entry area may receive a permit from the division to hunt for the same species and on the same once-in-a-lifetime or limited entry area where the violation occurred, except as provided in Subsection (2).

(2)(a) In the event that issuance of a poaching-reported reward permit would exceed 5% of the total number of limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime permits issued in the following year for the respective area, a permit shall not be issued for that respective area. As an alternative, the division may issue a permit as outlined in Subsections (b) or (c).

(b) If the illegally taken animal is a bull moose, desert bighorn ram, rocky mountain bighorn ram, rocky mountain goat or bison, a permit for an alternative species and an alternative once-in-a-lifetime or limited entry area that has been allocated more than 20 permits may be issued.

(c) If the illegally taken animal is a bull elk, buck deer or buck pronghorn, a permit for the same species on an alternative limited entry area that has been allocated more than 20 permits may be issued.

(3)(a) The division may issue only one poaching-reported reward permit for any one animal illegally taken.

(b) No more than one poaching-reported reward permit shall be issued to any one person per successful prosecution.

(c) No more than one poaching-reported reward permit per species shall be issued to any one person in any one calendar year.

(4)(a) Poaching-reported reward permits may only be issued to the person who provides the most pertinent information leading to a successful prosecution. Permits are not transferrable.

(b) If information is received from more than one person, the director of the division shall make a determination based on the facts of the case, as to which person provided the most pertinent information leading to the successful prosecution in the case.

(c) The person providing the most pertinent information shall qualify for the poaching-reported reward permit.

(5) Any person who receives a poaching-reported reward permit must be eligible to hunt and obtain big game permits as provided in all rules and regulations of the Wildlife Board and the Wildlife Resources Code.

(6) For purposes of this section, "successful prosecution" means the screening, filing of charges and subsequent adjudication for the poaching incident.

R657-5-24. Application Process for Premium Limited Entry, Limited Entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and Once-In-A-Lifetime Permits, and Application Process for General Buck Deer, General Muzzleloader Elk, and Youth General Any Bull Elk Permits.

(1)(a) A person may obtain only one permit per species of big game, including premium limited entry, limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit, once-in-a-lifetime, conservation, sportsman, landowner and general permits, except antlerless permits as provided in the Antlerless Addendum and permits as provided in Rule R657-42.

(b) Hunting with a permit where payment has not been received for that permit constitutes a violation of hunting without a valid permit.

(c) A person must notify the division of any change of mailing address, residency, telephone number, and physical description.

(2) Applications are available from license agents, division offices, and through the division's Internet address.

(3) A resident may apply in the big game drawing for the following permits:

(a) only one of the following:
(i) buck deer - premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit;
(ii) bull elk - premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; or
(iii) buck pronghorn - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; and
(b) only one once-in-a-lifetime permit, including once-in-a-lifetime cooperative wildlife management unit permits, except as provided in Section R657-5-64(2)(b).
(4) A nonresident may apply in the big game drawing for the following permits:
(a) only one of the following:
(i) buck deer - premium limited entry and limited entry;
(ii) bull elk - premium limited entry and limited entry; or
(iii) buck pronghorn - limited entry; and
(b) only one once-in-a-lifetime permit.
(5) A resident or nonresident may apply in the big game drawing for:
(a)(i) a statewide general archery buck deer permit;
(ii) by region for general season buck deer; or
(iii) by region for general muzzleloader buck deer.
(b) A youth may apply in the drawing as provided in Subsection (a) or Subsection R657-5-27(4), and for youth general any bull elk pursuant to Section R657-5-46.
(6) A person may not submit more than one application per species as provided in Subsections (3) and (4), and Subsection (5) in the big game drawing.
(7)(a) Applications must be mailed by the date prescribed in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game. Applications filled out incorrectly or received later than the date prescribed in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation may be rejected.
(b) If an error is found on an application, the applicant may be contacted for correction.
(8)(a) Late applications, received by the date published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation, will not be considered in the drawing, but will be processed, for the purpose of entering data into the division's draw database to provide:
(i) future preprinted applications;
(ii) notification by mail of late application and other draw opportunities; and
(iii) re-evaluation of division or third-party errors.
(b) The nonrefundable handling fee will be used to process the late application. Any permit fees submitted with the application will be refunded.
(c) Late applications received after the date published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation shall not be processed and shall be returned to the applicant.
(9) Any person who applies for a hunt that occurs on private land is responsible for obtaining written permission from the landowner to access the property. To avoid disappointment and wasting the permit and fee if access is not obtained, hunters should get permission before applying. The division does not guarantee access and does not have the names of landowners where hunts occur.
(10) Only a resident may apply for or obtain a resident permit and only a nonresident may apply for or obtain a nonresident permit, except as provided in Subsections R657-5-27(4).
(12) To apply for a resident permit, a person must be a resident at the time of purchase.
(13) The posting date of the drawing shall be considered the purchase date of a permit.

R657-5-25. Fees for Premium Limited Entry, Limited Entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and Once-In-A-Lifetime Permits, and for General Buck Deer, General Muzzleloader Elk and Youth General Any Bull Elk Permits.
(1) Each premium limited entry, limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and once-in-a-lifetime application must include:
(a) the highest permit fee of any permits applied for;
(b) a nonrefundable handling fee for one of the following permits:
(i) buck deer;
(ii) bull elk; or
(iii) buck pronghorn; and
(c) the nonrefundable handling fee for a once-in-a-lifetime permit; and
(d) the nonrefundable handling fee, if applying only for a bonus point.
(2) Each general buck deer and general muzzleloader elk application must include:
(a) the permit fee, which includes the nonrefundable handling fee; or
(b) the nonrefundable handling fee per species, if applying only for a preference point.

R657-5-26. Applying as a Group for Premium Limited Entry, Limited Entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and Once-In-A-Lifetime Permits, and for General Buck Deer, General Muzzleloader Elk and Youth General Any Bull Elk Permits.
(1)(a) Up to four people may apply together for premium limited entry, limited entry, and resident cooperative wildlife management unit deer, elk or pronghorn permits in the big game drawing and in the antlerless drawing.
(b) Up to two youth may apply together for youth general any bull elk permits in the big game drawing.
(c) Up to ten people may apply together for general deer permits in the big game drawing.
(d) Youth applicants who wish to participate in the youth general buck deer drawing process as provided in Subsection R657-5-27(4), or the youth antlerless drawing process as provided in Subsection R657-5-59(3), must not apply as part of a group.
(2)(a) Applicants must indicate the number of hunters in the group by filling in the appropriate box on each application form.
(b) If the appropriate box is not filled out with the number of hunters in the group, each hunter in that group shall be entered into the drawing as individual hunters, and not as a group.
(3) Group applicants must submit their applications together in the same envelope.
(4) Residents and nonresidents may apply together.
(5)(a) Group applications shall be processed as one single application.
(b) Any bonus points used for a group application, shall be averaged and rounded down.
(6) When applying as a group:
(a) if the group is successful in the drawing, then all applicants with valid applications in that group shall receive a permit;
(b) if the group is rejected due to an error in fees and only one species is applied for, then the entire group is rejected;
(c) if the group is rejected due to an error in fees and more than one species is applied for, the group will be kept in the drawing for any species with sufficient fees, using the draw order; or
(d) if one or more members of the group are rejected due to an error other than fees, the members with valid applications will be kept in the drawing, unless the group indicates on the application that all members are to be rejected.
(i) The applicant whose application is on the top of all the

applications for that group, will be designated the group leader.

(ii) If any group member has an error on their application that is not corrected during the correction process, the reject box on the group leader's application will determine whether the entire group is rejected.

R657-5-27. Premium Limited Entry, Limited Entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and Once-In-A-Lifetime and General Buck Deer, General Muzzleloader Elk and Youth General Any Bull Elk Drawings.

(1)(a) Big game drawing results may be posted at the Lee Kay Center for Hunter Education, Cache Valley Hunter Education Center, division offices and on the division Internet address on the date published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) Applicants shall be notified by mail of draw results by the date published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) Permits for the big game drawing shall be drawn in the following order:

(a) premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer;

(b) premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk;

(c) limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn;

(d) once-in-a-lifetime;

(e) youth general buck deer;

(f) general buck deer; and

(g) youth general any bull elk.

(3) Any person who draws one of the following permits is not eligible to draw a once-in-a-lifetime permit:

(a) a premium limited entry, limited entry or Cooperative Wildlife Management unit buck deer;

(b) a premium limited entry, limited entry, or Cooperative Wildlife Management unit elk; or

(c) a limited entry or Cooperative Wildlife Management unit buck pronghorn.

(4)(a) Fifteen percent of the general buck deer permits in each region are reserved for youth hunters.

(b) For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season.

(c) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth drawing must:

(i) submit an application in accordance with Section R657-5-24; and

(ii) not apply as a group.

(d) Youth applicants who apply for a general buck deer permit as provided in Subsection (c), will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.

(e) Preference points shall be used when applying.

(f) Any reserved permits remaining and any youth applicants who were not selected for reserved permits shall be returned to the general buck deer drawing.

(5) If any permits listed in Subsection (2)(a) through (2)(d) remain after the big game drawing after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.

R657-5-28. Premium Limited Entry, Limited Entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and Once-In-A-Lifetime, and General Buck Deer, General Muzzleloader Elk and Youth General Any Bull Elk Application Refunds.

(1) Unsuccessful applicants who applied in the big game drawing and who applied with a check or money order will receive a refund in May.

(2)(a) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied with a credit or debit card, will not be charged for a permit.

(b) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied as a group, will receive an equally distributed refund of money remaining after the successful applicants' permits are paid for.

(c) If group members have other financial arrangements between themselves, group members should be prepared to reallocate each group member's individual refunds among themselves.

(3) The handling fees are nonrefundable.

R657-5-29. Permits Remaining After the Drawing.

(1) Permits remaining after the big game drawing are sold only by mail or on a first-come, first-served basis beginning and ending on the dates provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-30. Waiting Periods for Deer.

(1) A person who obtained a premium limited entry buck, limited entry buck or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit through the big game drawing process during the preceding two years may not apply in the big game drawing for any of these permits during the current year.

(2) A person who obtains a premium limited entry buck, limited entry buck or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit through the big game drawing process, may not apply for any of these permits again for a period of two years.

(3) A waiting period does not apply to:

(a) general archery, general season, general muzzleloader, antlerless deer, conservation, sportsman and poaching-reported reward deer permits; or

(b) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner buck deer permits obtained through the landowner.

R657-5-31. Waiting Periods for Elk.

(1) A person who obtained a premium limited entry, limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit through the big game drawing process during the preceding four years may not apply in the big game drawing for any of these permits during the current year.

(2) A person who obtains a premium limited entry, limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit through the big game drawing, may not apply for any of these permits for a period of five years.

(3) A waiting period does not apply to:

(a) general archery, general season, general muzzleloader, antlerless elk, cooperative wildlife management unit spike bull elk, conservation, sportsman and poaching-reported reward elk permits; or

(b) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner bull elk permits obtained through the landowner.

R657-5-32. Waiting Periods for Pronghorn.

(1) A person who obtained a buck pronghorn permit through the big game drawing process in the preceding two years, may not apply in the big game drawing for a buck pronghorn permit during the current year.

(2) A person who obtains a buck pronghorn or cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit through the big game drawing, may not apply for any of these permits for a period of two years.

(3) A waiting period does not apply to:

(a) doe pronghorn, pronghorn conservation, sportsman and poaching-reported reward permits; or

(b) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner buck pronghorn permits obtained through the landowner.

R657-5-33. Waiting Periods for Antlerless Moose.

(1) A person who obtained an antlerless moose permit or a cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permit through the antlerless drawing process during the preceding four years, may not apply for an antlerless moose permit during the current year.

(2) A person who obtains an antlerless moose permit or a cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permit through the antlerless drawing process in the current year, may not apply for an antlerless moose permit for a period of five years.

(3) A waiting period does not apply to cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permits obtained through the landowner.

R657-5-34. Waiting Periods for Once-In-A-Lifetime Species.

(1) Any person who has obtained a permit for any bull moose, bison, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat may not apply for a once-in-a-lifetime permit for the same species in the big game drawing or sportsman permit drawing.

(2) A person who has been convicted of unlawfully taking a once-in-a-lifetime species may not apply for or obtain a permit for that species.

R657-5-35. Waiting Periods for Permits Obtained After the Drawing.

(1) Waiting periods provided in Sections R657-5-30 through R657-5-34 do not apply to the purchase of the remaining permits sold over the counter.

(2) However, waiting periods are incurred as a result of purchasing remaining permits after the drawing. Therefore, if a remaining permit is purchased in the current year, waiting periods will be in effect when applying in the drawing in following years.

R657-5-36. Waiting Periods for Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit Permits and Landowner Permits.

(1)(a) A waiting period or once-in-a-lifetime status does not apply to purchasing limited entry landowner or cooperative wildlife management unit permits obtained through a landowner, except as provided in Subsection (b).

(b) Waiting periods are incurred for the purpose of applying in the big game drawing as a result of obtaining a cooperative wildlife management unit bull moose permit through a landowner.

R657-5-37. Bonus Point System and Preference Point System.

(1) Bonus points are used to improve odds for drawing permits.

(2)(a) A bonus point is awarded for:

(i) each valid unsuccessful application when applying for permits in the big game drawing; or

(ii) each valid application when applying for bonus points in the big game drawing.

(b) Bonus points are awarded by species.

(c) Bonus points are awarded for:

(i) premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer;

(ii) premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk;

(iii) limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn; and

(iv) all once-in-a-lifetime species.

(3) A person may apply for a bonus point for:

(a) only one of the following species:

(i) buck deer - premium limited entry, limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit;

(ii) bull elk - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; or

(iii) buck pronghorn - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; and

(b) only one once-in-a-lifetime, including once-in-a-lifetime cooperative wildlife management unit.

(4)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a premium limited entry or limited entry bonus point and a premium limited entry or limited entry permit.

(b) A person may not apply in the drawing for a once-in-a-lifetime bonus point and a once-in-a-lifetime permit.

(c) A person may not apply for a bonus point if that person is ineligible to apply for a permit for the respective species.

(d) A person may only apply for bonus points in the big game drawing.

(e) Group applications will not be accepted when applying for bonus points.

(5)(a) Fifty percent of the permits for each hunt unit and species will be reserved for applicants with bonus points.

(b) Based on the applicant's first choice, the reserved permits will be designated by a random drawing number to eligible applicants with the greatest number of bonus points for each species.

(c) If reserved permits remain, the reserved permits will be designated by a random number to eligible applicants with the next greatest number of bonus points for each species.

(d) The procedure in Subsection (c) will continue until all reserved permits have been issued or no applications for that species remain.

(e) Any reserved permits remaining and any applicants who were not selected for reserved permits will be returned to the big game drawing.

(6)(a) Each applicant receives a random drawing number for:

(i) each species applied for; and

(ii) each bonus point for that species.

(7) Bonus points are forfeited if a person obtains a permit through the drawing for that bonus point species as provided in Subsection (2)(c), including any permit obtained after the drawing.

(8) Bonus points are not forfeited if:

(a) a person is successful in obtaining a conservation permit or sportsman permit;

(b) a person obtains a landowner or a cooperative wildlife management unit permit from a landowner; or

(c) a person obtains a poaching-reported reward permit.

(9) Bonus points are not transferable.

(10) Bonus points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.

(11)(a) Bonus points are tracked using social security numbers or division-issued hunter identification numbers.

(b) The Division shall retain paper copies of applications for three years prior to the current big game drawing for the purpose of researching bonus point records.

(c) The Division shall retain electronic copies of applications from 1996 to the current big game drawing for the purpose of researching bonus point records.

(d) Any requests for researching an applicant's bonus point records must be requested within the time frames provided in Subsection (b) and (c).

(e) Any bonus points on the Division's records shall not be researched beyond the time frames provided in Subsection (b) and (c).

(f) The Division may eliminate any bonus points earned that are obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

(12) Preference points are used in the big game drawing for general buck deer permits to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful in the drawing for general buck deer permits, will have first preference in the next year's drawing.

(13) A preference point is awarded for:

(a) each valid unsuccessful application when applying for a general buck deer permit; or

(b) each valid application when applying only for a preference point in the big game drawing.

(14)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a general buck deer preference point and a general buck deer permit.

(b) A person may not apply for a preference point if that person is ineligible to apply for a permit.

(c) Preference points shall not be used when obtaining remaining permits after the big game drawing.

(15) Preference points are forfeited if a person obtains a general buck deer permit through the drawing.

(16)(a) Preference points are not transferable.

(b) Preference points shall only be applied to the big game drawing.

(17) Preference points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.

(18)(a) Preference points are tracked using social security numbers or division-issued hunter identification numbers.

(b) The Division shall retain paper copies of applications for three years prior to the current big game drawing for the purpose of researching preference point records.

(c) The Division shall retain electronic copies of applications from 2000 to the current big game drawing for the purpose of researching preference point records.

(d) Any requests for researching an applicant's preference point records must be requested within the time frames provided in Subsection (b) and (c).

(e) Any preference points on the Division's records shall not be researched beyond the time frames provided in Subsection (b) and (c).

(f) The Division may eliminate any preference points earned that are obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

R657-5-38. General Archery Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) The dates of the general archery buck deer hunt are provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A person who has obtained a general archery buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general archery buck deer may use archery equipment to take:

(a) one buck deer statewide within a general hunt area, except premium limited entry deer, limited entry deer and cooperative wildlife management unit deer areas and specific hunt areas published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game; or

(b) a deer of hunter's choice within the Wasatch Front or Uintah Basin extended archery area as provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) A person who obtains a general archery buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general archery buck deer, may hunt within the Wasatch Front, Ogden or the Uintah Basin extended archery areas during the extended archery area seasons as provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and as provided in Subsection (b).

(b) A person must complete an extended archery ethics course annually to hunt the Wasatch Front, Ogden or Uintah Basin extended archery areas during the extended archery season.

(c) A person must possess the extended archery ethics course certificate of completion while hunting.

(4) A person who has obtained a general archery deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except antlerless deer.

(5)(a) Any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season, may hunt the statewide general archery, or by region the general season and general muzzleloader deer seasons, using the appropriate equipment as provided in Sections R657-5-8 through R657-5-12, respectively, for each respective season, provided that person obtains a general season or general muzzleloader deer permit for a specified region.

(b) If a person 18 years of age or younger purchases a general archery buck deer permit, that person may only hunt during the statewide general archery deer season.

(6) Hunter orange material must be worn if a centerfire rifle hunt is also in progress in the same area as provided in Section 23-20-31. Archers are cautioned to study rifle hunt tables and identify these areas described in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-39. General Season Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) The dates for the general season buck deer hunt are provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A person who has obtained a general season buck permit may use any legal weapon to take one buck deer within the hunt area specified on the permit, except premium limited entry deer, limited entry deer and cooperative wildlife management unit deer areas and specific hunt areas published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3) A person who has obtained a general season buck deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except:

(a) antlerless deer; and

(b) any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season, may hunt the general archery, general season and general muzzleloader deer seasons, using the appropriate equipment as provided in Sections R657-5-8 through R657-5-12, respectively, for each respective season.

(i) If a person 18 years of age or younger purchases a general archery buck deer permit, that person may only hunt during the statewide general archery deer season.

R657-5-40. General Muzzleloader Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) The dates for the general muzzleloader buck deer hunt are provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader buck permit may use a muzzleloader to take one buck deer within the general hunt area specified on the permit, except premium limited entry deer, limited entry deer and cooperative wildlife management unit deer areas and specific hunt areas published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except:

(a) antlerless deer; and

(b) any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season, may hunt the general archery, general season and general muzzleloader deer seasons, using the appropriate equipment as provided in Sections R657-5-8 through R657-5-12, respectively, for each respective season.

(i) If a person 18 years of age or younger purchases a general archery buck deer permit, that person may only hunt during the statewide general archery deer season.

(4) Hunter orange material must be worn if a centerfire

rifle hunt is also in progress in the same area as provided in Section 23-20-31. Muzzleloader hunters are cautioned to study the rifle hunt tables to identify these areas described in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-41. Limited Entry Buck Deer Hunts.

(1) To hunt in a premium limited entry or limited entry area, hunters must obtain the respective limited entry buck permit. Limited entry areas are not open to general archery buck, general season buck, or general muzzleloader buck hunting, except as specified in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A limited entry buck deer permit allows a person using the prescribed legal weapon, to take one buck deer within the area and season specified on the permit, except deer cooperative wildlife management units located within the limited entry unit.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a buck deer.

(b) Limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(4) A person who has obtained a limited entry buck permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except antlerless deer.

R657-5-42. Antlerless Deer Hunts.

(1) To hunt an antlerless deer, a hunter must obtain an antlerless deer permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless deer permit allows a person to take one antlerless deer, per antlerless deer tag, using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the antlerless addendum.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management units unless that person obtains an antlerless deer permit for a cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3) A person who has obtained an antlerless deer permit may not hunt during any other antlerless deer hunt or obtain any other antlerless deer permit.

(4)(a) A person who obtains an antlerless deer permit and any of the permits listed in Subsection (b), or any permit valid during the general archery deer hunt, may use the antlerless deer permit during the established season for the antlerless deer permit and during the established season for the permits listed in Subsection (b) provided:

(i) the permits are both valid for the same area;

(ii) the appropriate archery equipment is used if hunting with an archery permit;

(iii) the appropriate muzzleloader equipment is used if hunting with a muzzleloader permit.

(b)(i) General archery deer;

(ii) general muzzleloader deer;

(iii) limited entry archery deer; or

(iv) limited entry muzzleloader deer.

R657-5-43. General Archery Elk Hunt.

(1) The dates of the general archery elk hunt are provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2)(a) A person who has obtained a general archery elk permit may use archery equipment to take:

(i) one elk of hunter's choice on a general any bull elk unit, except on elk cooperative wildlife management units;

(ii) an antlerless elk or spike bull elk on a general spike bull elk unit, except on elk cooperative wildlife management units and the Plateau, Fish Lake-Thousand Lakes;

(iii) only a spike bull elk on the Plateau, Fish Lake-Thousand Lakes; or

(iv) one elk of hunter's choice on the Wasatch Front or Uintah Basin extended archery areas as provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) A person who obtains a general archery elk permit may hunt within the Wasatch Front, Uintah Basin, Nebo-West Desert, and Sanpete Valley extended archery areas during the extended archery area seasons as provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and as provided in Subsection (b).

(b) A person must complete an extended archery ethics course annually to hunt the extended archery areas during the extended archery season.

(c) A person must possess the extended archery ethics course certificate of completion while hunting.

(4) A person who has obtained an archery elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-48(3).

(5) Hunter orange material must be worn if a centerfire rifle hunt is also in progress in the same area as provided in Section 23-20-31. Archers are cautioned to study the rifle hunt tables to identify these areas described in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-44. General Season Bull Elk Hunt.

(1) The dates for the general season bull elk hunt are provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game within general season elk units, except in the following areas:

(a) Salt Lake County south of I-80 and east of I-15; and

(b) elk cooperative wildlife management units.

(2)(a) A person may purchase either a spike bull permit or an any bull permit.

(b) A person who has obtained a general season spike bull elk permit may take a spike bull elk on a general season spike bull elk unit. Any bull units are closed to spike bull permittees.

(c) A person who has obtained a general season any bull elk permit may take any bull elk, including a spike bull elk on a general season any bull elk unit. Spike bull units are closed to any bull permittees.

(3) A person who has obtained a general season bull elk permit may use any legal weapon to take a spike bull or any bull elk as specified on the permit.

(4) A person who has obtained a general season bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-48(3).

R657-5-45. General Muzzleloader Elk Hunt.

(1) The dates of the general muzzleloader elk hunt are provided in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game within the general season elk units, except in the following closed areas:

(a) Salt Lake County south of I-80 and east of I-15; and

(b) elk cooperative wildlife management units.

(2)(a) General muzzleloader elk hunters may purchase either a spike bull elk permit or an any bull elk permit.

(b) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader

spike bull elk permit may take a spike bull elk on an any general spike bull elk unit. Any bull units are closed to spike bull muzzleloader permittees.

(c) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader any bull elk permit may take any bull elk on an any bull elk unit. Spike bull units are closed to any bull muzzleloader permittees.

(3) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-48(3).

R657-5-46. Youth General Any Bull Elk Hunt.

(1)(a) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the youth any bull elk season published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A youth may apply for or obtain a youth any bull elk permit.

(c) A youth may only obtain a youth any bull elk permit once during their youth.

(2) The youth any bull elk hunting season and areas are published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) A youth who has obtained a youth general any bull elk permit may take any bull elk, including a spike bull elk, on a general any bull elk unit. Spike bull elk units are closed to youth general any bull elk permittees.

(b) A youth who has obtained a youth general any bull elk permit may use any legal weapon to take any bull elk as specified on the permit.

(4) A youth who has obtained a youth general any bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-48(3).

(5) Preference points shall not be awarded or utilized when applying for, or in obtaining, youth general any bull elk permits.

R657-5-47. Limited Entry Bull Elk Hunt.

(1) To hunt in a premium limited entry or limited entry bull elk area, a hunter must obtain the respective premium limited entry or limited entry elk permit.

(2)(a) A premium limited entry bull elk permit allows a person, using the prescribed legal weapon, to take one bull elk within the area and to hunt all seasons specified in the hunt tables, published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, for the area specified on the permit, except elk cooperative wildlife management units located within a premium limited entry unit. Spike bull elk restrictions do not apply to premium limited entry elk permittees.

(b) A limited entry bull elk permit allows a person, using the prescribed legal weapon, to take one bull elk within the area and season specified on the permit, except elk cooperative wildlife management units located within a limited entry unit. Spike bull elk restrictions do not apply to limited entry elk permittees.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a premium limited entry, limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bull elk.

(b) Limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(4) A person who has obtained a premium limited entry or limited entry bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsections (4)(a) and R657-5-48(3).

R657-5-48. Antlerless Elk Hunts.

(1) To hunt an antlerless elk, a hunter must obtain an antlerless elk permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless elk permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management units unless that person obtains an antlerless elk permit for a cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3)(a) A person may obtain two elk permits each year, provided one or both of the elk permits is an antlerless elk permit.

(b) For the purposes of obtaining two elk permits, a hunter's choice elk permit may not be considered an antlerless elk permit.

(4)(a) A person who obtains an antlerless elk permit and any of the permits listed in Subsection (b), or any permit valid during the general archery deer hunt, may use the antlerless elk permit during the established season for the antlerless elk permit and during the established season for the permits listed in Subsection (b) provided:

(i) the permits are both valid for the same area;

(ii) the appropriate archery equipment is used if hunting with an archery permit;

(iii) the appropriate muzzleloader equipment is used if hunting with a muzzleloader permit.

(b)(i) General archery deer;

(ii) general archery elk;

(iii) general muzzleloader deer;

(iv) general muzzleloader elk;

(v) limited entry archery deer;

(vi) limited entry archery elk;

(vii) limited entry muzzleloader deer; or

(viii) limited entry muzzleloader elk.

R657-5-49. Buck Pronghorn Hunts.

(1) To hunt buck pronghorn, a hunter must obtain a buck pronghorn permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a buck pronghorn permit may not obtain any other pronghorn permit or hunt during any other pronghorn hunt.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a buck pronghorn.

(b) Limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(4) A buck pronghorn permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one buck pronghorn within the area and season specified on the permit, except during the buck pronghorn archery hunt, only archery equipment may be used.

R657-5-50. Doe Pronghorn Hunts.

(1) To hunt a doe pronghorn, a hunter must obtain a doe

pronghorn permit.

(2)(a) A doe pronghorn permit allows a person to take one doe pronghorn, per doe pronghorn tag, using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management units unless that person obtains an antlerless moose permit for a cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3) A person who has obtained a doe pronghorn permit may not hunt during any other pronghorn hunt or obtain any other pronghorn permit.

R657-5-51. Antlerless Moose Hunts.

(1) To hunt an antlerless moose, a hunter must obtain an antlerless moose permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless moose permit allows a person to take one antlerless moose using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless moose cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3) A person who has obtained an antlerless moose permit may not hunt during any other moose hunt or obtain any other moose permit.

R657-5-52. Bull Moose Hunts.

(1) To hunt bull moose, a hunter must obtain a bull moose permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a bull moose permit may not obtain any other moose permit or hunt during any other moose hunt.

(3) A bull moose permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one bull moose within the area and season specified on the permit, except in bull moose cooperative wildlife management units located within a limited entry unit.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained a bull moose permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bull moose.

(b) Bull moose permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

R657-5-53. Bison Hunts.

(1) To hunt bison, a hunter must obtain a bison permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a bison permit may not obtain any other bison permit or hunt during any other bison hunt.

(3) The bison permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take a bison within the area and season as specified on the permit.

(4)(a) An orientation course is required for bison hunters who draw a an Antelope Island bison permit. Hunters shall be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(b) The Antelope Island hunt is administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation.

(5) An orientation course is required for bison hunters who draw Henry Mountain cow bison permits. Hunters will be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(6)(a) A person who has obtained a bison permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bison.

(b) Bison permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

R657-5-54. Desert Bighorn and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunts.

(1) To hunt desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, a hunter must obtain the respective permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit may not obtain any other desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit or hunt during any other desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt.

(3) Desert bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain big horn sheep permits are considered separate once-in-a-lifetime hunting opportunities.

(4)(a) The desert bighorn sheep permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one desert bighorn ram within the area and season specified on the permit.

(b) The Rocky Mountain sheep permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one Rocky Mountain bighorn ram within the area and season specified on the permit.

(5) The permittee may attend a hunter orientation course. The division provides each permittee with the time and location of the course.

(6) All bighorn sheep hunters are encouraged to have a spotting scope with a minimum of 15 power while hunting bighorn sheep. Any ram may be legally taken, however, permittees are encouraged to take a mature ram. The terrain inhabited by bighorn sheep is extremely rugged, making this hunt extremely strenuous.

(7) Successful hunters must deliver the horns of the bighorn sheep to a division office within 72 hours of leaving the hunting area. A numbered seal will be permanently affixed to the horn indicating legal harvest.

(8)(a) A person who has obtained a desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

(b) Desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

R657-5-55. Rocky Mountain Goat Hunts.

(1) To hunt Rocky Mountain goat, a hunter must obtain a Rocky Mountain goat permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a Rocky Mountain goat permit may not obtain any other Rocky Mountain goat permit or hunt during any other Rocky Mountain goat hunt.

(3) Any goat may be legally taken on a hunter's choice permit, however, permittees are encouraged to take a mature goat. A mature goat is a goat older than two years of age, as determined by counting the annual rings on the horn.

(4) The goat permit allows a person using any legal

weapon to take one goat within the area and season specified on the permit.

(5) All goat hunters are encouraged to have a spotting scope with a minimum of 15 power while hunting goats. The terrain inhabited by Rocky Mountain goat is extremely rugged making this hunt extremely strenuous. The goat's pelage may be higher quality later in the hunting season.

(6) An orientation course is required for Rocky Mountain goat hunters who draw female only goat permits. Hunters will be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(7)(a) A person who has obtained a Rocky Mountain goat permit must report hunt information within 30 days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a Rocky Mountain goat.

(b) Rocky Mountain goat permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

R657-5-56. Depredation Hunter Pool Permits.

When deer, elk or pronghorn are causing damage, antlerless control hunts not listed in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be held as provided in Rule R657-44. These hunts occur on short notice, involve small areas, and are limited to only a few hunters.

R657-5-57. Antlerless Application - Deadlines.

(1) Applications are available from license agents, division offices, and through the division's Internet address.

(2) Residents may apply for, and draw the following permits, except as provided in Subsection (5):

(a) antlerless deer;

(b) antlerless elk;

(c) doe pronghorn; and

(d) antlerless moose.

(3) Nonresidents may apply in the drawing for, and draw the following permits, except as provided in Subsection (5):

(a) antlerless deer;

(b) antlerless elk;

(c) doe pronghorn; and

(d) antlerless moose, if permits are available during the current year.

(4) A youth may apply in the antlerless drawing as provided in Subsection (3) or Subsection R657-5-59(3).

(5) Any person who has obtained a pronghorn permit, or a moose permit may not apply for a doe pronghorn permit or antlerless moose permit, respectively, except as provided in Section R657-5-61.

(6) A person may not submit more than one application in the antlerless drawing per each species as provided in Subsections (2) and (3).

(7) Only a resident may apply for or obtain a resident permit and only a nonresident may apply for or obtain a nonresident permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-59(4) and Section R657-5-61.

(8)(a) Applications must be mailed by the date prescribed in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game. Applications filled out incorrectly or received later than the date prescribed in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be rejected.

(b) If an error is found on an application, the applicant may be contacted for correction.

(9)(a) Late applications, received by the date published in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation, will not be considered in the drawing, but will be processed for the purpose of entering data into the division's draw data base to provide:

(i) future preprinted applications;

(ii) notification by mail of late application and other draw opportunities; and

(iii) re-evaluation of division or third-party errors.

(b) The nonrefundable handling fee will be used to process the late application. Any permit fees submitted with the application will be refunded.

(c) Late applications received after the date published in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation shall not be processed and shall be returned to the applicant.

(10) Any person who applies for a hunt that occurs on private land is responsible for obtaining written permission from the landowner to access the property. To avoid disappointment and wasting the permit and fee if access is not obtained, hunters should get written permission before applying. The division does not guarantee access and does not have the names of landowners where hunts occur.

(11) To apply for a resident permit, a person must establish residency at the time of purchase.

(12) The posting date of the drawing shall be considered the purchase date of a permit.

R657-5-58. Fees for Antlerless Applications.

Each application must include the permit fee and a nonrefundable handling fee for each species applied for, except when applying with a credit or debit card, the permit fees and handling fees must be paid pursuant to Rule R657-42-8(5).

R657-5-59. Antlerless Big Game Drawing.

(1) The antlerless drawing results may be posted at the Lee Kay Center, Cache Valley Hunter Education Center, division offices and on the division Internet address on the date published in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) Permits are drawn in the order listed in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) Twenty percent of the antlerless deer, elk and doe pronghorn permits are reserved for youth hunters.

(b) For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season.

(c) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth drawing must:

(i) submit an application in accordance with Section R657-5-57; and

(ii) not apply as a group.

(d) Youth applicants who apply for an antlerless deer, elk, or doe pronghorn permit as provided in Subsection (c), will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.

(e) Any reserved permits remaining and any youth applicants who were not selected for reserved permits shall be returned to the antlerless drawing.

(4) If permits remain after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.

R657-5-60. Antlerless Application Refunds.

(1) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied with a check or money order will receive a refund in August.

(2)(a) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied with a credit or debit card, will not be charged for a permit.

(b) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied as a group, will receive an equally distributed refund of money remaining after the successful applicants' permits are paid for in accordance with Section R657-5-26(6).

(3) The handling fees are nonrefundable.

R657-5-61. Over-the-counter Permit Sales After the Antlerless Drawing.

Permits remaining after the drawing will be sold beginning on the date prescribed in the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game on a first-come, first-served basis from Division offices, through participating online license agents, and through the mail.

R657-5-62. Application Withdrawal or Amendment.

(1)(a) An applicant may withdraw their application for premium limited entry, limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and once-in-a-lifetime, and general buck deer and general muzzleloader elk permits from the big game drawing, or antlerless drawing by requesting such in writing by the date published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be withdrawn to the address published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) Handling fees will not be refunded.

(2)(a) An applicant may amend their application for the premium limited entry, limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and once-in-a-lifetime, and general buck deer and general muzzleloader elk permits from the big game drawing, or antlerless drawing by requesting such in writing by the date published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be amended to the address published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) The applicant must identify in their statement the requested amendment to their application.

(d) Handling fees will not be refunded.

(e) An amendment may cause rejection if the amendment causes an error on the application.

R657-5-63. Special Hunts.

(1)(a) In the event that wildlife management objectives are not being met for once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, or limited entry species, the division may recommend that the Wildlife Board authorize a special hunt for a specific species.

(b) The division will only utilize Subsection (1)(a) if the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation and Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game has been published and the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime and Antlerless drawings have been completed.

(2) The special hunt season dates, areas, number of permits, methods of take, requirements and other administrative details shall be provided in an addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3) Permits will be allocated through a special drawing for the pertinent species.

R657-5-64. Special Hunt Application - Deadlines.

(1) Applications are available from license agents and division offices.

(2)(a) Residents and nonresidents may apply.

(b) Any person who was unsuccessful in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime or Antlerless drawing may apply. However, any person who has obtained a permit may not apply, unless otherwise provided in this rule and the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) Applications must be mailed by the date prescribed in the addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game. Applications filled out incorrectly or received later than the date prescribed in the addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum of the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be rejected. Late applications will be returned unopened.

(b) If an error is found on an application, the applicant may be contacted for correction.

(4) Bonus points will be used in the special hunt drawings to improve odds for drawing permits as provided in Section R657-5-37. However, bonus points will not be awarded for unsuccessful applications in the special hunt drawings.

(5) Any person who obtains a special hunt permit is subject to all rules and regulations provided in this rule, the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation and Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, unless otherwise provided in Sections R657-5-63 through R657-5-68.

R657-5-65. Fees for Special Hunt Applications.

(1) Each application must include:

(a) the permit fee for the species applied for; and

(b) a nonrefundable handling fee.

(2)(a) Personal checks, money orders, cashier's checks and credit or debit cards are accepted from residents.

(b) Money orders, cashier's checks and credit or debit cards are accepted from nonresidents. Personal checks are not accepted from nonresidents.

(3)(a) Credit or debit cards must be valid at least 30 days after the drawing results are posted.

(b) If applicants are applying as a group, all fees for all applicants in that group must be charged to one credit or debit card.

(c) Handling fees are charged to the credit or debit card when the application is processed. Permit fees are charged after the drawing, if successful.

(d) Payments to correct an invalid or refused credit or debit card must be made with a cashier's check or money order for the full amount of the application fees plus any permits requested.

(4) An application is voidable if the check is returned unpaid from the bank or the credit or debit card is invalid or refused.

R657-5-66. Special Hunt Drawing.

(1) The special hunt drawing results are posted at the Lee Kay Center, Cache Valley Hunter Education Center and division offices on the date published in the addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation or Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) If permits remain after all choices have been evaluated

separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.

R657-5-67. Special Hunt Application Refunds.

(1) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied on the initial drawing and who applied with a check or money order will receive a refund within six weeks after posting of the drawing results.

(2) Unsuccessful applicants, who applied with a credit or debit card, will not be charged for a permit.

(3) The handling fees are nonrefundable.

R657-5-68. Permits Remaining After the Special Hunt Drawing.

Permits remaining after the special hunt drawing may be sold by mail or on a first-come, first-served basis as provided in the addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime or Antlerless Addendum of the Wildlife Board for taking big game. These permits may be purchased by either residents or nonresidents.

R657-5-69. Carcass Importation.

(1) It is unlawful to import dead elk, mule deer, or white-tailed deer or their parts from the areas of any state, province, game management unit, equivalent wildlife management unit, or county, which has deer or elk diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease, except the following portions of the carcass:

(a) meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately;

(b) quarters or other portion of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;

(c) meat that is boned out;

(d) hides with no heads attached;

(e) skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and tissue;

(f) antlers with no meat or tissue attached;

(g) upper canine teeth, also known as buglers, whistlers, or ivories; or

(h) finished taxidermy heads.

(2)(a) The affected states, provinces, game management units, equivalent wildlife management units, or counties, which have deer or elk diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease shall be available at division offices and through the division's Internet address.

(b) Importation of harvested elk, mule deer or white-tailed deer or their parts from the affected areas are hereby restricted pursuant to Subsection (1).

(3) Nonresidents of Utah transporting harvested elk, mule deer, or white-tailed deer from the affected areas are exempt if they:

(a) do not leave any part of the harvested animal in Utah and do not stay more than 24 hours in the state of Utah;

(b) do not have their deer or elk processed in Utah; or

(c) do not leave any parts of the carcass in Utah.

R657-5-70. Chronic Wasting Disease - Infected Animals.

(1) Any person who under the authority of a permit issued by the division legally takes a deer or elk that is later confirmed to be infected with Chronic Wasting Disease may:

(a) retain the entire carcass of the animal;

(b) retain any parts of the carcass, including antlers, and surrender the remainder to the division for proper disposal; or

(c) surrender all portions of the carcass in their actual or constructive possession, including antlers, to the division and receive a free new permit the following year for the same hunt.

(2) The new permit issued pursuant to Subsection (1)(c) shall be for the same species, sex, weapon type, unit, region, and otherwise subject to all the restrictions and conditions imposed on the original permit, except season dates for the permit shall follow the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game published in the year the new permit is valid.

(3) Notwithstanding other rules to the contrary, private landowners and landowner associations may refuse access to private property to persons possessing new permits issued under Subsection (1)(c).

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.
R657-6. Taking Upland Game.
R657-6-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19 and in accordance with 50 CFR 20, 2003 edition, which is incorporated by reference, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking upland game.

(2) Specific season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, number of permits and other administrative details that may change annually are published in the Upland Game Proclamation and the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

R657-6-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Bait" means shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed that lures, attracts or entices birds.

(b) "Baited area" means any area on which shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered, if that shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take migratory game birds. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed.

(c) "Baiting" means the direct or indirect placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take migratory game birds.

(d) "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations.

(e) "Closed season" means the days on which upland game shall not be taken.

(f) "Commercial hunting area" means private land operated under Rule R657-22, where hatchery or artificially raised or propagated game birds are released for the purpose of hunting during a specified season and where a fee is charged.

(g) "Falconry" means the sport of taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.

(h) "Field possession limit" means no person may possess, have in custody, or transport, whichever applies, more than the daily bag limit of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either:

(i) his or her automobile or principal means of land transportation;

(ii) his or her personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging;

(iii) a migratory bird preservation facility; or

(iv) a post office or common carrier facility.

(i) "Immediate family" means the landowner's lessee, or landowner's or lessee's spouse, children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

(j) "Landowner" means any individual, family or corporation who owns property in Utah and whose name appears on the deed as the owner of eligible property or whose name appears as the purchaser on a contract for sale of eligible property.

(k) "Migratory game bird" means, for the purposes of this rule, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon, and Sandhill Crane.

(l) "Nontoxic shot" means soft iron, steel, copper-plated steel, nickel-plated steel, zinc-plated steel, bismuth, and any other shot types approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Lead, nickel-plated lead, copper-plated lead, copper and lead/copper alloy shot have not been approved.

(m) "Open season" means the days when upland game may lawfully be taken. Each period prescribed as an open season shall include the first and last days thereof.

(n) "Personal abode" means one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from a temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling, such as a hunting club, cabin, tent, or trailer house used as a hunting club or any hotel, motel, or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure, or business trip.

(o) "Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit" means a generally contiguous area of private land open for hunting small game, waterfowl, or big game by permit that is registered in accordance with Rules R657-21 and R657-37.

(p) "Possession limit" means, for purposes of this rule, the number of upland game birds one individual may have in possession at any one time.

(q) "Transport" means to ship, carry, export, import, receive or deliver for shipment, conveyance, carriage, exportation or importation.

(r) "Upland game" means pheasant, quail, Chukar Partridge, Hungarian Partridge, Sage-grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Blue Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, White-tailed Ptarmigan, and the following migratory game birds: Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon, and Sandhill Crane.

R657-6-3. Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program.

(1) A person must obtain a Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number to hunt migratory game birds (Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove and Sandhill Crane).

(2)(a) A person may call the telephone number published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game or register online at www.wildlife.utah.gov to obtain their HIP registration number. Use of a public pay phone will not allow access to the telephone number published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(b) A person must write their HIP registration number on their current year's hunting license.

(3) Any person obtaining a HIP registration number will be required to provide their:

(a) hunting license number;

(b) hunting license code key;

(c) name;

(d) address;

(e) phone number;

(f) birth date; and

(g) information about the previous year's migratory game bird hunts.

(4) Lifetime license holders will receive a sticker every three years from the Division to write their HIP number on and place on their lifetime license card.

(5) Any person hunting migratory game birds will be required, while in the field, to prove that they have registered and provided information for the HIP program.

R657-6-4. Permits for Band-tailed Pigeon, Sage-grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse and White-tailed Ptarmigan.

(1)(a) A person may not take or possess:

(i) Band-tailed Pigeon without first obtaining a Band-tailed Pigeon permit;

(ii) Sage-grouse without first obtaining a Sage-grouse permit;

(iii) Sharp-tailed Grouse without first obtaining a Sharp-tailed Grouse permit; or

(iv) White-tailed Ptarmigan without first obtaining a White-tailed Ptarmigan permit.

(b) A person may obtain only one permit for each species listed in Subsection (1)(a), except a falconer with a valid Falconry Certificate of Registration may obtain one additional two-bird Sage-grouse permit beginning on the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game, if any permits are remaining.

(2)(a) A limited number of two-bird Sage-grouse permits are available in the areas published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(b) A Sage-grouse permit may only be used in one of the open areas as published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(c) Sage-grouse permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game free of charge.

(d) Sage-grouse permit request forms must be submitted with a handling fee.

(3)(a) A limited number of two-bird, Sharp-tailed Grouse permits are available.

(b) A Sharp-tailed Grouse permit may only be used in one of open areas as published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(c) Sharp-tailed Grouse permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game free of charge.

(d) Sharp-tailed Grouse permit request forms must be submitted with a handling fee.

(4)(a) Band-tailed Pigeon and White-tailed Ptarmigan permits are available from Division offices, through the mail, and through the Division's Internet address by the first week in August, free of charge.

(5) Sage-grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Band-tailed Pigeon and White-tailed Ptarmigan permit forms are available from Division offices and through the Division's Internet address.

R657-6-5. Application Procedure for Sandhill Crane.

(1)(a) Applications will be available from Division offices and license agents. Applications must be mailed by the date prescribed in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(b) Residents and nonresidents may apply.

(c) The application period for Sandhill Crane is published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(2)(a) Applications completed incorrectly or received after the date prescribed in the upland game proclamation may be rejected.

(b) If an error is found on the application, the applicant may be contacted for correction.

(3)(a) Late applications, received by the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game, will not be considered in the drawing, but will be processed for the purpose of entering data into the Division's draw database to provide:

(i) future pre-printed applications;

(ii) notification by mail of late application and other draw opportunities; and

(iii) re-evaluation of Division or third-party errors.

(b) The handling fee will be used to process the late application. Any license fees submitted with the application will be refunded.

(c) Late applications, received after the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game, shall not be processed and shall be returned to the applicant.

(4) Group applications for Sandhill Crane will not be accepted.

(5)(a) A person may obtain only one Sandhill Crane permit each year.

(b) A person may not apply more than once annually.

(6) Each application must include:

(a) a $5 nonrefundable handling fee; and

(b) the small game or combination license fee, if it has not yet been purchased.

(7) A small game license or combination license may be purchased before applying, or the small game license or combination license will be issued upon successfully drawing a permit. Fees must be submitted with the application.

(8) The posting date of the drawing results is published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(9) Any permits remaining after the drawing are available by mail-in application on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(10) To apply for a resident permit or license, a person must establish residency at the time of purchase.

(11) The posting date of the drawing shall be considered the purchase date of a permit.

(12)(a) An applicant may withdraw their application for the Sandhill Crane Drawing by requesting such in writing by the date published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(b) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be withdrawn to the Salt Lake Division office.

(c) An applicant may reapply in the Sandhill Crane Drawing provided:

(i) the original application is withdrawn;

(ii) the new application is submitted with the request to withdraw the original application;

(iii) both the new application and request to withdraw the original application are received by the initial application deadline; and

(iv) both the new application and request to withdraw the original application are submitted to the Salt Lake Division office.

(d) Handling fee will not be refunded.

(13)(a) An applicant may amend their application for the Sandhill Crane Drawing by requesting such in writing by the initial application deadline.

(b) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be amended to the Salt Lake Division office.

(c) The applicant must identify in their statement the requested amendment to their application.

R657-6-6. Application Procedure, Waiting Period and Bonus Points for Wild Turkey.

(1)(a) Applications are available from Division offices, license agents, and the Division's Internet address. Applications must be mailed by the date prescribed in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(b) Residents and nonresidents may apply.

(c) The application period for wild turkey is published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(2)(a) Applications completed incorrectly or received after the date prescribed in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation may be rejected.

(b) If an error is found on the application, the applicant may be contacted for correction.

(3)(a) Late applications, received by the date published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game, will not be considered

in the drawing, but will be processed for the purpose of entering data into the Division's draw database to provide:

(i) future preprinted applications;

(ii) notification by mail of late application and other draw opportunities; and

(iii) reevaluation of Division and third-party errors.

(b) The $5 handling fee will be used to process the late application. Any permit fees submitted with the application will be refunded.

(c) Late applications, received after the date published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game shall not be processed and shall be returned to the applicant.

(4)(a) Group applications for wild turkey will not be accepted.

(b) Applicants may select up to three hunt choices when applying for limited entry turkey permits. Hunt unit choices must be listed in order of preference.

(5)(a) A person may obtain only one wild turkey permit each year, except a person may obtain wild turkey conservation permits in addition to obtaining a limited entry or remaining wild turkey permit.

(b) A person may not apply for wild turkey more than once annually.

(c) A turkey permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one male turkey within the area and season specified on the permit.

(6) A small game license or combination license may be purchased before applying or the small game license or combination license will be issued upon successfully drawing a permit. Fees must be submitted with the application.

(7) Each application must include:

(a) the nonrefundable handling fee;

(b) the limited entry turkey permit fee; and

(c) the small game or combination license fee, if it has not yet been purchased.

(8) The posting date of the drawing results is published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(9)(a) Any permits remaining after the drawing are available only by mail-in request.

(b) Requests for remaining permits must include:

(i) full name, complete mailing address, phone number, date of birth, weight, height, sex, color of hair and eyes, Social Security number, and driver's license number (if available);

(ii) proof of hunter education certification, if applicable;

(iii) small game or combination license number or fees; and

(iv) the permit fee.

(c) Requests must be submitted to the Salt Lake Division office as published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(d) Requests shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on the date published in the Turkey Addendum to the Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(10) Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund in March.

(11)(a) Any person who obtained a Rio Grande turkey permit during the preceding two years may not apply for or obtain a Rio Grande or Merriam's turkey permit for the current year, except as provided in Subsections (c) and (d).

(b) Any person who obtained a Merriam's turkey permit during the preceding year, may not apply for or obtain a Merriam's or Rio Grande turkey permit for the current year, except as provided in Subsections (c) and (d).

(c) Waiting periods do not apply to the purchase of turkey permits remaining after the drawing. However, waiting periods are incurred as a result of purchasing remaining permits. Therefore, if a remaining permit is purchased in the current year, waiting periods will be in effect when applying in the drawing in the following two years.

(d) Waiting periods do not apply to conservation permits or landowner permits.

(12)(a) A bonus point is awarded for:

(i) a valid unsuccessful application when applying for a permit in the turkey drawing; or

(ii) a valid application when applying for a bonus point in the turkey drawing.

(b)(i) A person may not apply for a bonus point if that person is ineligible to apply for a permit.

(ii) A person may apply for one turkey bonus point each year, except a person may not apply in the drawing for both a turkey permit and a turkey bonus point in the same year.

(iii) Group applications will not be accepted when applying for bonus points.

(c) A bonus point shall not be awarded for an unsuccessful landowner application.

(d) Each applicant receives a random drawing number for:

(i) the current valid turkey application; and

(ii) each bonus point accrued.

(iii) The applicant will retain the lowest random number for the drawing.

(e)(i) Fifty percent of the permits for each hunt unit will be reserved for applicants with bonus points.

(ii) Based on the applicant's first choice, the reserved permits will be designated by a random drawing number to eligible applicants with the greatest number of bonus points.

(iii) If reserved permits remain, the reserved permits will be designated by random number to eligible applicants with the next greatest number of bonus points.

(iv) The procedure in Subsection (iii) will continue until all reserved permits have been issued or no applications for that hunt unit remain.

(v) Any reserved permits remaining and any applicants who were not selected for reserved permits will be returned to the drawing.

(f) Bonus points are forfeited if a person obtains a wild turkey permit, except as provided in Subsection (f).

(g) Bonus points are not forfeited if:

(i) a person is successful in obtaining a Conservation Permit or Sportsman Permit;

(ii) a person obtains a Landowner Permit; or

(iii) a person obtains a Poaching-Reported Reward Permit.

(h) Bonus points are not transferable.

(i) Bonus points are tracked using social security numbers or Division-issued hunter identification numbers.

(13)(a) An applicant may withdraw their application for the wild turkey permit drawing by requesting such in writing by the date published in the Turkey Addendum to the Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(b) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be withdrawn to the Salt Lake division office.

(c) Handling fees will not be refunded.

(14)(a) An applicant may amend their application for the wild turkey permit drawing by requesting such in writing by the initial application deadline.

(b) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be amended to the Salt Lake Division office.

(c) The applicant must identify in their statement the requested amendment to their application.

(d) An amendment may cause rejection if the amendment causes an error on the application.

R657-6-7. Landowner Permits.

(1)(a) Up to an additional 20 percent of the limited entry permits authorized for taking Merriam's and Rio Grande turkeys are available to private landowners through a drawing.

(b) Landowners interested in obtaining landowner permits must contact the regional Division office in their area November 15 through December 15 to be eligible for the landowner permit drawing and to obtain an application.

(c) Landowner permit applications that are not signed by the local Division representative will be rejected.

(d) Landowner permit applications must be received by the date published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(2)(a) A landowner who owns at least 640 acres of essential habitat that supports wild Merriam's turkeys or at least 20 acres of essential habitat that supports wild Rio Grande turkey within any of the open limited entry areas for wild turkeys is eligible to participate in the drawing for available landowner turkey permits.

(b) Land qualifying as essential habitat and owned by more than one landowner may qualify for a landowner permit. However, the landowners who own the qualifying land must determine the landowner who will be participating in the drawing.

(c) "Essential habitat" means areas where wild turkeys regularly and consistently roost, feed, loaf, nest or winter.

(3)(a) A landowner who applies for a landowner permit may:

(i) be issued the permit; or

(ii) designate a member of the landowner's immediate family or landowner's regular full-time employee to receive the permit.

(b) At the time of application, the landowner must identify the designee who will receive the permit.

(c) The landowner permit may be used only on the open limited entry area in which the landowner's property is located during the open season established for hunting wild turkeys.

(4) The posting date of the drawing results for landowner permits is published in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(5)(a) Any landowner permits remaining after the landowner drawing shall be converted to public limited entry permits for that specific unit.

(b) These permits shall be issued through the limited entry drawing. Therefore, the number of public permits listed in the Turkey Addendum to the Upland Game Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game, may increase.

(6)(a) A waiting period does not apply to landowners applying for landowner permits.

(b) A landowner may apply once annually for a landowner permit and a limited entry permit, but may only draw or obtain one permit.

R657-6-8. Purchase of License, or Permit by Mail.

(1) A person may obtain a license by mail by sending the following information to any Division office: full name, complete mailing address, phone number, date of birth, weight, height, sex, color of hair and eyes, Social Security number, driver's license number (if available), proof of hunter education certification and fees.

(2) A person may obtain a Band-tailed Pigeon, Sage-grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, or White-tailed Ptarmigan permit by mail by sending the following information to any Division office: full name, complete mailing address, phone number, and hunting license number.

(3)(a) Personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders are accepted.

(b) Personal checks drawn on an out-of-state account are not accepted.

(4) Checks must be made payable to Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

R657-6-9. Firearms and Archery Tackle.

(1) A person may not use any weapon or device to take upland game except as provided in this section.

(2)(a) Upland game may be taken with archery equipment, a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge, or a handgun. Loads for shotguns and handguns must be one-half ounce or more of shot size between no. 2 and no. 8, except:

(i) migratory game birds may not be taken with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells;

(ii) wild turkey may be taken only with a bow and broadhead tipped arrows or a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge, firing shot sizes between BB and no. 6;

(iii) cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare may be taken with any firearm not capable of being fired fully automatic;

(iv) a person hunting upland game on a temporary game preserve as defined in Rule R657-5 may not use or possess any broadheads unless that person possesses a valid big game archery permit for the area being hunted;

(v) only shotguns, firing shot sizes no. 4 or smaller, may be used on temporary game preserves as specified in the Big Game Proclamation; and

(vi) Sandhill Crane may be taken with any size of nontoxic shot.

(b) Crossbows are not legal archery equipment for taking upland game.

(3) A person may not use:

(a) a firearm capable of being fired fully automatic; or

(b) any light enhancement device or aiming device that casts a beam of light.

R657-6-10. Nontoxic Shot.

(1) Only nontoxic shot may be used to take Sandhill Crane.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), nontoxic shot is not required to take any species of upland game, except Sandhill Crane.

(3) A person may not possess or use lead shot or any other shot that has not been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for taking migratory game birds while hunting Sandhill Crane or while on federal refuges or the following state wildlife management areas: Bicknell Bottoms, Blue Lake, Brown's Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Farmington Bay, Harold S. Crane, Howard Slough, Locomotive Springs, Manti Meadows, Mills Meadows, Ogden Bay, Powell Slough, Public Shooting Grounds, Salt Creek, Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve, Stewart Lake, and Timpie Springs.

R657-6-11. Use of Firearms and Archery Tackle on State Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) A person may not possess a firearm or archery tackle, except during the specified hunting seasons or as authorized by the Division on the following wildlife management areas: Bear River Trenton Property Parcel, Bud Phelps, Castle Dale, Huntington, James Walter Fitzgerald, Mallard Springs, Manti Meadows, Montes Creek, Nephi, Pahvant, Redmond Marsh, Richfield, Roosevelt, Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve, Vernal, and Willard Bay.

(2) The firearm restrictions set forth in this section do not apply to a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

R657-6-12. Use of Firearms and Archery Tackle on State Waterfowl Management Areas.

(1) A person may not possess a firearm or archery tackle, except during the specified waterfowl hunting seasons or as authorized by the Division on the following waterfowl management areas: Bicknell Bottoms, Brown's Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Farmington Bay, Harold S. Crane, Howard Slough, Locomotive Springs, Mills Meadows, Ogden Bay, Powell Slough, Public Shooting Grounds, Salt Creek, Stewart Lake, and Timpie Springs.

(2) During the waterfowl hunting seasons, a shotgun is the only firearm that may be held in possession.

(3) The firearm restrictions set forth in this section do not apply to a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

R657-6-13. Shooting Hours.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), shooting hours for upland game are as follows:

(i) Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, and Sandhill Crane may be taken only between one-half hour before official sunrise through official sunset.

(ii) Sage-grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Blue Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Chukar Partridge, Hungarian Partridge, pheasant, quail, wild turkey, cottontail rabbit, and snowshoe hare may be taken only between one-half hour before official sunrise through one-half hour after official sunset.

(b) A person must add to or subtract from the official sunrise and sunset depending on the geographic location of the state. Specific times are provided in a time zone map in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(2) Pheasant and quail may not be taken prior to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the pheasant and quail seasons.

(3) A person may not discharge a firearm on state owned lands adjacent to the Great Salt Lake, state waterfowl management areas or on federal refuges between official sunset through one-half hour before official sunrise.

R657-6-14. State Parks.

(1) Hunting of any wildlife is prohibited within the boundaries of all state park areas, except those areas designated open to hunting by the Division of Parks and Recreation in Rule R651-614-4.

(2) Hunting with rifles and handguns in park areas designated open is prohibited within one mile of all park facilities including buildings, camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps, and developed beaches.

(3) Hunting with shotguns or archery tackle is prohibited within one quarter mile of the above stated areas.

R657-6-15. Falconry.

(1)(a) Falconers must obtain an annual small game or combination license and a valid falconry certificate of registration or license to hunt upland game and must also obtain:

(b) a Band-tailed Pigeon permit before taking Band-tailed Pigeon;

(c) a Sage-grouse permit before taking Sage-grouse;

(d) a Sharp-tailed Grouse permit before taking Sharp-tailed Grouse;

(e) a White-tailed Ptarmigan permit before taking White-tailed Ptarmigan; or

(f) a Sandhill Crane permit before taking Sandhill Crane.

(2) Areas open and bag and possession limits for falconry are provided in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

R657-6-16. Live Decoys and Electronic Calls.

A person may not take a wild turkey by the use or aid of live decoys, records or tapes of turkey calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of turkey calls.

R657-6-17. Baiting.

(1) A person may not hunt upland game by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. This section does not prohibit:

(a) the taking of any migratory game bird on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:

(i) standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics), standing, flooded or manipulated natural vegetation, flooded harvested croplands, or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

(ii) from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;

(iii) from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or

(iv) standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds.

(b) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

R657-6-18. Turkeys.

A person may not take or attempt to take any turkey sitting or roosting in a tree.

R657-6-19. Use of Motorized Vehicles.

Motorized vehicle travel on all state wildlife management areas is restricted to county roads and improved roads that are posted open.

R657-6-20. Possession of Live Protected Wildlife.

A person may not possess live, protected wildlife. Protected wildlife that is wounded must be immediately killed and shall be included in the hunter's bag limit.

R657-6-21. Tagging Requirements.

(1) The carcass of a Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed Grouse, or turkey must be tagged in accordance with Section 23-20-30.

(2) A person may not hunt or pursue Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed Grouse or turkey after any of the notches have been removed from the tag or the tag has been detached from the permit.

R657-6-22. Identification of Species and Sex.

(1) One fully feathered wing must remain attached to each upland game bird and migratory game bird taken, except wild turkey, while it is being transported to allow species identification.

(2) The head must remain attached to the carcass of wild turkey while being transported to permit species and sex identification.

R657-6-23. Waste of Upland Game.

A person shall not kill or cripple any upland game without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal.

R657-6-24. Utah Pheasant Project.

(1) Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA may collect and rear pheasants from eggs in nests destroyed by normal hay mowing operations. The 4-H club leader, FFA adviser or Scout Master shall first apply for and obtain a certificate of registration for this activity.

(2) Landowners or operators of mowing equipment may collect the eggs and possess them for no more than 24 hours for pick up by a person with a certificate of registration.

(3) Pheasants must be released by 16 weeks of age.

(4) These pheasants remain the property of the state of Utah.

R657-6-25. Use of Dogs.

(1) Dogs may be used to locate and retrieve upland game during open hunting seasons.

(2) Dogs are not allowed on state wildlife management or waterfowl management areas, except during open hunting seasons or as posted by the Division.

(3) State wildlife management and waterfowl management areas are listed under Sections R657-6-11 and R657-6-12.

R657-6-26. Closed Areas.

A person may not hunt upland game in any area posted closed by the Division or any of the following areas:

(1) Salt Lake Airport boundaries as posted.

(2) Incorporated municipalities: Most of the incorporated areas of Alta, a portion of Davis County, Garland City, Layton, Logan, Pleasant View City, South Ogden City, West Jordan, and West Valley City are closed to the discharge of firearms. Check with the respective city officials for specific boundaries. Other municipalities may have additional firearm restrictions.

(3) Wildlife Management Areas:

(a) Waterfowl management areas are open for hunting upland game only during designated waterfowl hunting seasons, including: Bear River National Wildlife Refuge, Bicknell Bottoms, Blue Lake, Brown's Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Farmington Bay, Harold S. Crane, Howard Slough, Locomotive Springs, Mills Meadows, Ogden Bay, Ouray National Wildlife Refuge, Powell Slough, Public Shooting Grounds, Salt Creek, Stewart Lake, and Timpie Springs.

(b) Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge is closed to upland game hunting.

(c) Goshen Warm Springs is closed to upland game hunting.

(4) Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

R657-6-27. Live Decoys and Electronic Calls.

A person may not take migratory game birds by the use or aid of live decoys, records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

R657-6-28. Baiting Migratory Game Birds.

Migratory game birds may not be taken by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit:

(1) the taking of Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove, and Sandhill Crane on or over standing crops, flooded standing crops (including aquatics), flooded harvested croplands, grain crops properly shucked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting; or

(2) the taking of Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove and Sandhill Crane on or over any lands where feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of bona fide agricultural operations or procedures, or as a result of manipulation of a crop or other feed on the land where grown for wildlife management purposes.

R657-6-29. Transporting Another Person's Birds.

(1) No person may receive, transport, or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds have a tag attached that states the total number and species of birds, the date such birds were killed, and the address, signature, and license number of the hunter.

(2) No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

R657-6-30. Gift of Migratory Game Birds.

No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunters address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

R657-6-31. Shipping or Exporting.

(1) No person may transport upland game by the Postal Service or a common unless the package or container has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the container.

(2) A shipping permit issued by the Division must accompany each package containing upland game within or from the state.

(3) A person may export upland game or their parts from Utah only if:

(a) the person who harvested the upland game accompanies it and possess a valid license or permit corresponding to the tag, if applicable; or

(b) the person exporting the upland game or its parts, if it is not the person who harvested the upland game, has obtained a shipping permit from the Division.

R657-6-32. Importation Limits.

No person shall import during any one calendar week beginning on Sunday more than 25 doves, singularly or in the aggregate, or ten Band-tailed Pigeons from any foreign country, except Mexico. Importation of doves and Band-tailed Pigeons from Mexico may not exceed the maximum number permitted by Mexican authorities to be taken in any one day.

R657-6-33. Transfer of Possession.

(1) A person may not put or leave any migratory game bird at any place other than at his personal abode or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transporting, or storing, including temporary storage, or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed unless there is attached to the birds a disposal receipt, donation receipt, or transportation slip signed by the hunter stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed.

(2) A migratory bird preservation facility may not receive or have in custody any migratory game bird without the documents required in Subsection (1).

R657-6-34. Spotlighting.

(1) Except as provided in Section 23-13-17:

(a) a person may not use or cast the rays of any spotlight, headlight or other artificial light to locate protected wildlife while having in possession a firearm or other weapon or device that could be used to take or injure protected wildlife; and

(b) the use of a spotlight or other artificial light in a field, woodland or forest where protected wildlife are generally found is prima facie evidence of attempting to locate protected wildlife.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

(a) the use of the headlights of a motor vehicle or other artificial light in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife; or

(b) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

R657-6-35. Wild Turkey Poaching Reported Reward Permits.

(1) Any person who provides information leading to another person's arrest and successful prosecution for wanton destruction of a wild turkey under Section 23-20-4, within any limited entry area may receive a permit from the Division to hunt wild turkey in the following year on the same limited entry area where the violation occurred, except as provided in Subsection (2).

(2)(a) In the event that issuance of a Poaching-Reported Reward Permit would exceed 5 percent of the total number of limited entry permits issued in the following year for the respective area, a permit shall not be issued for that respective area. As an alternative, the Division may issue a permit as outlined in Subsection (b).

(b) A permit for a wild turkey, on an alternative limited entry area that has been allocated more than 20 permits, may be issued.

(3)(a) The Division may issue only one Poaching-Reported Reward Permit for any one wild turkey illegally taken.

(b) No more than one Poaching-Reported Reward Permit shall be issued to any one person per successful prosecution.

(c) No more than one Poaching-Reported Reward Permit shall be issued to any one person in any one calendar year.

(4)(a) Poaching-Reported Reward permits may only be issued to the person who provides the most pertinent information leading to a successful prosecution. Permits are not transferrable.

(b) If information is received from more than one person, the director of the Division shall make a determination based on the facts of the case, as to which person provided the most pertinent information leading to the successful prosecution in the case.

(c) The person providing the most pertinent information shall qualify for the Poaching-Reported Reward Permit.

(5) Any person who receives a Poaching-Reported Reward Permit must be eligible to hunt and obtain wild turkey permits as provided in all rules and regulations of the Wildlife Board and the Wildlife Resources Code.

(6) For purposes of this section, "successful prosecution" means the screening, filing of charges and subsequent adjudication for the poaching incident.

R657-6-36. Invalid Permits.

(1) A license or permit received by a person shall be deemed invalid if payment for that license or permit is not received, or a check is returned unpaid from the bank, or the credit card is invalid or refused.

(2) Hunting with a permit where payment has not been received for that permit constitutes a violation of hunting without a valid permit.

R657-6-37. Season Dates, Bag and Possession Limits, and Areas Open.

(1) Season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, and number of permits for taking upland game are provided in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

(2) Season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, and number of permits for taking wild turkey are provided in the Turkey Addendum of the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game.

R657-6-38. Youth Hunting.

(1)(a) Up to 15 percent of the limited entry permits authorized for taking Merriam's and Rio Grande turkeys are available to youth hunters.

(b) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 12 to 18 years of age on the posting date of the wild turkey drawing.

(2)(a) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth limited entry wild turkey permit drawing must submit an application in accordance with Section R657-6-6.

(b) Youth who apply for a turkey permit in accordance with Section R657-6-6, will automatically be considered in the youth permit drawing based on their birth date.

(3)(a) Bonus points shall be used when applying for youth turkey permits in accordance with Section R657-6-6.

(b) Waiting periods will be incurred in accordance with Section R657-6-6.

KEY: wildlife, birds, rabbits, game laws
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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.
R657-15. Closure of Gunnison, Cub and Hat Islands.
R657-15-1. Purpose and Authority.

Under authority of Section 23-21a-3, this rule provides for the management of Gunnison, Cub, and Hat islands for the protection and perpetuation of the American white pelican, Pelacanus erythrorhynchos, and other avian species.

R657-15-2. Closed Areas.

(1) The following areas are closed to air, water, and land trespass as a conservation measure to protect colonial bird nesting areas:

(a) Gunnison and Cub islands, located in Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, Township 7 North, Range 9 West, Salt Lake Base and Meridian; and

(b) Hat Island, located in Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 7 West, Salt Lake Base and Meridian.

(2) This closure encompasses all of Gunnison, Cub, and Hat islands and the surrounding waters and beaches of the Great Salt Lake one mile in every direction from the 4200-foot mean sea level elevation shoreline of Gunnison, Cub, and Hat islands.

(3) The provisions of this rule do not apply to division personnel while performing their official duties, or to certified peace officers and emergency personnel acting under their direction when engaged in exigent law enforcement activities or emergency rescue operations.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-10. Classified License System.
R708-10-1. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-3-401 et seq.

R708-10-2. Specifications for Utah License Classifications.

Class A Commercial Driver - (must be at least 18 years of age). Every person operating any combination of vehicles over 26,000 lbs. GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) where the towed unit is more than 10,000 lbs. GVWR.

Class B Commercial Driver - (must be at least 18 years of age). Every person operating a straight truck or bus (single vehicle) more than 26,000 lbs. GVWR or any combination of vehicles over 26,000 lbs. GVWR where the towed unit is less than 10,001 lbs. GVWR.

Class C operator - (must be at least 21 years of age). Every person operating a vehicle or combination of vehicles less than 26,001 GVWR which transports amounts of hazardous materials requiring placarding or which transports more than 15 occupants including the driver, or which is used as a school bus.

All commercial operators (Class A, B, or C), must obtain a commercial driver license no later than April 1, 1992.

Class D operator - (must be at least 16 years of age). Every person operating vehicles not defined above except motorcycles.

Class M operator - (must be at least 16 years of age). Every person operating a two (2) or three (3) wheel motor-driven cycle designed and registered for highway use.

R708-10-3. Endorsements.

H = Hazardous materials
M = Motorcycle.
N = Tank vehicle.
P = Passengers.
S = School bus. (includes P)
T = Double or triple trailers.
X = Hazardous material and tank combination.
Z = Taxis.

R708-10-4. Restrictions.

A = None.
B = Corrective lenses.
C = Mechanical aid.
D = Prosthetic aid.
E = Automatic transmission.
F = Outside mirror.
G = Daylight only.
I = Limit - other.
J = Other.
K = Restricted to intrastate operation of commercial vehicles.
L = Restricted to vehicles not equipped with air brakes.
O = 90 cc or less motorcycle.
U = a 3 wheel cycle.
V = POSTED 40 mph or less.
W = medical.

KEY: classified license, licensing
1989 **53-3-401 et seq.**
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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-14. Adjudicative Proceedings For Driver License Actions Involving Alcohol and Drugs.
R708-14-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures to be used by the Utah Driver License Division for alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings.

R708-14-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-3-104 and Subsection 63-46b-5(1).

R708-14-3. Definitions.

(1) "Adjudicative proceeding" means any meeting, conference, session or hearing, in person or otherwise, between a person and a presiding officer or designee of the division, that is intended to resolve a dispute.

(2) "Division" means the Driver License Division of the Utah Department of Public Safety.

(3) "Division record" means the entire division file, including written reports received or generated by the division. It also includes, but is not limited to, minutes, written comments, presiding officer's written statements and summaries, testimony, evidence, findings of fact, conclusions of law, recommendations, and orders.

(4) "Hearing" means an alcohol/drug adjudicative proceeding where evidence is considered to determine an issue of fact and to adjudicate a legal right or privilege.

(5) "Presiding officer" means a division employee with authority to conduct alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings.

(6) "Recording" means documenting, by electronic or other means, the testimony or information presented at an alcohol/drug adjudicative proceeding.

R708-14-4. Designations.

(1) In compliance with Section 63-46b-4, all division alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings are designated as informal proceedings, unless converted to formal proceedings by a presiding officer or division supervisor.

(2) An informal proceeding may be converted to a formal proceeding only if approved by a division supervisor and only if the conversion will promote efficiency, public safety, and not unreasonably increase cost.

R708-14-5. Authority for Conducting Adjudicative Proceedings.

Alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings will be conducted in accordance with Sections 41-62-521, 53-3-223, 53-3-231, 53-3-418, 63-46b-5, and this rule.

R708-14-6. Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 63-46b-3(1), alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings may be commenced by:

(a) a notice of division action, if the proceedings are commenced by the division; or

(b) a request for division action, if the proceedings are commenced by a person other than the division.

(2) A notice of division action and request for division action shall include the information set forth in Subsections 63-46b-3(2)(a) and (3)(a) respectively. In addition, a request for division action shall include the petitioner's full name, date of birth, and the date of arrest or occurrence which prompted the request for division action. A request for division action that is not made timely, in accordance with Subsections 53-3-223(6)(a), 53-3-231(7)(a)(ii), and 53-3-418(9)(b), will not be granted except for good cause as determined by the division.

R708-14-7. Alcohol/Drug Adjudicative Proceedings.

The alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings deal with the following types of hearings:

(a) driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs (per-se), Section 53-3-223;

(b) implied consent (refusal), Section 41-6a-520;

(c) measurable metabolite in body, Section 41-6a-517;

(d) consumption by a minor (not a drop), Section 53-3-231; and

(e) CDL (.04), Section 53-3-418.

R708-14-8. Hearing Procedures.

(1) Time and place. Alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings will be held in the county of arrest, at a time and place designated by the division, or agreed upon by the parties.

(2) Notice. Notice shall be given as provided in Subsection 53-3-216(3) unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. Notice shall be given on a form approved by the division and is deemed to be signed by the presiding officer. The notice need only inform the parties as to the date, time, place, and basic purpose of the proceeding. The parties are deemed to have knowledge of the law.

(3) Default. If the driver fails to respond timely to a division request or notice, a default may be entered in accordance with Section 63-46b-11.

(4) Evidence. The parties and witnesses may testify under oath, present evidence, and comment on pertinent issues. The presiding officer may exclude irrelevant, repetitious, immaterial, or privileged information or evidence. The presiding officer may consider hearsay evidence and receive documentary evidence, including copies or excerpts.

(5) Information. The driver shall have access to information in the division file to the extent permitted by law.

(6) Subpoenas. Discovery is prohibited, but the division may issue subpoenas or other orders to compel production of necessary evidence. Subpoenas may be issued by the division at the request of the driver if the costs of the subpoenas are paid by the driver and will not delay the proceeding.

(7) Administrative notice. The presiding officer has discretion to take administrative notice of records, procedures, rules, policies, technical scientific facts within the presiding officer's specialized knowledge or experience, or of any other facts that could be judicially noticed.

(8) Presiding officer. The presiding officer may:

(a) administer oaths;

(b) issue subpoenas;

(c) conduct prehearing conferences by telephone or in person to clarify issues, dispose of procedural questions, and expedite the hearing;

(d) tape record or take notes of the hearing at his/her discretion;

(e) take appropriate measures to preserve the integrity of the hearing; and

(f) conduct hearings in accordance with division policy III-A-3, III-A-4, and III-A-5.

R708-14-9. Findings, Conclusions, Recommendations and Orders.

(1) Within a reasonable period of time after the close of the hearing, the presiding officer will issue a written decision that may include findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation.

(2) Statements reflecting findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation may be written on forms that utilize a system of check boxes and fill in blanks. The completed form will be transmitted to the presiding officer's supervisor as soon as possible for the preparation of an order that complies with Subsection 63-46b-5(1)(i).

(3) As provided in Subsection 53-3-216(3), the order will be mailed to the last known address of the driver.

(4) The order shall advise the driver of his/her right to seek

a copy of written findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the presiding officer, and these will be made available to the driver only upon written request.

R708-14-10. Reconsideration.

In accordance with Section 63-46b-13 a driver may file a request for reconsideration of the order within 20 days after receiving it. If the division does not issue an amended order within 20 days after receiving the request for reconsideration, the request for reconsideration shall be considered denied, and the driver may seek judicial review in accordance with Section 63-46b-15.

KEY: adjudicative proceedings
February 1, 2000 53-3-104
Notice of Continuation July 25, 2002 63-46b-5(1)

R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-16. Pedestrian Vehicle Rule.
R708-16-1. Authority.

(1) This rule is authorized by Section 41-6a-1011.

R708-16-2. Purpose.

(1) To promote and regulate safety in the use of a pedestrian vehicle, for both the individual using the pedestrian vehicle, and any person or property around, or about, the area being used by a pedestrian vehicle. Specific conditions may be required prior to giving authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle.

(2) To require a person to apply for authority to operate a pedestrian vehicle for any such vehicle with an excess of .5 brake horsepower capable of developing a speed of more than 8 mph and being used in an area other than a sidewalk or places where pedestrians are allowed.

(3) To review on an individual basis each application for authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle according to need of the physically disabled person and pursuant to and in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the commissioner for the Department of Public Safety.

R708-16-3. Application and Requirements for Authorization to Operate a Pedestrian Vehicle.

(1) Application for authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle shall be made at any field office of Driver License Division and shall require the following:

(a) Name, age and D.O.B., sex, address, description of disability.

(b) Type of pedestrian vehicle to be used which must be approved on the basis of the disability; i.e., golf-cart type vehicle, three-wheel vehicle,four-wheel vehicle.

(c) Statement of intended use of the pedestrian vehicle. Intended use should not create an undue safety hazard.

(d) A functional ability evaluation and a medical opinion that physical disability would not affect the safe operation of the pedestrian vehicle.

(e) All applicants must sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for being allowed to operate a pedestrian vehicle.

(f) Any physically disabled person, under the age of 18, must have parental or guardian approval and sign a waiver accepting responsibility for being allowed to operate a pedestrian vehicle.

(g) Each individual making application for use of a pedestrian vehicle must demonstrate his/her ability to safely operate the pedestrian vehicle.

(2) Authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle shall be in the form of a certificate issued by the department.

(3) Operation of pedestrian vehicles must comply with all pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicle traffic laws as applicable to the type of pedestrian vehicle used. This includes lighting requirements if used during hours of darkness.

(4) The department may inspect intended routes and uses of vehicles and apply restrictions on use of pedestrian vehicles as may be necessary for the preservation of public safety.

(5) Authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle must be reviewed every five years.

R708-16-4. Special Requirements for Operation of a Pedestrian Vehicle.

(1) Passengers are prohibited on pedestrian vehicles except that one passenger, as designated by the department and indicated on the pedestrian vehicle authorization document, may be allowed if inclusion of the passenger does not create a negative effect on the safe operation of the pedestrian vehicle, and if the pedestrian vehicle is designed to accommodate a passenger.

(2) Every pedestrian vehicle must display a Standard International "Handicapped" emblem inset on a standard slow moving vehicle designation.

(3) The department may require other markings or equipment as may be determined on an individual basis.

R708-16-5. Fee.

(1) The department may charge a $5.00 fee to cover administrative costs of issuing a permit to operate a pedestrian vehicle.

(2) All fees collected for permits shall remain in the department as a dedicated credit.

R708-16-6. Denial, Suspension, and Revocation of Authorization to Operate a Pedestrian Vehicle.

(1) Authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle may be denied, suspended or revoked when, in the opinion of the department, it may not be in the best interest of public safety to issue or continue such authorization.

R708-16-7. Adjudicative Proceedings.

(1) All adjudicative proceedings including but not limited to the application for and denial, suspension or revocation of authorization to operate a pedestrian vehicle, shall be governed by the adjudicative proceedings set forth in the rule identified as R708-17. The adjudicative proceedings set forth in R708-17 are hereby incorporated into this rule by this reference.

KEY: traffic regulations
September 19, 1996 41-6a-1011
Notice of Continuation December 3, 2001

R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-31. Ignition Interlock Systems.
R708-31-1. Authority.

(1) This rule establishes standards for the certification of ignition interlock systems as required by Section 41-6a-518.

R708-31-2. Purpose.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to provide:

(a) standards and requirements for certifying ignition interlock systems.

(b) procedure for supplying an ignition interlock system for those individuals who are impecunious.

R708-31-3. Standards.

(1) All vendors who want to certify and provide ignition interlock systems shall:

(a) apply to the Driver License Division of the Department of Public Safety.

(b) provide an independent laboratory report showing evidence that their ignition interlock system meets the requirements of NHTSA (Federal Register Vol. 57. No. 67) which is incorporated by reference, and the standards as specified in Section 41-6a-518.

(c) meet the requirements of Section 4 of this rule in order to be placed on an approved vendor's list.

R708-31-4. Requirements.

(1) To be included on an approved vendor's list, each vendor must:

(a) be certified by the Department of Public Safety to operate in Utah.

(b) show evidence that there is adequate product liability insurance.

(c) pay all applicable fees.

R708-31-5. Procedure for Impecuniosity.

(1) The Driver License Division may award a sole source contract to a vendor to provide an ignition interlock system to individuals for whom payment of costs has been waived or deferred on the grounds of impecuniosity.

KEY: ignition interlock systems
1994 41-6a-518
Notice of Continuation August 25, 2004

R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-33. Electric Assisted Bicycle Headgear.
R708-33-1. Authority.

(1) This rule is promulgated in accordance with the electric assisted bicycle operators headgear specifications and standards as required by Subsection 41-6a-1505.

R708-33-2. Purpose.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to establish the specifications and standards for protective headgear while riding electric assisted bicycles.

R708-33-3. Operator Headgear Requirement for Electric Assisted Bicycles.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 41-6a-1505, all operators of electric assisted bicycles are required to wear protective headgear. The protective headgear must meet the specifications and standards as listed in Section R708-33-4.

R708-33-4. Headgear Specifications and Standards for Operators of Electric Assisted Bicycles.

(1) The standards and specifications as contained in the publication entitled "1995 Standard For Protective Headgear" as published by Snell Memorial Foundation, INC., 7 Flowerfield, Suite 28, St. James, New York 11780-1514, 1995 edition, are hereby incorporated by reference.

R708-33-5. Copies Are Retained.

(1) Copies of the incorporated-by-reference document, as listed above, is available for review at two locations: The Division of Administrative Rules, 3120 State Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114; and at the Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division, 4501 South 2700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

KEY: electric assisted bicycle headgear
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R710. Public Safety, Fire Marshal.
R710-4. Buildings Under the Jurisdiction of the State Fire Prevention Board.
R710-4-1. Adoption of Fire Codes.

Pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 7, Section 204, of the Utah Code Annotated 1953, the Utah Fire Prevention Board adopts minimum rules for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any publicly owned building, including all public and private schools, colleges, and university buildings, and in any building or structure used or intended for use, as an asylum, hospital, mental hospital, sanitarium, home for the aged, assisted living facility, children's home or day care center, or any similar institutional type occupancy of any capacity; and in any place of assemblage where fifty (50) or more persons may gather together in a building, structure, tent, or room, for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, or education.

There is further adopted as part of these rules the following codes which are incorporated by reference:

1.1 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 101, Life Safety Code (LSC), 2003 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-4-3, et seq. The following chapters from NFPA, Standard 101 are the only chapters adopted: Chapter 18 - New Health Care Occupancies; Chapter 19 - Existing Health Care Occupancies; Chapter 20 - New Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies; Chapter 21 - Existing Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies; Chapter 22 - New Detention and Correctional Occupancies; Chapter 23 - Existing Detention and Correctional Occupancies; and other sections referenced within and pertaining to these chapters only. Wherever there is a section, figure or table in NFPA 101 that references "NFPA 5000 - Building Construction and Safety Code", that reference shall be replaced with the "International Building Code".

1.2 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 13, Installation of Sprinkler Systems, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-4-3, et seq.

1.3 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 13R, Installation of Sprinkler Systems - Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-4-3, et seq.

1.4 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-4-3, et seq.

1.5 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 70, National Electric Code (NEC), 2002 edition, as adopted by the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58, Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953. Wherever there are sections or tables in the International Fire Code (IFC) that reference "ICC Electrical Standard", the reference to "ICC Electrical Standard" shall be replaced with "National Electric Code".

1.6 International Building Code (IBC), 2003 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. (ICC), and as adopted under the authority of the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58, Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953 and the Utah Administrative Code, R156-56-701.

1.7 International Fire Code (IFC), 2003 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc. (ICC), except as amended by provisions listed in R710-4-3, et seq.

1.8 International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2003 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., and as adopted under the authority of the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58, Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953 and the Utah Administrative Code, R156-56-701.

1.9 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), 2003 edition, as published by the International Code Council, and as adopted under the authority of the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58, Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953 and the Utah Administrative Code, R156-56-701.

1.10 International Plumbing Code (IPC), 2003 edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., and as adopted under the authority of the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58, Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953 and the Utah Administrative Code, R156-56-701.

1.11 Copies of the above codes are on file in the Office of Administrative Rules and the State Fire Marshal.

R710-4-2. Definitions.

2.1 "Appreciable Depth" means a depth greater that 1/4 inch.

2.2 "Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)" means the State Fire Marshal, his authorized deputies, or the local fire enforcement authority.

2.3 "AWWA" means American Water Works Association.

2.4 "Board" means Utah Fire Prevention Board.

2.5 "Bureau of Fire Prevention or Fire Prevention Bureau" means the AHJ.

2.6 "Fire Chief or Chief of the Department" means the AHJ.

2.7 "Fire Department" means the AHJ.

2.8 "Fire Marshal" means the AHJ.

2.9 "Fire Officer" means the State Fire Marshal, the state fire marshal's deputies, the fire chief or fire marshal of any county, city, or town fire department, the fire officer of any fire district or special service district organized for fire protection purposes is the AHJ.

2.10 "IBC" means International Building Code.

2.11 "ICC" means International Code Council, Inc.

2.12 "IFC" means International Fire Code.

2.13 "IFGC" means International Fuel Gas Code.

2.14 "IMC" means International Mechanical Code.

2.15 "IPC" means International Plumbing Code.

2.16 "LSC" means Life Safety Code.

2.17 "NEC" means National Electric Code.

2.18 "NFPA" means National Fire Protection Association.

2.19 "SFM" means State Fire Marshal.

2.20 "UCA" means Utah State Code Annotated 1953 as amended.

R710-4-3. Amendments and Additions.

3.1 Administration

3.1.1 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 102.3 is deleted and rewritten and follows: No change shall be made in the use or occupancy of any structure that would place the structure in a different division of the same group or occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such structure maintains a reasonable level of fire and life safety and the change to use or occupancy does not create a distinct hazard to life or property as determined by the AHJ.

3.1.2 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 102.4 is deleted and rewritten as follows: The design and construction of new structures shall comply with the International Building Code. Repairs, alterations and additions to existing structures are allowed when such structure maintains a reasonable level of fire and life safety and the change does not create a distinct hazard to life or property as determined by the AHJ.

3.1.3 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 102.5 is deleted and rewritten as follows: The construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or movement of existing buildings or structures that are designated as historic buildings are allowed when such historic structures maintains a reasonable level of fire and life safety and the change does not create a distinct hazard to life or property as determined by the AHJ.

3.2 Definitions

3.2.1 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Educational Group E, Day care is amended as follows: On line three delete the word

"five" and replace it with the word "four".

3.2.2 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Institutional Group I-1 is amended to add the following:

On line nine add "type 1" in front of the words "assisted living facilities".

3.2.3 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Institutional Group I-2 is amended as follows: On line three delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "three". On line eight after the words "detoxification facilities" delete the rest of the paragraph, and add the following: "ambulatory surgical centers with two or more operating rooms where care is less than 24 hours and type 2 assisted living facilities. Type 2 assisted living facilities with five or fewer persons shall be classified as a Group R-4. Type 2 assisted living facilities with at least six and not more than 16 residents shall be classified as a Group I-1 facility.

3.2.4 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Institutional Group I-2, Child care facility is amended as follows: On line two delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "four".

3.2.5 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Institutional Group I-4 day care facilities, Child care facility is amended as follows: On line three delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "four". Also on line two of the Exception delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "four".

3.3 Fire Drills

3.3.1 IFC, Chapter 4, Section 405.2, Table 405.2, is amended to add the following footnotes:

c. Secondary schools in Group E occupancies shall have a fire drill conducted at least every two months, to a total of four fire drills during the nine-month school year. The first fire drill shall be conducted within the first two weeks of the school year.

d. A-3 occupancies in academic buildings of institutions of higher learning are required to have one fire drill per year, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The building has a fire alarm system in accordance with Section 907.2.

2. The rooms classified as assembly, shall have fire safety floor plans as required in Section 404.3.2(4) posted.

3. The building is not classified a high-rise building.

4. The building does not contain hazardous materials over the allowable quantities by code.

3.4 Door Closures

3.4.1 IFC, Chapter 7, Section 703.2. Add the following Exception. In Group E Occupancies, where the corridor serves an occupant load greater than 30 and the building does not have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed, the door closures may be of the friction hold-open type on classrooms doors with a rating of 20 minutes or less only.

3.5 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems and Commercial Cooking Operations

3.5.1 Inspection and Testing of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

The owner or administrator of each building shall insure the inspection and testing of water based fire protection systems as required in IFC, Chapter 9, Section 901.6.

3.5.2 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.9 is amended to add the following: Exception: Group R-4 fire areas not more than 4500 gross square feet and not containing more than 16 residents, provided the building is equipped throughout with an approved fire alarm system that is interconnected and receives its primary power from the building wiring and a commercial power system.

3.5.3 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.2 Commercial cooking operation suppression. Automatic fire sprinkler systems protecting commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct systems with appliances that generate appreciable depth of cooking oils shall be replaced with a UL300 listed system by May 1, 2004.

3.5.4 Water Supply Analysis

3.5.4.1 For proposed construction in both sprinklered and unsprinklered occupancies, the owner or architect shall provide an engineer's water supply analysis evaluating the available water supply.

3.5.4.2 The owner or architect shall provide the water supply analysis during the preliminary design phase of the proposed construction.

3.5.4.3 The water analysis shall be representative of the supply that may be available at the time of a fire as required in NFPA, Standard 13, Appendix A-9-2.1.

3.6 Alternative Automatic Fire-Extinguishing Systems

3.6.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.3 Dry chemical hood system suppression. Existing automatic fire-extinguishing systems using dry chemical that protect commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct systems shall be removed and replaced with a UL300 listed system by January 1, 2006 or before that date when any of the following occurs: 1) Six year internal maintenance service; 2) Recharge; 3) Hydrostatic test date as indicated on the manufacturers date of the cylinders; or 4) Reconfiguring of the system piping.

3.6.2 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.4 Wet chemical hood system suppression. Existing wet chemical fire-extinguishing systems not UL300 listed and protecting commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct systems shall be removed, replaced or upgraded to a UL300 listed system by January 1, 2006 or before that date when any of the following occurs: 1) Six year internal maintenance service; 2) Recharge; 3) Hydrostatic test date as indicated on the manufacturers date of the cylinder; or 4) Reconfiguration of the system piping.

3.7 Fire Alarm Systems

3.7.1 Required Installations

3.7.1.1 All state-owned buildings, college and university buildings, other than institutional, with an occupant load of 300 or more, all schools with an occupant load of 50 or more, shall have an approved fire alarm system with the following features:

3.7.1.1.1 Smoke detectors shall be installed throughout all corridors and spaces open to the corridor at the maximum prescribed spacing of thirty feet on center and no more than fifteen feet from the walls or smoke detectors shall be installed as required in NFPA, Standard 72, Section 5.3.

3.7.1.1.2 In non or partially fire sprinklered buildings, automatic detectors shall be installed in each enclosed space, other than corridors, at maximum prescribed spacing as specified in Section 3.7.1.1.2 for smoke detectors or by the manufacturer's listing for heat detectors.

3.7.1.1.3 Manual fire alarm boxes shall be provided as required. In public and private elementary and secondary schools, manual fire alarm boxes shall be provided in the boiler room, kitchen, and main administrative office of each building, and any other areas as determined by the AHJ.

3.7.2 Main Panel

3.7.2.1 An approved key plan drawing and operating instructions shall be posted at the main fire alarm panel which displays the location of all alarm zones and if applicable, device addresses.

3.7.2.2 The main panel shall be located in a normally attended area such as the main office or lobby. Location of the Main Panel other than as stated above, shall require the review and authorization of the SFM. Where location as required above is not possible, an electronically supervised remote annunciator from the main panel shall be located in a supervised area of the building. The remote annunciator shall visually indicate system power status, alarms for each zone, and give both a visual and audible indication of trouble conditions in the system. All indicators on both the main panel and remote annunciator shall be adequately labeled.

3.7.3 System Wiring, Class and Style

3.7.3.1 Fire alarm system wiring shall be designated and

installed as a Class A circuit in accordance with the following style classifications:

3.7.3.1.1 The initiating device circuits shall be designated and installed Style D as defined in NFPA, Standard 72.

3.7.3.1.2 The notification appliance circuits shall be designated and installed Style Z as defined in NFPA, Standard 72.

3.7.3.1.3 Signaling line circuits shall be designated and installed Style 6 or 7 as defined in NFPA, Standard 72.

3.7.4 Fan Shut Down

3.7.4.1 The fan shut down relay(s) in the air handling equipment shall be normally energized, and connected through and controlled by a normally closed contact in the fire alarm panel, or a normally closed contact of a remote relay under supervision by the main panel. The relays will transfer on alarm, and shall not restore until the panel is reset.

3.7.4.2 Duct detectors required by the IMC, shall be interconnected, and compatible with the fire alarm system.

3.7.5 Nuisance Alarms

3.7.5.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.20.5 is amended to add the following sentences: Increases in nuisance alarms shall require the fire alarm system to be tested for sensitivity. Fire alarm systems that continue after sensitivity testing with unwarranted nuisance alarms shall be replaced as directed by the AHJ.

3.8 Retroactive Installation of Automatic Fire Alarm Systems

3.8.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Sections 907.3.1.1, 907.3.1.2, 907.3.1.3, 907.3.1.4 and 907.3.1.9 are deleted.

3.9 Fireworks

3.9.1 IFC, Chapter 33, Section 3301.1.3, Exception 4 is amended to add the following sentence: Fireworks are permitted as allowed in UCA 53-7-220 and UCA 11-3-1.

3.10 Flammable and Combustible Liquids

3.10.1 IFC, Chapter 34, Section 3406.1 is amended to add the following special operation: 8. Sites approved by the AHJ.

3.10.2 IFC, Chapter 34, Section 3406.2 is amended to add the following: On line two after the word "sites" add the words "and sites approved by the AHJ". On line five after the words "borrow pits" add the words "and sites approved by the AHJ".

3.11 Health Care Facilities

3.11.1 LSC Chapters 18, 19, 20 and 21, Sections 18.1.2.4, 19.1.2.4, 20.1.2.2 and 21.1.2.2 (Exiting Through Adjoining Occupancies) exception is deleted.

3.11.2 LSC Chapter 19, Section 19.3.6.1, (Rooms Allowed open to Corridor) exceptions No. 1, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 8 are deleted.

3.11.3 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1008.1.8.3 is amended to add the following: 5. Doors in Group I-1 and I-2 occupancies, where the clinical needs of the patients require specialized security measures for their safety, approved access controlled egress may be installed when all the following are met: 5.1 The controlled egress doors shall unlock upon activation of the automatic fire sprinkler system or the automatic fire detection system. 5.2 The facility staff can unlock the controlled egress doors by either sensor or keypad. 5.3 The controlled egress doors shall unlock upon loss of power. 6. Doors in Group I-1 and I-2 occupancies, where the clinical needs of the patients require approved, listed delayed egress locks, they shall be installed on doors as allowed in IFC, Section 1008.1.8.6.

3.12 Time Out and Seclusion Rooms

3.12.1 Time Out and Seclusion Rooms are allowed in occupancies fully protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system and fire alarm system.

3.12.2 A vision panel shall be provided in the room door for observation purposes.

3.12.3 Time Out and Seclusion Room doors may be fitted with a lock which is not releasable from the inside provided the lock automatically releases by the operation of the fire alarm system or power outage.

3.12.4 Time Out and Seclusion Rooms shall be located where a responsible adult can maintain visual monitoring of the person and room.

R710-4-4. Repeal of Conflicting Board Actions.

All former Board actions, or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Board action or of the codes hereby adopted, are hereby repealed.

R710-4-5. Validity.

The Board hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Board action, or of the codes hereby adopted, be declared, for any reason, to be invalid, it is the intent of the Board that it would have passed all other portions of this Board action, independent of the elimination here from of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

R710-4-6. Conflicts.

In the event where separate requirements pertain to the same situation in the same code, or between different codes as adopted, the more restrictive requirement shall govern, as determined by the AHJ, or his authorized representative.

R710-4-7. Adjudicative Proceedings.

7.1 All adjudicative proceedings performed by the agency shall proceed informally as set forth herein and as authorized by UCA, Sections 63-46b-4 and 63-46b-5.

7.2 A person may request a hearing on a decision made by the AHJ, by filing an appeal to the Board within 20 days after receiving final decision from the AHJ.

7.3 All adjudicative proceedings, other than criminal prosecution, taken by the AHJ to enforce the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act, and these rules, shall commence in accordance with UCA, Section 63-46b-3.

7.4 The Board shall act as the hearing authority, and shall convene as an appeals board after timely notice to all parties involved.

7.5 The Board shall direct the SFM to issue a signed order to the parties involved giving the decision of the Board within a reasonable time of the hearing pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-5(i).

7.6 Reconsideration of the Board's decision may be requested in writing within 20 days of the date of the decision pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-13.

7.7 Judicial review of all final Board actions resulting from informal adjudicative proceedings is available pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-15.

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R710. Public Safety, Fire Marshal.
R710-9. Rules Pursuant to the Utah Fire Prevention Law.
R710-9-1. Title, Authority, and Adoption of Codes.

1.1 These rules shall be known as the "Rules Pursuant to the Utah Fire Prevention Law", and may be cited as such, and will be hereafter referred to as "these rules".

1.2 These rules are promulgated in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 7, Section 204, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended.

1.3 These rules are adopted by the Utah Fire Prevention Board to provide minimum rules for safeguarding life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion, for board meeting conduct, procedures to amend incorporated references, establish several board subcommittees, establish a Fire Service Education Administrator and Fire Education Program Coordinator, enforcement of the rules of the State Fire Marshal, establish rules for the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, and deputizing Special Deputy State Fire Marshals.

1.4 There is adopted as part of these rules the following code which is incorporated by reference:

1.4.1 International Fire Code (IFC), 2003 edition, excluding appendices, as promulgated by the International Code Council, Inc., except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.5 There is further adopted as part of these rules the following codes which are also incorporated by reference and supercede the adopted standards listed in the International Fire Code, 2003 edition, Chapter 45, Referenced Standards, as follows:

1.5.1 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.5.2 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 13, Standard for Installation of Sprinkler Systems, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.5.3 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One and Two Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.5.4 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 13R, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and including Four Stories in Height, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.5.5 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 70, National Electric Code, 2002 edition, as adopted by the Uniform Building Standards Act, Title 58. Chapter 56, Section 4, Utah Code Annotated 1953 and the Utah Administrative Code R156-56-701. Wherever there is a section, figure or table in the International Fire Code (IFC) that references "ICC Electrical Standard", that reference shall be replaced with "National Electric Code".

1.5.6 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 2002 edition, except as amended in provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.5.7 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2003 edition, except as amended in provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq. Wherever there is a section, figure or table in NFPA 101 that references "NFPA 5000 - Building Construction and Safety Code", that reference shall be replaced with the "International Building Code".

1.5.8 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 160, Standard for Flame Effects Before an Audience, 2001 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.6 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2001 edition, except as amended by provisions listed in R710-9-6, et seq.

1.7 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA 1403, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, 2002 edition, except as amended by provisions in R710-9-6, et seq.

R710-9-2. Definitions.

2.1 "Academy" means Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

2.2 "Academy Director" means the Director of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

2.3 "Administrator" means Fire Service Education Administrator.

2.4 "Appreciable Depth" means a depth greater than 1/4 inch.

2.5 "Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)" means the State Fire Marshal, his authorized deputies, or the local fire enforcement authority.

2.6 "Board" means Utah Fire Prevention Board.

2.7 "Career Firefighter" means one whose primary employment is directly related to the fire service.

2.8 "Certification Council" means Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

2.9 "Coordinator" means Fire Education Program Coordinator.

2.10 "Division" means State Fire Marshal.

2.11 "ICC" means International Code Council, Inc.

2.12 "IFC" means International Fire Code.

2.13 "Institutional occupancy" means asylums, mental hospitals, hospitals, sanitariums, homes for the aged, residential health care facilities, children's homes or institutions, or any similar institutional occupancy.

2.14 "LFA" means Local Fire Authority.

2.15 "NFPA" means National Fire Protection Association.

2.16 "Place of assembly" means where 50 or more people gather together in a building, structure, tent, or room for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, or education.

2.17 "Plan" means Fire Academy Strategic Plan.

2.18 "SFM" means State Fire Marshal or authorized deputy.

2.19 "Standards Council" means Fire Service Standards and Training Council.

2.20 "Sub-Committee" means Fire Prevention Board Budget Sub-Committee or Amendment Sub-Committee.

2.21 "UCA" means Utah Code Annotated, 1953.

2.22 "Volunteer/Part-Paid Firefighter" means one whose primary employment is not directly related to the fire service.

R710-9-3. Conduct of Board Members and Board Meetings.

3.1 Board meetings shall be presided over and conducted by the chairman and in his absence the vice chairman or the chairman's designee.

3.2 A quorum shall be required to approve any action of the Board.

3.3 The chairman of the Board and Board members shall be entitled to vote on all issues considered by the Board. A Board member who declares a conflict of interest or where a conflict of interest has been determined, shall not vote on that particular issue.

3.4 Meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with an agenda, which shall be submitted to the members by the division, not less that 21 days before the regularly scheduled Board meetings.

3.5 Public notice of Board meetings shall be made by the Division as prescribed in UCA Section 52-4-6.

3.6 The division shall provide the Board with a secretary who shall prepare minutes and shall perform all secretarial duties necessary for the Board to fulfill its responsibility. The minutes of Board meetings shall be completed and sent to Board members at least 14 days prior to the scheduled Board meeting.

3.7 A Board members standing on the Board shall come

under review after two unexcused absences in one year from regularly scheduled board meetings. The Board members name shall be submitted to the governors office for status review.

R710-9-4. Deputizing Persons to Act as Special Deputy State Fire Marshals.

4.1 Special deputy state fire marshals may be appointed by the SFM to positions of expertise within the regular scope of the Fire Marshal's Office.

4.2 Pursuant to Section 53-7-101 et seq., special deputy state fire marshals may also be appointed to assist the Fire Marshal's Office in establishing and maintaining minimum fire prevention standards in those occupancy classifications listed in the International Fire Code.

4.3 Special deputy state fire marshals shall be appointed after review by the State Fire Marshal in regard to their qualifications and the overall benefit to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

4.4 Special deputy state fire marshals shall be appointed by completing an oath and shall be appointed for a specific period of time.

4.5 Special deputy state fire marshals shall have a picture identification card and shall carry that card when performing their assigned duties.

R710-9-5. Procedures to Amend the International Fire Code.

5.1 All requests for amendments to the IFC shall be submitted to the division on forms created by the division, for presentation to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

5.2 Requests for amendments received by the division less than 21 days prior to any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board may be delayed in presentation until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

5.3 Upon presentation of a proposed amendment, the Board shall do one of the following:

5.3.1 accept the proposed amendment as submitted or as modified by the Board;

5.3.2 reject the proposed amendment;

5.3.3 submit the proposed amendment to the Board Amendment Subcommittee for further study; or

5.3.4 return the proposed amendment to the requesting agency, accompanied by Board comments, allowing the requesting agency to resubmit the proposed amendment with modifications.

5.4 The Board Amendment Subcommittee shall report its recommendation to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

5.5 The Board shall make a final decision on the proposed amendment at the next Board meeting following the original submission.

5.6 The Board may reconsider any request for amendment, reverse or modify any previous action by majority vote.

5.7 When approved by the Board, the requesting agency shall provide to the division within 45 days, the completed ordinance.

5.8 The division shall maintain a list of amendments to the IFC that have been granted by the Board.

5.9 The division shall make available to any person or agency copies of the approved amendments upon request, and may charge a reasonable fee for multiple copies in accordance with the provisions of UCA, 63-2-203.

R710-9-6. Amendments and Additions.

The following amendments and additions are hereby adopted by the Board for application statewide:

6.1 Administration

6.1.1 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 102.3 is deleted and rewritten as follows: No change shall be made in the use or occupancy of any structure that would place the structure in a different division of the same group or occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such structure maintains a reasonable level of fire and life safety and the change to use or occupancy does not create a distinct hazard to life or property as determined by the AHJ.

6.1.2 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 102.4 is deleted and rewritten as follows: The design and construction of new structures shall comply with the International Building Code. Repairs, alterations and additions to existing structures are allowed when such structure maintains a reasonable level of fire and life safety and the change does not create a distinct hazard to life or property as determined by the AHJ.

6.1.3 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 102.5 is deleted and rewritten as follows: The construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or movement of existing buildings or structures that are designated as historic buildings are allowed when such historic structures maintains a reasonable level of fire and life safety and the change does not create a distinct hazard to life or property as determined by the AHJ.

6.1.4 IFC, Chapter, 1, Section 102.4 is amended as follows: On line three after the words "Building Code." add the following sentence: "The design and construction of detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (town houses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the International Residential Code."

6.1.5 IFC, Chapter 1, Section 109.2 is amended as follows: On line three after the words "is in violation of this code," add the following "or other pertinent laws or ordinances".

6.2 Definitions

6.2.1 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Educational Group E, Day care is amended as follows: On line three delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "four".

6.2.2 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Institutional Group I, Group I-1 is amended to add the following: Add "Type 1" in front of the words "Assisted living facilities".

6.2.3 IFC, Chapter 2 Section 202, Institutional Group I, Group I-2 is amended as follows: On line three delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "three". After "Detoxification facilities" delete the rest of the paragraph, and add the following: "Ambulatory surgical centers with two or more operating rooms where care is less than 24 hours, Outpatient medical care facilities for ambulatory patients (accommodating more than five such patients in each tenant space) which may render the patient incapable of unassisted self-preservation, and Type 2 assisted living facilities. Type 2 assisted living facilities with five or fewer persons shall be classified as a Group R-4. Type 2 assisted living facilities with at least six and not more than 16 residents shall be classified as a Group I-1 facility.

6.2.4 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202, Institutional Group I, Group I-4, day care facilities, Child care facility is amended as follows: On line three delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "four". Also on line two of the Exception after Child care facility delete the word "five" and replace it with the word "four".

6.2.5 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202 General Definitions, Occupancy Classification, Residential Group R-1 is amended to add the following: Exception: Boarding houses accommodating 10 persons or less shall be classified as Residential Group R-3.

6.2.6 IFC, Chapter 2, Section 202 General Definitions, Occupancy Classification, Residential Group R-2 is amended to add the following: Exception: Boarding houses accommodating 10 persons or less shall be classified as Residential Group R-3.

6.3 General Precautions Against Fire

6.3.1 IFC, Chapter 3, Section 304.1.2 is amended to delete the following sentence: "Vegetation clearance requirements in urban-wildland interface areas shall be in accordance with the International Urban/Wildland Interface Code."

6.3.2 IFC, Chapter 3, Section 311.1.1 is amended as follows: On line ten delete the words "International Property Maintenance Code and the" from this section.

6.3.3 IFC, Chapter 3, Section 315.2.1 is amended to add the following: Exception: Where storage is not directly below the sprinkler heads, storage is allowed to be placed to the ceiling on wall mounted shelves that are protected by fire sprinkler heads in occupancies meeting classification as light or ordinary hazard.

6.4 Elevator Recall and Maintenance

6.4.1 IFC, Chapter 6, Section 607.3 is deleted and rewritten as follows: Firefighter service keys shall be kept in a "Supra-Stor-a-key" elevator key box or similar box with corresponding key system that is adjacent to the elevator for immediate use by the fire department. The key box shall contain one key for each elevator and one key for lobby control.

6.5 Building Services and Systems

6.5.1 IFC, Chapter 6, Section 610.1 is amended to add the following: On line three after the word "Code" add the words "and NFPA 96".

6.6 Record Drawings

6.6.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 901.2.1 is amended to add the following: The code official has the authority to request record drawings ("as builts") to verify any modifications to the previously approved construction documents.

6.6.2 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 902.1 Definitions, RECORD DRAWINGS is deleted and rewritten as follows: Drawings ("as builts") that document all aspects of a fire protection system as installed.

6.7 Fire Protection Systems

6.7.1 Inspection and Testing of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

The owner or administrator of each building shall insure the inspection and testing of water based fire protection systems as required in IFC, Chapter 9, Section 901.6.

6.7.2 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.7 Group R, is amended to add the following: Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings.

6.7.3 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.7 is amended to add the following: Exception: Group R-4 fire areas not more than 4500 gross square feet and not containing more than 16 residents, provided the building is equipped throughout with an approved fire alarm system that is interconnected and receives its primary power from the building wiring and a commercial power system.

6.7.4 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.2 Commercial cooking operation suppression. Automatic fire sprinkler systems protecting commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct systems with appliances that generate appreciable depth of cooking oils shall be replaced with a UL300 listed system by May 1, 2004.

6.7.5 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.3 Dry chemical hood system suppression. Existing automatic fire-extinguishing systems using dry chemical that protect commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct systems shall be removed and replaced with a UL300 listed system by January 1, 2006 or before that date when any of the following occurs: 1) Six year internal maintenance service; 2) Recharge; 3) Hydrostatic test date as indicated on the manufacturers date of the cylinders; or 4) Reconfiguration of the system piping.

6.7.6 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.4 Wet chemical hood system suppression. Existing wet chemical fire-extinguishing systems not UL300 listed and protecting commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct systems shall be removed, replaced or upgraded to a UL300 listed system by January 1, 2006 or before that date when any of the following occurs: 1) Six year internal maintenance service; 2) Recharge; 3) Hydrostatic test date as indicated on the manufacturer date of the cylinder; or 4) Reconfiguration of the system piping.

6.7.7 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.6 is amended to add the following subsection: 903.6.5 Group A-2 occupancies. An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout Group A-2 occupancies where indoor pyrotechnics are used.

6.7.8 NFPA, Standard 10, Section 6.2.1 is amended to add the following sentence: The use of a supervised listed electronic monitoring system shall be permitted to satisfy the 30 day fire extinguisher interval inspection requirement.

6.8 Backflow Protection

6.8.1 The potable water supply to automatic fire sprinkler systems and standpipe systems shall be protected against backflow in accordance with the International Plumbing Code as amended in the Utah Administrative Code, R156-56-707.

6.9 Retroactive Installations of Automatic Fire Alarm Systems in Existing Buildings

6.9.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Sections 907.3.1.1, 907.3.1.2, 907.3.1.3, 907.3.1.4, 907.3.1.5, 907.3.1.6, 907.3.1.7, and 907.3.1.8 are deleted.

6.10 Smoke Alarms

6.10.1 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.3.2 is amended to add the following: On line three after the word "occupancies" add "and detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses)".

6.10.2 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.3.2.3 is amended to add the following: On line one after the word "occupancies" add "and detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses)".

6.10.3 IFC, Chapter 9, Section 907.20.5 is amended to add the following sentences: Increases in nuisance alarms shall require the fire alarm system to be tested for sensitivity. Fire alarm systems that continue after sensitivity testing with unwarranted nuisance alarms shall be replaced as directed by the AHJ.

6.11 Means of Egress

6.11.1 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1008.1.8.3 is amended to add the following: 5. Doors in Group I-1 and I-2 occupancies, where the clinical needs of the patients require specialized security measures for their safety, approved access controlled egress may be installed when all the following are met: 5.1 The controlled egress doors shall unlock upon activation of the automatic fire sprinkler system or the automatic fire detection system. 5.2 The facility staff can unlock the controlled egress doors by either sensor or keypad. 5.3 The controlled egress doors shall unlock upon loss of power. 6. Doors in Group I-1 and I-2 occupancies, where the clinical needs of the patients require approved, listed delayed egress locks, they shall be installed on doors as allowed in IFC, Section 1008.1.8.6.

6.11.2 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1009.3 is amended as follows: On line six of Exception 5 delete "7.75" and replace it with "8". On line seven of Exception 5 delete "10" and replace it with "9".

6.11.3 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1009.11, Exception 4 is deleted and replaced with the following: 4. In occupancies in Group R-3, as applicable in Section 101.2 and in occupancies in Group U, which are accessory to an occupancy in Group R-3, as applicable in Section 101.2, handrails shall be provided on at least one side of stairways consisting of four or more risers.

6.11.4 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1009.11.3 is amended to add the following: Exception: Non-circular handrails serving an individual unit in a Group R-1, Group R-2 or Group R-3

occupancy shall be permitted to have a maximum cross sectional dimension of 3.25 inches (83 mm) measured 2 inches (51mm) down from the top of the crown. Such handrail is required to have an indention on both sides between 0.625 inch (16mm) and 1.5 inches (38mm) down from the top or crown of the cross section. The indentation shall be a minimum of 0.25 inch (6mm) deep on each side and shall be at least 0.5 (13mm) high. Edges within the handgrip shall have a minimum radius of 0.0625 inch (2mm). The handrail surface shall be smooth with no cusps so as to avoid catching clothing or skin.

6.11.5 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1012.2 is amended to add the following exception: 3. For occupancies in Group R-3 and within individual dwelling units in occupancies in Grouop R-2, as applicable in Section 101.2, guards shall form a protective barrier not less than 36 inches (914mm).

6.11.6 IFC, Chapter 10, Section 1027.2 is amended to add the following: On line five after the word "fire" add the words "and building".

6.12 Fireworks

6.12.1 IFC, Chapter 33, Section 3301.1.3 is amended to add the following Exception: 10. The use of fireworks for display and retail sales is allowed as set forth in UCA 53-7-220 and UCA 11-3-1.

6.13 Flammable and Combustible Liquids

6.13.1 IFC, Chapter 34, Section 3404.4.3 is amended as follows: Delete 3403.6 on line three and replace it with 3403.4.

6.14 Liquefied Petroleum Gas

6.14.1 IFC, Chapter 38, Section 3809.12, is amended as follows: Delete 20 from line three and replace it with 10.

6.14.2 IFC, Chapter 38, Section 3809.14 is amended as follows: Delete 20 from line three and replace it with 10.

R710-9-7. Fire Advisory and Code Analysis Committee.

7.1 There is created by the Board a Fire Advisory and Code Analysis Committee whose duties are to provide direction to the Board in the matters of fire prevention and building codes.

7.2 The committee shall serve in an advisory position to the Board, members shall be appointed by the Board, shall serve for a term of three years, and shall consist of the following members:

7.2.1 A member of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

7.2.2 The Code Committee Chairman of the Fire Marshal's Association of Utah.

7.2.3 A fire marshal from a local fire department.

7.2.4 A fire inspector or fire officer involved in fire prevention duties.

7.2.5 The Chief Elevator Inspector from the Utah Labor Commission.

7.2.6 A member appointed at large.

7.3 This committee shall join together with the Uniform Building Code Commission Fire Protection Advisory Committee to form the Unified Code Analysis Council.

7.4 The Council shall meet as directed by the Board or as directed by the Building Codes Commission or as needed to review fire prevention and building code issues that require definitive and specific analysis.

7.5 The Council shall select one of it's members to act in the position of chair and another to act as vice chair. The chair and vice chair shall serve for one year terms on a calendar year basis. Elections for chair and vice chair shall occur at the meeting conducted in the last quarter of the calendar year.

7.6 The chair or vice chair of the council shall report to the Board or Building Codes Commission recommendations of the Council with regard to the review of fire and building codes.

R710-9-8. Fire Service Education Administrator and Fire Education Program Coordinator.

8.1 There is created by the Board a Fire Service Education Administrator for the State of Utah. This Administrator shall be the State Fire Marshal.

8.2 The Administrator shall oversee statewide fire service education of all personnel receiving training monies from the Fire Academy Support Account.

8.2.1 The Administrator shall oversee fire service education in fire suppression, fire prevention, fire administration, operations, hazardous materials, rescue, fire investigation, and public fire education in the State of Utah.

8.3 The Administrator shall dedicate sufficient time and efforts to ensure that those monies dedicated from the Fire Academy Support Account are expended in the best interests of all personnel receiving fire service education.

8.4 The Administrator shall ensure equitable monies are expended in fire service education to volunteer, career, and prospective fire service personnel.

8.5 The Administrator shall as directed by the Board, solicit the legislature for funding to ensure that fire service personnel receive sufficient monies to receive the education necessary to prevent loss of life or property.

8.6 The Administrator shall oversee the Fire Department Assistance Grant program by completing the following:

8.6.1 Insure that a broad based selection committee is impaneled each year.

8.6.2 Compile for presentation to the Board the proposed grants.

8.6.3 Receive the Board's approval before issuing the grants.

8.7 The Administrator shall if necessary, establish proposed changes to fire service education statewide, insuring personnel receive the most proficient and professional training available, insure completion of agreements and contracts, and insure that payments on agreements and contracts are completed expeditiously.

8.8 The Administrator shall report to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board meeting the current status of fire service education statewide. The Administrator shall present any proposed changes in fire service education to the Board, and receive direction and approval from the Board, before making those changes.

8.9 To assist the Administrator in statewide fire service education there is hereby created a Fire Education Program Coordinator.

8.10 The Coordinator shall conduct fire service education evaluations, budget reviews, performance audits, and oversee the effectiveness of fire service education statewide.

8.11 The Coordinator shall ensure that there is an established Utah Fire Service Strategic Training Plan for fire service education statewide. The Coordinator shall work with the Academy Director to update the Strategic Plan and keep it current to the needs of the fire service.

8.12 The Coordinator shall report findings of audits, budgetary reviews, training contracts or agreements, evaluation of training standards, and any other necessary items of interest with regard to fire service education to the Administrator.

8.13 The Coordinator shall ensure that contracts are established each year for training and education of fire personnel that meets the needs of those involved in fire service education statewide.

8.14 The Coordinator shall be the staff assistant to the Fire Service Standards and Training Council and shall present agenda items to the Council Chair that need resolution or review. As the staff assistant to the Training Council, the coordinator shall ensure that appointed members attend, encourage that the decisions made further the interests of fire service education statewide, and ensure that the Board is kept informed of the Training Council's decisions.

R710-9-9. Enforcement of the Rules of the State Fire

Marshal.

9.1 Fire and life safety plan reviews of new construction, additions, and remodels of state owned facilities shall be conducted by the SFM, or his authorized deputies. State owned facilities shall be inspected by the SFM, or his authorized deputies.

9.2 Fire and life safety plan reviews of new construction, additions, and remodels of public and private schools shall be completed by the SFM, or his authorized deputies, and the LFA.

9.3 Fire and life safety plan reviews of new construction, additions, and remodels of publicly owned buildings, privately owned colleges and universities, and institutional occupancies, with the exception of state owned buildings, shall be completed by the LFA. If not completed by the LFA, the SFM, or his authorized deputies shall complete the plan review.

9.4 The following listed occupancies shall be inspected by the LFA. If not completed by the LFA, the SFM, or his authorized deputies shall inspect.

9.4.1 Publicly owned buildings other than state owned buildings as referenced in 9.1 of this rule.

9.4.2 Public and private schools.

9.4.3 Privately owned colleges and universities.

9.4.4 Institutional occupancies as defined in Section 9-2 of this rule.

9.4.5 Places of assembly as defined in Section 9-2 of this rule.

9.5 The Board shall require prior to approval of a grant the following:

9.5.1 That the applying fire agency be actively participating in the statewide fire statistics reporting program.

9.5.2 The Board shall also require that the applying fire agency be actively working towards structural or wildland firefighter certification through the Utah Fire Service Certification System.

R710-9-10. Fire Service Standards and Training Council.

10.1 There is created by the Board, the Fire Service Standards and Training Council, whose duties are to provide direction to the Board and Academy in matters relating to fire service standards, training, and certification.

10.2 The Standards Council shall serve in an advisory position to the Board, members shall be appointed by the Board, shall serve four year terms, and shall consist of the following members:

10.2.1 Representative from the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association.

10.2.2 Representative from the Utah State Firemen's Association.

10.2.3 Representative from the Fire Marshal's Association of Utah.

10.2.4 Specialist in hazardous materials representing the Hazardous Materials Institute.

10.2.5 Fire/arson investigator representing the Utah Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

10.2.6 Specialist in wildland fire suppression and prevention from the Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

10.2.7 Representative from the International Association of Firefighters.

10.2.8 Representative from the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

10.2.9 Representative from the fire service that is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider to represent Emergency Medical Services.

10.2.10 Representative from the Utah Fire Training Officers Association.

10.3 The Standards Council shall meet quarterly and may hold other meetings as necessary for proper transaction of business. A majority of the Standards Council members shall be present to constitute a quorum.

10.4 The Standards Council shall select one of its members to act in the position of chair, and another member to act as vice chair. The chair and vice chair shall serve one year terms on a calendar year basis. Elections for chair and vice chair shall occur at the meeting conducted in the last quarter of the calendar year. If voted upon by the council, the vice chair will become the chair the next succeeding calendar year.

10.5 If a Standards Council member has two or more unexcused absences during a 12 month period, from regularly scheduled Standards Council meetings, it is considered grounds for dismissal pending review by the Board. The Coordinator shall submit the name of the Standards Council member to the Board for status review.

10.6 A member of the Standards Council may have a representative of their respective organization sit in proxy of that member, if submitted and approved by the Coordinator prior to the meeting.

10.7 The Chair or Vice Chair of the Standards Council shall report to the Board the activities of the Standards Council at regularly scheduled Board meetings. The Coordinator may report to the Board the activities of the Standards Council in the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair.

10.8 The Standards Council shall consider all subjects presented to them, subjects assigned to them by the Board, and shall report their recommendations to the Board at regularly scheduled Board meetings.

10.9 One-half of the members of the Standards Council shall be reappointed or replaced by the Board every two years.

R710-9-11. Fire Prevention Board Budget and Amendment Sub-Committees.

11.1 There is created two Fire Prevention Board Sub-Committees known as the Budget Subcommittee and the Amendment Subcommittee. The subcommittees membership shall be appointed from members of the Board.

11.2 Membership on the Sub-Committee shall be by appointment of the Board Chair or as volunteered by Board members. Membership on the Sub-Committee shall be limited to four Board members.

11.3 The Sub-Committee shall meet as necessary and shall vote and appoint a chair to represent the Sub-Committee at regularly scheduled Board meetings.

R710-9-12. Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

12.1 There is created by the Board, the Utah Fire Service Certification Council, whose duties are to oversee fire service certification in the State of Utah.

12.2 The Certification Council shall be made up of 12 members, appointed by the Academy Director, approved by the Board, and each member shall serve three year terms.

12.3 The Certification Council shall be made up of users of the certification system and comprise both paid and volunteer fire personnel, members with special expertise, and members from various geographical locations in the state.

12.4 The purpose of the Certification Council is to provide direction on all aspects of certification, and shall report the activities of the Certification Council to the Fire Service Standards and Training Council.

12.5 Functioning of the Certification Council with regard to certification, re-certification, testing, meeting procedures, examinations, suspension, denial, annulment, revocation, appeals, and reciprocity, shall be conducted as specified in the Utah Fire Service Voluntary Certification Program, Policy and Procedures Manual.

12.6 A copy of the Utah Fire Service Voluntary Certification Program, Policy and Procedures Manual, shall be kept on file at the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

R710-9-13. Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

13.1 The fire service training school shall be known as the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

13.2 The Director of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy shall report to the Administrator the activities of the Academy with regard to completion of the agreed academy contract.

13.3 The Academy Director may recommend to the Administrator or Coordinator new or expanded standards regarding fire suppression, fire prevention, public fire education, safety, certification, and any other items of necessary interest about the Academy.

13.4 The Academy shall receive approval from the Administrator, after being presented to the Standards and Training Council, any substantial changes in Academy training programs that vary from the agreed contract.

13.5 The Academy Director shall provide to the Coordinator by October 1st of each year, a numerical summary of those career, volunteer/part-paid, and non-affiliated students attending the Academy in the following categories:

13.5.1 Those who have received certification during the previous contract period at each certification level.

13.5.2 Those who have received an academic degree in any Fire Science category in the previous contract period.

13.5.3 Those who have completed other Academy classes during the previous contract period.

13.6 The Academy Director shall provide to the Coordinator by October 1st of each year, a numerical comparison of the categories required in Section 13.5, comparing attendance in the previous contract period.

13.7 The Academy Director shall provide to the Coordinator by October 1st of each year, in accepted budgeting practices, the following:

13.7.1 A cost analysis of classes to include the total spent for each class title, the average cost per class, the number of classes delivered, the number of participants per class title, and the cost per participant for each class title provided by the Academy.

13.7.2 A budget summary comparing amounts budgeted to actual expenditures for each budget code funded by the contract.

13.8 The Academy Director shall provide to the Coordinator by October 1st of each year, a numerical summary of those students attending Academy courses in the following categories:

13.8.1 Non-affiliated personnel enrolled in college courses.

13.8.2 Career fire service personnel enrolled in college credit courses.

13.8.3 Volunteer and part-paid fire service personnel enrolled in college credit courses.

13.8.4 Non-affiliated personnel enrolled in non-credit continuing education courses.

13.8.5 Career fire service personnel enrolled in non-credit continuing education courses.

13.8.6 Volunteer and part-paid fire service personnel enrolled in non-credit continuing education courses.

13.9 The Academy Director shall present to the Coordinator by January of each year, proposals to be incorporated in the Academy contract for the next fiscal year.

R710-9-14. Repeal of Conflicting Board Actions.

All former Board actions, or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Board action or of the codes hereby adopted, are hereby repealed.

R710-9-15. Validity.

The Utah Fire Prevention Board hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Board action, or of the codes hereby adopted, be declared invalid, it is the intent of the Utah Fire Prevention Board that it would have passed all other portions of this action, independent of the elimination of any portion as may be declared invalid.

R710-9-16. Adjudicative Proceedings.

16.1 All adjudicative proceedings performed by the agency shall proceed informally as set forth herein and as authorized by UCA, Sections 63-46b-4 and 63-46b-5.

16.2 If a city, county, or fire protection district refuses to establish a method of appeal regarding a portion of the IFC, the appealing party may petition the Board to act as the board of appeals.

16.3 A person may request a hearing on a decision made by the SFM, his authorized deputies, or the LFA, by filing an appeal to the Board within 20 days after receiving final decision.

16.4 All adjudicative proceedings, other than criminal prosecution, taken by the SFM, his authorized deputies, or the LFA, to enforce the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act and these rules, shall commence in accordance with UCA, Section 63-46b-3.

16.5 The Board shall act as the hearing authority, and shall convene as an appeals board after timely notice to all parties involved.

16.6 The Board shall direct the SFM to issue a signed order to the parties involved giving the decision of the Board within a reasonable time of the hearing pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-5(i).

16.7 Reconsideration of the Board's decision may be requested in writing within 20 days of the date of the decision pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-13.

16.8 Judicial review of all final Board actions resulting from informal adjudicative proceedings is available pursuant to UCA, Section 63-46b-15.

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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.
R865-6F. Franchise Tax.
R865-6F-1. Corporation Franchise Privilege - Right to Do Business - Nature of Liability and How Terminated Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 16-10a-1501 through 16-10a-1533.

A. The Utah franchise tax is imposed upon corporations qualified or incorporated under the laws of Utah, whether or not they do business therein, and also upon corporations doing business in Utah, whether or not they are qualified or incorporated under the laws of Utah.

1. An unqualified foreign corporation doing business in this state is liable for Utah corporation franchise tax in the same amount as if it had duly applied for and received a certificate of authority to transact business in this state pursuant to Section 16-10a-1501.

2. An unqualified foreign corporation deriving income from this state, but not doing business in this state within the contemplation of the Utah corporation franchise tax law is subject to the Utah corporation income tax on income derived from this state under the provisions of Sections 59-7-201 to 59-7-207.

B. If a corporation received its corporate authority to do business in Utah prior to January 1, 1973, and is a member of an affiliated group filing a combined report under Section 59-7-402 or 59-7-403, and legally terminates its corporate authority, it must include its activity during the final year in the combined report of the group. The tax is imposed upon the income of the group rather than the income of the individual corporations.

C. A corporation that was incorporated, qualified, or that reinstated its corporate authority to do business in Utah after January 1, 1973 must file a corporation franchise tax return and pay the tax due with the return for the year in which it legally terminates its right to do business in this state. The Tax Commission shall not issue a tax clearance certificate until the final return has been filed and the amounts due for the final year are paid.

D. For Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, a foreign corporation terminates its corporate existence or the privileges for which the franchise tax is levied (unless it continues to do business) on the date on which:

1. a certificate of withdrawal is issued under the provisions of Section 16-10a-1520;

2. its corporate existence is legally terminated in its home state, provided authoritative evidence of that termination is filed;

3. a certificate of revocation of its authority to transact business in this state is issued under the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1530 and 16-10a-1531; or

4. the corporate powers, rights, and privileges are forfeited under the provisions of Section 59-7-534.

E. For Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, a corporation that is incorporated under the laws of this state terminates its corporate existence or the privilege of exercising its corporate franchise for which the franchise tax is levied on the date on which:

1. a certificate of dissolution is issued pursuant to a voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 16-10a-1401 or Sections 16-10a-1402 through 16-10a-1403;

2. a decree of dissolution is entered by the court pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1430 through 16-10a-1433;

3. a certificate of merger or of consolidation (which effects the termination of the separate corporate existence of the Utah corporation) is issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1101 through 16-10a-1107; or

4. the corporate rights and privileges are suspended under the provisions of Section 59-7-534.

F. If the corporation continues to do business in this state subsequent to any of the above dates, it is liable for franchise tax, even though doing business is not authorized, or may even be prohibited, by law. A corporation cannot avoid the franchise tax by doing business without authority which, if legally done, would subject the corporation to the tax.

R865-6F-2. Establishment of Taxable Year and Filing the First Return Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-501 and 59-7-505.

A. The period for which a corporation must file its returns for corporation franchise tax purposes is the same period under which its income is computed pursuant to Section 59-7-501.

B. The first return may cover a period of less than 12-calendar months, but may not exceed 12-calendar months. The period must end on the last day of a calendar month, except that the Tax Commission will accept returns being made using the 52-53 week method of reporting under Section 441(f), Internal Revenue Code.

C. If a corporation elects for federal purposes to end its filing period on a date that does not fall on the last day of a calendar month, the filing period for the purposes of effective dates of Utah laws ends on the last day of the month nearest to the federal year end. The Utah net income is computed based on the filing period for federal purposes, notwithstanding the Utah filing period ends on the last day of the month.

D. Except as provided in Section 59-7-505(8)(a), in the case of a domestic corporation, the first return period begins with the date of incorporation. Activity prior to date of incorporation must be reported on individual income or partnership returns or of such other entity as may be appropriate.

E. Except as provided in Section 59-7-505(8)(a), in the case of a foreign corporation, the first return period begins with the date the corporation is qualified to do business in Utah under Title 16, Chapter 10a, Part 15, or the date business within the state is commenced, whichever is the earlier.

R865-6F-6. Application of Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Acts to Qualified Corporations and to Nonqualified Foreign Corporations Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-104.

A. Definitions.

1. "Ancillary activities" means those activities that serve no independent business function for the seller apart from their connection to the solicitation of orders.

2. "De minimis activities" means those activities that, when taken together, establish only a trivial connection with the taxing state. An activity conducted within Utah on a regular or systematic basis or pursuant to a company policy, whether or not in writing, shall not normally be considered trivial.

3. "In-home office" means an office or place of business located within the residence of the employee or representative of a company that satisfies the following conditions:

a) The office may not be publicly attributed to the company, or to the employee or representative of the company in an employee or representative capacity.

b) The use of the office shall be limited to soliciting and receiving orders from customers; transmitting orders outside the state for acceptance or rejection by the company; or for other activities that are protected under Public Law 86-272, 15 U.S.C. 381-384 (hereafter P.L. 86-272) and this rule.

c) Neither the company nor the employee or representative shall maintain a telephone listing or other public listing for the company within the state, nor use advertising or business literature indicating that the company or its employee or representative can be contacted at a specific address within the state. However, the normal distribution and use of business cards and stationery identifying the employee's or representative's name, address, telephone, and fax numbers and affiliation with the company shall not, by itself, be considered

as advertising or otherwise publicly attributing an office to the company or its employee or representative.

4. "Solicitation" means:

a) speech or conduct that explicitly or implicitly invites an order; and

b) activities that neither explicitly nor implicitly invite an order, but are entirely ancillary to requests for an order.

B. Every corporation doing business in Utah whether qualified or not, and every corporation incorporated or qualified in Utah whether or not doing business therein is subject to the Utah corporation franchise tax, unless exempted under the provisions of Section 59-7-102. If liability for the tax exists, the tax must be computed under the provisions of Section 59-7-104, at the rate provided by statute, but in no case shall the tax be less than the minimum tax prescribed.

C. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah which ship goods to customers in this state from points outside this state, pursuant to orders solicited but not accepted by agents or employees in this state, and which are not doing business in Utah are not taxable under the Utah Corporation Franchise Tax Act if:

1. they maintain no office nor stocks of goods in Utah, and

2. they engage in no other activities in Utah.

D. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah that make deliveries from stocks of goods located in this state are doing business in this state and are taxable under the Corporation Franchise Tax Act, even though they have no office or regular place of business in this state.

E. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise tax if performing the necessary duties to fulfill contracts or subcontracts in Utah, whether through their own employees or by furnishing of supervisory personnel.

F. Corporations that own real property within this state and rent or lease such properties to others are subject to the franchise tax whether or not qualified under the laws of this state. This also applies to corporations deriving royalty, lease, or rental income from properties located within this state, whether or not such properties are owned by the corporation.

G. Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise or income tax if they derive income from revenue-producing properties located in Utah or moving through Utah or from services performed by personnel in this state. This includes, but is not limited to, freight and transportation operations, sales of real property having a Utah situs, leasing or sales of franchises, sporting or entertaining events, etc.

H. Corporations that participate in joint ventures or working and operating agreements which are performed in this state are subject to the franchise tax whether qualified or not.

I. Foreign corporations qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise tax even though engaged solely in interstate commerce.

J. P.L. 86-272 restricts a state from imposing a net income tax on income derived within its borders from interstate commerce if the only business activity of the company within the state consists of the solicitation of orders for sales of tangible personal property, which orders are sent outside the state for acceptance or rejection, and, if accepted, are filled by shipment or delivery from a point outside the state. The term "net income tax" includes a franchise tax measured by net income. If any sales of tangible personal property are made from Utah into a state which is precluded by P.L. 86-272 from taxing the income of the seller, such sales remain subject to throwback to Utah pursuant to Section 59-7-318(2). Similarly, a sale into Utah from another state would not subject a corporation to the Utah tax if the corporation's activities do not exceed those allowed under P.L. 86-272.

1. Only the solicitation to sell personal property is afforded immunity under P.L. 86-272; therefore, the leasing, renting licensing or other disposition of tangible personal property, or transactions involving intangibles such as franchises, patents, copyrights, trade marks, service marks and the like, or any other type of property are not protected activities under P. L. 86-272. The sale or delivery and the solicitation for the sale or delivery of any type of service that is not either (1) ancillary to solicitation, or (2) otherwise set forth as a protected activity below is also not protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule.

2. For the in-state activity to be a protected activity under P.L. 86-272, it must be limited solely to solicitation, except for de minimis activities and activities conducted by independent contractors as described below.

K. The following in-state activities, assuming they are not of a de minimis level, will constitute doing business in Utah under P.L. 86-272 and will subject the corporation to the Utah corporation franchise tax:

1. making repairs or providing maintenance or service to the property sold or to be sold;

2. collecting current or delinquent accounts, whether directly or by third parties, through assignment or otherwise;

3. investigating credit worthiness;

4. installation or supervision of installation at or after shipment or delivery;

5. conducting training courses, seminars, or lectures for personnel other than personnel involved only in solicitation;

6. providing any kind of technical assistance or service including engineering assistance or design service, when one of the purposes thereof is other than the facilitation of the solicitation of orders;

7. investigating, handling, or otherwise assisting in resolving customer complaints, other than mediating direct customer complaints when the sole purpose of such mediation is to ingratiate the sales personnel with the customer;

8. approving or accepting orders;

9. repossessing property;

10. securing deposits on sales;

11. picking up or replacing damaged or returned property;

12. hiring, training, or supervising personnel, other than personnel involved only in solicitation;

13. using agency stock checks or any other instrument or process by which sales are made within this state by sales personnel;

14. maintaining a sample or display room in excess of two weeks (14 days) at any one location within the state during the tax year;

15. carrying samples for sale, exchange or distribution in any manner for consideration or other value;

16. owning, leasing, using, or maintaining any of the following facilities or property in-state:

(a) repair shop;

(b) parts department;

(c) any kind of office other than an in-home office;

(d) warehouse;

(e) meeting place for directors, officers, or employees;

(f) stock of goods other than samples for sales personnel or that are used entirely ancillary to solicitation;

(g) telephone answering service that is publicly attributed to the company or to employees or agents of the company in their representative status;

(h) mobile stores, i.e., vehicles with drivers who are sales personnel making sales from the vehicles;

(i) real property or fixtures to real property of any kind.

17. consigning stocks of goods or other tangible personal property to any person, including an independent contractor, for sale;

18. maintaining, by either an in-state or an out-of-state resident employee, an office or place of business (in-home or otherwise) of any kind other than an in-home office;

(b) The maintenance of any office or other place of business in this state that does not strictly qualify as an in-home

office under this subsection shall, by itself cause the loss of protection under this rule.

(c) For purposes of this subsection it is not relevant whether the company pays directly, indirectly, or not at all for the cost of maintaining the in-home office.

19. entering into franchising of licensing agreements; selling or otherwise disposing of franchises and licenses; or selling or otherwise transferring tangible personal property pursuant to such franchise or license by the franchisor or licensor to its franchisee or licensee within the state;

20. shipping or delivering of goods into this state by means of private vehicle, rail, water, air or other carrier, irrespective of whether a shipment of delivery fee or other charge is imposed, directly or indirectly, upon the purchaser;

21. conducting any activity not listed as a protected activity below which is not entirely ancillary to requests for orders, even if such activity helps to increase purchases.

L. The following in-state activities will not cause the loss of protection for otherwise protected sales;

1. soliciting orders for sales by any type of advertising;

2. soliciting of orders by an in-state resident employee or representative of the company, so long as such person does not maintain or use any office or other place of business in the state other than an in-home office;

3. carrying samples and promotional materials only for display or distribution without charge or other consideration;

4. furnishing and setting up display racks and advising customers on the display of the company's products without charge or other consideration;

5. providing automobiles to sales personnel for their use in conducting protected activities;

6. passing orders, inquiries and complaints on to the home office;

7. missionary sales activities, i.e. the solicitation of indirect customers for the company's goods. For example, a manufacturer's solicitation of retailers to buy the manufacturer's goods from the manufacturer's wholesale customers would be protected if such solicitation activities are otherwise immune;

8. coordinating shipment or delivery without payment or other consideration and providing information relating thereto either prior or subsequent to the placement of an order;

9. checking of customer's inventories without a charge therefore if performed for reorder, but not for other purposes such as a quality control;

10. maintaining a sample or display room for two weeks (14 days) or less at any one location within the state during the tax year;

11. recruiting, training or evaluating sales personnel, including occasionally using homes, hotels or similar places for meetings with sales personnel;

12. mediating direct customer complaints when the purpose thereof is solely for ingratiating the sales personnel with the customer and facilitating requests for orders;

13. owning, leasing, using or maintaining personal property for use in the employee or representative's in-home office or automobile that is solely limited to the conducting of protected activities. Therefore, the use of personal property such as a cellular telephone, facsimile machine, duplicating equipment, personal computer and computer software that is limited to the carrying on of protected solicitation and activity entirely ancillary to such solicitation or permitted by the provisions of this rule shall not, by itself, remove the protection of P.L. 86-272.

M. P.L. 86-272 provides protection to certain in-state activities if conducted by an independent contractor that would not be afforded if performed by the company or its employees or other representatives.

1. Independent contractors may engage in the following limited activities in the state without the company's loss of immunity;

a) soliciting sales;

b) making sales;

c) maintaining an office.

2. Sales representatives who represent a single principal are not considered to be independent contractors and are subject to the same limitations as those provided under P.L. 86-272 and this rule.

3. Maintenance of stock of goods in the state by the independent contractor under consignment or any other type of arrangement with the company, except for purposes of display and solicitation, shall remove the protection.

N. The Tax Commission will apply the provisions of P.L. 86-272 and of this rule to business activities conducted in foreign commerce. Therefore, whether business activities are conducted by (i) a foreign or domestic company selling tangible personal property into a county outside of the United States from a point within this state or by (ii) either company selling such property into this state from a point outside of the United States, the principles under this rule apply equally to determine whether the sales transactions are protected and the company immune from taxation in either this state or in the foreign county, as the case might be, and whether, if applicable, the throwback provisions of Section 59-7-318(2) will apply.

O. The protection afforded by P.L. 86-272 and the provisions of this rule do not apply to any corporation that is incorporated or domiciled in this state.

P. A company that registers or otherwise formally qualifies to do business within this state does not, by that fact alone, lose its protection under P.L. 86-272. Where, separate from or ancillary to such registration or qualification, the company receives and seeks to use or protect any additional benefit or protection from this state through activity not otherwise protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule, such protection shall be removed.

Q. The protection afforded under P.L. 86-272 and the provisions of this rule shall be determined on a year by year tax basis. Therefore, if at any time during a tax year the company conducts activities that are not protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule, no sales in this state or income earned by the company attributed to this state during any part of said tax year shall be protected from taxation for purposes of the corporate franchise tax.

R865-6F-8. Allocation and Apportionment of Net Income (Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Business and Nonbusiness Income Defined. Section 59-7-302 defines business income as income arising from transactions and activity in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations. In essence, all income that arises from the conduct of trade or business operations of a taxpayer is business income. For purposes of administration of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act (UDITPA), the income of the taxpayer is business income unless clearly classifiable as nonbusiness income.

1. Nonbusiness income means all income other than business income and shall be narrowly construed.

2. The classification of income by the labels occasionally used, such as manufacturing income, compensation for services, sales income, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, gains, operating income, and nonoperating income, is of no aid in determining whether income is business or nonbusiness income. Income of any type or class and from any source is business income if it arises from transactions and activity occurring in the regular course of a trade or business. Accordingly, the critical element in determining whether income is business income or nonbusiness income is the identification of the transactions and activity that are the elements of a particular trade or business.

In general, all transactions and activities of the taxpayer that are dependent upon or contribute to the operation of the taxpayer's economic enterprise as a whole constitute the taxpayer's trade or business and will be transactions and activity arising in the regular course of business, and will constitute integral parts of a trade or business.

3. Business and Nonbusiness Income. Application of Definitions. The following are rules for determining whether particular income is business or nonbusiness income:

a) Rents from real and tangible personal property. Rental income from real and tangible property is business income if the property with respect to which the rental income was received is used in the taxpayer's trade or business or is incidental thereto and therefore is includable in the property factor under G.1.a).

b) Gains or Losses from Sales of Assets. Gain or loss from the sale, exchange or other disposition of real or tangible or intangible personal property constitutes business income if the property while owned by the taxpayer was used in the taxpayer's trade or business. However, if the property was utilized for the production of nonbusiness income the gain or loss will constitute nonbusiness income. See G.1.b).

c) Interest. Interest income is business income where the intangible with respect to which the interest was received arises out of or was created in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations or where the purpose for acquiring and holding the intangible is related to or incidental to trade or business operations.

d) Dividends. Dividends are business income where the stock with respect to which the dividends are received arises out of or was acquired in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations or where the purpose for acquiring and holding the stock is related to or incidental to the trade or business operations. Because of the regularity with which most corporate taxpayers engage in investment activities, because the source of capital for those investments arises in the ordinary course of a taxpayer's business, because the income from those investments is utilized in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's business and because those investment assets are used for general credit purposes, income arising from the ownership or sale or other disposition of investments is presumptively business income. This presumption may be rebutted if the taxpayer can prove that the investment is unrelated to the regular trade or business activities.

e) Proration of Deductions. In most cases an allowable deduction of a taxpayer will be applicable only to the business income arising from the trade or business or to a particular item of nonbusiness income. In some cases an allowable deduction may be applicable to the business income and to nonbusiness income. In those cases the deduction shall be prorated among the business and nonbusiness income in a manner that fairly distributes the deduction among the classes of income to which it is applicable.

f) A schedule must be submitted with the return showing:

(1) the gross income from each class of income being allocated;

(2) the amount of each class of applicable expenses, together with explanation or computations showing how amounts were arrived at;

(3) the total amount of the applicable expenses for each income class; and

(4) the net income of each income class. The schedules should provide appropriate columns as set forth above for items allocated to this state and for items allocated outside this state.

g) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner of prorating any such deduction used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

h) If the returns or reports filed by a taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the application or proration of any deduction, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

B. Definitions.

1. "Taxpayer," for purposes of this rule, is as defined in Section 59-7-101.

2. "Apportionment" means the division of business income between states by the use of a formula containing apportionment factors.

3. "Allocation" means the assignment of nonbusiness income to a particular state.

4. "Business activity" refers to the transactions and activity occurring in the regular course of the trade or business of a taxpayer.

5. "Gross receipts" are the gross amounts realized (the sum of money and the fair market value of other property or services received) on the sale or exchange of property, the performance of services, or the use of property or capital (including rents, royalties, interest and dividends) in a transaction that produces business income, in which the income or loss is recognized (or would be recognized if the transaction were in the United States) under the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts realized on the sale or exchange or property are not reduced for the cost of goods sold or the basis of property sold.

a) Gross receipts, even if business income, do not include such items as, for example:

(1) repayment, maturity, or redemption of the principal of a loan, bond, or mutual fund or certificate of deposit or similar marketable instrument;

(2) the principal amount received under a repurchase agreement or other transaction properly characterized as a loan;

(3) proceeds from issuance of the taxpayer's own stock or from sale of treasury stock;

(4) damages and other amounts received as the result of litigation;

(5) property acquired by an agent on behalf of another;

(6) tax refunds and other tax benefit recoveries;

(7) pension reversions;

(8) contributions to capital (except for sales of securities by securities dealers);

(9) income from forgiveness of indebtedness; or

(10) amounts realized from exchanges of inventory that are not recognized by the Internal Revenue Code.

b) Exclusion of an item from the definition of "gross receipts" is not determinative of its character as business or nonbusiness income. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to modify, impair or supersede any provision of J.

C. Apportionment.

1. If the business activity with respect to the trade or business of a taxpayer occurs both within and without this state, and if by reason of that business activity the taxpayer is taxable in another state, the portion of the net income (or net loss) arising from the trade or business derived from sources within this state shall be determined by apportionment in accordance with Sections 59-7-311 to 59-7-319.

2. Allocation. Any taxpayer subject to the taxing jurisdiction of this state shall allocate all of its nonbusiness income or loss within or without this state in accordance with Sections 59-7-306 to 59-7-310.

D. Consistency and Uniformity in Reporting. In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner in which income has been classified as business income or nonbusiness income in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification. If the returns or reports filed by a taxpayer for all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the classification of income as business or nonbusiness income, the taxpayer shall disclose

in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

E. Taxable in Another State.

1. In General. Under Section 59-7-303 the taxpayer is subject to the allocation and apportionment provisions of UDITPA if it has income from business activity that is taxable both within and without this state. A taxpayer's income from business activity is taxable without this state if the taxpayer, by reason of business activity (i.e., the transactions and activity occurring in the regular course of the trade or business), is taxable in another state within the meaning of Section 59-7-305. A taxpayer is taxable within another state if it meets either one of two tests:

a) if by reason of business activity in another state the taxpayer is subject to one of the types of taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1), namely: a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, or a corporate stock tax; or

b) if by reason of business activity another state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax, regardless of whether the state imposes that tax on the taxpayer. A taxpayer is not taxable in another state with respect to the trade or business merely because the taxpayer conducts activities in that state pertaining to the production of nonbusiness income.

2. When a Taxpayer Is Subject to a Tax Under Section 59-7-305. A taxpayer is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) if it carries on business activity in a state and that state imposes such a tax thereon. Any taxpayer that asserts that it is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) in another state shall furnish to the Tax Commission, upon its request, evidence to support that assertion. The Tax Commission may request that the evidence include proof that the taxpayer has filed the requisite tax return in the other state and has paid any taxes imposed under the law of the other state. The taxpayer's failure to produce that proof may be taken into account in determining whether the taxpayer is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) in the other state. If the taxpayer voluntarily files and pays one or more taxes when not required to do so by the laws of that state or pays a minimal fee for qualification, organization, or for the privilege of doing business in that state, but

a) does not actually engage in business activity in that state, or

b) does actually engage in some business activity, not sufficient for nexus, and the minimum tax bears no relation to the taxpayer's business activity within that state, the taxpayer is not subject to one of the taxes specified within the meaning of Section 59-7-305(1).

3. When a State Has Jurisdiction to Subject a Taxpayer to a Net Income Tax. The second test, that of Section 59-7-305(2), applies if the taxpayer's business activity is sufficient to give the state jurisdiction to impose a net income tax by reason of business activity under the Constitution and statutes of the United States. Jurisdiction to tax is not present where the state is prohibited from imposing the tax by reason of the provisions of Public Law 86-272, 15 U. S. C. A. Sec. 381-385 (P.L. 86-272). In the case of any state as defined in Section 59-7-302(6), other than a state of the United States or political subdivision of a state, the determination of whether a state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax shall be made as though the jurisdictional standards applicable to a state of the United States applied in that state. If jurisdiction is otherwise present, the state is not considered as without jurisdiction by reason of the provisions of a treaty between that state and the United States.

F. Apportionment Formula. All business income of the taxpayer shall be apportioned to this state by use of the apportionment formula set forth in Section 59-7-311. The elements of the apportionment formula are the property factor, see G. below, the payroll factor, see H. below, and the sales factor, see I. below, of the trade or business of the taxpayer. For exceptions see J. below.

G. Property Factor.

1. In General.

a) The property factor of the apportionment formula shall include all real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used during the tax period in the regular course of its trade or business. Real and tangible personal property includes land, buildings, machinery, stocks of goods, equipment, and other real and tangible personal property but does not include coin or currency.

b) Property used in connection with the production of nonbusiness income shall be excluded from the property factor. Property used both in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business and in the production of nonbusiness income shall be included in the factor only to the extent the property is used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business. The method of determining the portion of the value to be included in the factor will depend upon the facts of each case.

c) The property factor shall reflect the average value of property includable in the factor. Refer to G.6.

2. Property Used for the Production of Business Income. Property shall be included in the property factor if it is actually used or is available for or capable of being used during the tax period in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. Property held as reserves or standby facilities or property held as a reserve source of materials shall be included in the factor. For example, a plant temporarily idle or raw material reserves not currently being processed are includable in the factor. Property or equipment under construction during the tax period, except inventoriable goods in process, shall be excluded from the factor until the property is actually used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. If the property is partially used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer while under construction, the value of the property to the extent used shall be included in the property factor.

3. Consistency in Reporting. In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner of valuing property, or of excluding or including property in the property factor, used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification. If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the valuation of property and in the exclusion or inclusion of property in the property factor, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

4. Numerator. The numerator of the property factor shall include the average value of the real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in this state during the tax period in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. Property in transit between locations of the taxpayer to which it belongs shall be considered to be at the destination for purposes of the property factor. Property in transit between a buyer and seller that is included by a taxpayer in the denominator of its property factor in accordance with its regular accounting practices shall be included in the numerator according to the state of destination. The value of mobile or movable property such as construction equipment, trucks, or leased electronic equipment that are located within and without this state during the tax period shall be determined for purposes of the numerator of the factor on the basis of total time within the state during the tax period. An automobile assigned to a traveling employee shall be included in the numerator of the factor of the state to which the employee's compensation is assigned under the payroll factor or in the numerator of the state in which the automobile is licensed.

5. Valuation of Owned Property.

a) Property owned by the taxpayer shall be valued at its original cost. As a general rule original cost is deemed to be the basis of the property for state franchise or income tax purposes (prior to any adjustments) at the time of acquisition by the taxpayer and adjusted by subsequent capital additions or improvements thereto and partial disposition thereof, by reasons including sale, exchange, and abandonment. However, capitalized intangible drilling and development costs shall be included in the property factor whether or not they have been expensed for either federal or state tax purposes.

b) Inventory of stock of goods shall be included in the factor in accordance with the valuation method used for state tax purposes.

c) Property acquired by gift or inheritance shall be included in the factor at its basis for determining depreciation.

6. Valuation of Rented Property.

a) Property rented by the taxpayer is valued at eight times its net annual rental rate. The net annual rental rate for any item of rented property is the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer for the property, less the aggregate annual subrental rates paid by subtenants of the taxpayer. See J.2. for special rules where the use of the net annual rental rate produces a negative or clearly inaccurate value or where property is used by the taxpayer at no charge or rented at a nominal rental rate.

b) Subrents are not deducted when the subrents constitute business income because the property that produces the subrents is used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer when it is producing the income. Accordingly there is no reduction in its value.

c) Annual rental rate is the amount paid as rental for property for a 12-month period; i.e., the amount of the annual rent. Where property is rented for less than a 12-month period, the rent paid for the actual period of rental shall constitute the annual rental rate for the tax period. However, where a taxpayer has rented property for a term of 12 or more months and the current tax period covers a period of less than 12 months (due, for example, to a reorganization or change of accounting period), the rent paid for the short tax period shall be annualized. If the rental term is for less than 12 months, the rent shall not be annualized beyond its term. Rent shall not be annualized because of the uncertain duration when the rental term is on a month to month basis.

d) Annual rent is the actual sum of money or other consideration payable, directly or indirectly, by the taxpayer or for its benefit for the use of the property and includes:

(1) Any amount payable for the use of real or tangible personal property, or any part thereof, whether designated as a fixed sum of money or as a percentage of sales, profits or otherwise.

(2) Any amount payable as additional rent or in lieu of rents, such as interest, taxes, insurance, repairs or any other items that are required to be paid by the terms of the lease or other arrangement, not including amounts paid as service charges, such as utilities, and janitor services. If a payment includes rent and other charges unsegregated, the amount of rent shall be determined by consideration of the relative values of the rent and other items.

e) Annual rent does not include:

(1) incidental day-to-day expenses such as hotel or motel accommodations, or daily rental of automobiles;

(2) royalties based on extraction of natural resources, whether represented by delivery or purchase. For this purpose, a royalty includes any consideration conveyed or credited to a holder of an interest in property that constitutes a sharing of current or future production of natural resources from that property, irrespective of the method of payment or how that consideration may be characterized, whether as a royalty, advance royalty, rental, or otherwise.

f) Leasehold improvements shall, for the purposes of the property factor, be treated as property owned by the taxpayer regardless of whether the taxpayer is entitled to remove the improvements or the improvements revert to the lessor upon expiration of the lease. Hence, the original cost of leasehold improvements shall be included in the factor.

7. Averaging Property Values. As a general rule, the average value of property owned by the taxpayer shall be determined by averaging the values at the beginning and end of the tax period. However, the Tax Commission may require or allow averaging by monthly values if that method of averaging is required to properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's property for the tax period.

a) Averaging by monthly values will generally be applied if substantial fluctuations in the values of the property exist during the tax period or where property is acquired after the beginning of the tax period or disposed of before the end of the tax period.

b) Example: The monthly value of the taxpayer's property was as follows:

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January	$ 2,000
February	2,000
March	3,000
April	3,500
May	4,500
June	10,000
July	15,000
August	17,000
September	23,000
October	25,000
November	13,000
December	2,000
Total	$120,000

The average value of the taxpayer's property includable in the property factor for the income year is determined as follows:

$120,000 / 12 = $10,000

c) Averaging with respect to rented property is achieved automatically by the method of determining the net annual rental rate of the property as set forth in G.6.a).

H. Payroll Factor.

1. The payroll factor of the apportionment formula shall include the total amount paid by the taxpayer in the regular course of its trade or business for compensation during the tax period.

2. The total amount paid to employees is determined upon the basis of the taxpayer's accounting method. If the taxpayer has adopted the accrual method of accounting, all compensation properly accrued shall be deemed to have been paid. Notwithstanding the taxpayer's method of accounting, at the election of the taxpayer, compensation paid to employees may be included in the payroll factor by use of the cash method if the taxpayer is required to report compensation under that method for unemployment compensation purposes. The compensation of any employee on account of activities that are connected with the production of nonbusiness income shall be excluded from the factor.

3. The term "compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services. Payments made to an independent contractor or any other person not properly classifiable as an employee are excluded. Only amounts paid directly to employees are included in the payroll factor. Amounts considered paid directly include the value of board, rent, housing, lodging, and other benefits or services furnished to employees by the taxpayer in return for personal services.

a) The term "employee" means:

(1) any officer of a corporation; or

(2) any individual who, under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee. Generally, a person will be

considered to be an employee if he is included by the taxpayer as an employee for purposes of the payroll taxes imposed by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. However, since certain individuals are included within the term employees in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act who would not be employees under the usual common law rules, it may be established that a person who is included as an employee for purposes of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act is not an employee for purposes of this rule.

b) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the treatment of compensation paid used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(1) If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the treatment of compensation paid, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

4. Denominator. The denominator of the payroll factor is the total compensation paid everywhere during the tax period. Accordingly, compensation paid to employees whose services are performed entirely in a state where the taxpayer is immune from taxation, for example, by P.L. 86-272, are included in the denominator of the payroll factor.

5. Numerator. The numerator of the payroll factor is the total amount paid in this state during the tax period by the taxpayer for compensation. The tests in Section 59-7-316 to be applied in determining whether compensation is paid in this state are derived from the Model Unemployment Compensation Act. Accordingly, if compensation paid to employees is included in the payroll factor by use of the cash method of accounting or if the taxpayer is required to report compensation under that method for unemployment compensation purposes, it shall be presumed that the total wages reported by the taxpayer to this state for unemployment compensation purposes constitute compensation paid in this state except for compensation excluded under H. The presumption may be overcome by satisfactory evidence that an employee's compensation is not properly reportable to this state for unemployment compensation purposes.

6. Compensation Paid in this State. Compensation is paid in this state if any one of the following tests applied consecutively are met:

a) The employee's service is performed entirely within the state.

b) The employee's service is performed entirely within and without the state, but the service performed without the state is incidental to the employee's service within the state. The word incidental means any service that is temporary or transitory in nature, or that is rendered in connection with an isolated transaction.

c) If the employee's services are performed both within and without this state, the employee's compensation will be attributed to this state:

(1) if the employee's base of operations is in this state; or

(2) if there is no base of operations in any state in which some part of the service is performed, but the place from which the service is directed or controlled is in this state; or

(3) if the base of operations or the place from which the service is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the employee's residence is in this state.

d) The term "base of operations" is the place of more or less permanent nature from which the employee starts his work and to which he customarily returns in order to receive instructions from the taxpayer or communications from his customers or other persons or to replenish stock or other materials, repair equipment, or perform any other functions necessary to the exercise of his trade or profession at some other point or points. The term "place from which the service is directed or controlled" means the place from which the power to direct or control is exercised by the taxpayer.

I. Sales Factor. In General.

1. Section 59-7-302(5) defines the term "sales" to mean all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated under Section 59-7-306 through 59-7-310. Thus, for purposes of the sales factor of the apportionment formula for the trade or business of the taxpayer, the term sales means all gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of the trade or business. The following are rules determining sales in various situations.

a) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in manufacturing and selling or purchasing and reselling goods or products, sales includes all gross receipts from the sales of goods or products (or other property of a kind that would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the tax period) held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business. Gross receipts for this purpose means gross sales, less returns and allowances and includes all interest income, service charges, carrying charges, or time-price differential charges incidental to sales. Federal and state excise taxes (including sales taxes) shall be included as part of receipts if taxes are passed on to the buyer or included as part of the selling price of the product.

b) In the case of cost plus fixed fee contracts, such as the operation of a government-owned plant for a fee, sales includes the entire reimbursed cost, plus the fee.

c) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in providing services, such as the operation of an advertising agency, or the performance of equipment service contracts, or research and development contracts, sales includes the gross receipts from the performance of services including fees, commissions, and similar items.

d) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in renting real or tangible property, sales includes the gross receipts from the rental, lease or licensing of the use of the property.

e) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in the sale, assignment, or licensing of intangible personal property such as patents and copyrights, sales includes the gross receipts therefrom.

f) If a taxpayer derives receipts from the sale of equipment used in its business, those receipts constitute sales. For example, a truck express company owns a fleet of trucks and sells its trucks under a regular replacement program. The gross receipts from the sales of the trucks are included in the sales factor.

g) In some cases certain gross receipts should be disregarded in determining the sales factor in order that the apportionment formula will operate fairly to apportion to this state the income of the taxpayer's trade or business. See J.3.

h) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the basis for excluding or including gross receipts in the sales factor used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

i) If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the inclusion or exclusion of gross receipts, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

2. Denominator. The denominator of the sales factor shall include the total gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business, except receipts excluded under J.3.

3. Numerator. The numerator of the sales factor shall include gross receipts attributable to this state and derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business. All interest income, service charges,

carrying charges, or time-price differential charges incidental to gross receipts shall be included regardless of the place where the accounting records are maintained or the location of the contract or other evidence of indebtedness.

4. Sales of Tangible Personal Property in this State.

a) Gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property (except sales to the United States government; see I.5.) are in this state:

(1) if the property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of sale; or

(2) if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser.

b) Property shall be deemed to be delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the recipient is located in this state, even though the property is ordered from outside this state.

c) Property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the shipment terminates in this state, even though the property is subsequently transferred by the purchaser to another state.

d) The term "purchaser within this state" shall include the ultimate recipient of the property if the taxpayer in this state, at the designation of the purchaser, delivers to or has the property shipped to the ultimate recipient within this state.

e) When property being shipped by a seller from the state of origin to a consignee in another state is diverted while en route to a purchaser in this state, the sales are in this state.

f) If the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser, the sale is attributed to this state if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state.

g) If a taxpayer whose salesman operates from an office located in this state makes a sale to a purchaser in another state in which the taxpayer is not taxable and the property is shipped directly by a third party to the purchaser, the following rules apply:

(1) If the taxpayer is taxable in the state from which the third party ships the property, then the sale is in that state.

(2) If the taxpayer is not taxable in the state from which the property is shipped, the sale is in this state.

5. Sales of Tangible Personal Property to United States Government in this state.

a) Gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property to the United States government are in this state if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state. For purposes of this rule, only sales for which the United States government makes direct payment to the seller pursuant to the terms of a contract constitute sales to the United States government. Thus, as a general rule, sales by a subcontractor to the prime contractor, the party to the contract with the United States government, do not constitute sales to the United States government.

6. Sales Other than Sales of Tangible Personal Property in this State.

a) In general, Section 59-7-319(1) provides for the inclusion in the numerator of the sales factor of gross receipts from transactions other than sales of tangible personal property (including transactions with the United States government). Under Section 59-7-319(1), gross receipts are attributed to this state if the income producing activity that gave rise to the receipts is performed wholly within this state. Also, gross receipts are attributed to this state if, with respect to a particular item of income, the income producing activity is performed within and without this state but the greater proportion of the income producing activity is performed in this state, based on costs of performance.

b) The term "income producing activity" applies to each separate item of income and means the transactions and activity directly engaged in by the taxpayer in the regular course of its trade or business for the ultimate purpose of obtaining gains or profit. Income producing activity does not include transactions and activities performed on behalf of a taxpayer, such as those conducted on its behalf by an independent contractor. Accordingly, the income producing activity includes the following:

(1) the rendering of personal services by employees or the utilization of tangible and intangible property by the taxpayer in performing a service;

(2) the sale, rental, leasing, or licensing or other use of real property;

(3) the rental, leasing, licensing or other use of intangible personal property; or

(4) the sale, licensing or other use of intangible personal property. The mere holding of intangible personal property is not, of itself, an income producing activity.

c) The term "costs of performance" means direct costs determined in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with accepted conditions or practices in the trade or business of the taxpayer.

d) Receipts (other than from sales of tangible personal property) in respect to a particular income producing activity are in this state if:

(1) the income producing activity is performed wholly within this state; or

(2) the income producing activity is performed both in and outside this state and a greater proportion of the income producing activity is performed in this state than in any other state, based on costs of performance.

e) The following are special rules for determining when receipts from the income producing activities described below are in this state:

(1) Gross receipts from the sale, lease, rental or licensing of real property are in this state if the real property is located in this state.

(2) Gross receipts from the rental, lease, or licensing of tangible personal property are in this state if the property is located in this state. The rental, lease, licensing or other use of tangible personal property in this state is a separate income producing activity from the rental, lease, licensing or other use of the same property while located in another state. Consequently, if the property is within and without this state during the rental, lease or licensing period, gross receipts attributable to this state shall be measured by the ratio that the time the property was physically present or was used in this state bears to the total time or use of the property everywhere during the period.

(3) Gross receipts for the performance of personal services are attributable to this state to the extent services are performed in this state. If services relating to a single item of income are performed partly within and partly without this state, the gross receipts for the performance of services shall be attributable to this state only if a greater portion of the services were performed in this state, based on costs of performance. Usually where services are performed partly within and partly without this state, the services performed in each state will constitute a separate income producing activity. In that case, the gross receipts for the performance of services attributable to this state shall be measured by the ratio that the time spent in performing services in this state bears to the total time spent in performing services everywhere. Time spent in performing services includes the amount of time expended in the performance of a contract or other obligation that gives rise to gross receipts. Personal service not directly connected with the performance of the contract or other obligations, as for example, time expended in negotiating the contract, is excluded from the computations.

J. Special Rules:

1. Section 59-7-320 provides that if the allocation and

apportionment provisions of UDITPA do not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this state, the taxpayer may petition for, or the tax administrator may require, in respect to all or any part of the taxpayer's business activity, if reasonable:

a) separate accounting;

b) the exclusion of any one or more of the factors;

c) the inclusion of one or more additional factors that will fairly represent the taxpayer's business activity in this state; or

d) the employment of any other method to effectuate an equitable allocation and apportionment of the taxpayer's income.

2. Property Factor.

The following special rules are established in respect to the property factor of the apportionment formula:

a) If the subrents taken into account in determining the net annual rental rate under G.6.b) produce a negative or clearly inaccurate value for any item of property, another method that will properly reflect the value of rented property may be required by the Tax Commission or requested by the taxpayer. In no case however, shall the value be less than an amount that bears the same ratio to the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer for property as the fair market value of that portion of property used by the taxpayer bears to the total fair market value of the rented property.

b) If property owned by others is used by the taxpayer at no charge or rented by the taxpayer for a nominal rate, the net annual rental rate for the property shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable market rental rate for that property.

3. Sales Factors.

The following special rules are established in respect to the sales factor of the apportionment formula:

a) Where substantial amounts of gross receipts arise from an incidental or occasional sale of a fixed asset used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, those gross receipts shall be excluded from the sales factor. For example, gross receipts from the sale of a factory or plant will be excluded.

b) Insubstantial amounts of gross receipts arising from incidental or occasional transactions or activities may be excluded from the sales factor unless exclusion would materially affect the amount of income apportioned to this state. For example, the taxpayer ordinarily may include or exclude from the sales factor gross receipts from such transactions as the sale of office furniture, and business automobiles.

c) Where the income producing activity in respect to business income from intangible personal property can be readily identified, that income is included in the denominator of the sales factor and, if the income producing activity occurs in this state, in the numerator of the sales factor as well. For example, usually the income producing activity can be readily identified in respect to interest income received on deferred payments on sales of tangible property, see I.1.a), and income from the sale, licensing or other use of intangible personal property, see I.6.b)(4).

(1) Where business income from intangible property cannot readily be attributed to any particular income producing activity of the taxpayer, the income cannot be assigned to the numerator of the sales factor for any state and shall be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor. For example, where business income in the form of dividends received on stock, royalties received on patents or copyrights, or interest received on bonds, debentures or government securities results from the mere holding of the intangible personal property by the taxpayer, such dividends and interest shall be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor.

(2) Exclude from the denominator of the sales factor, receipts from the sales of securities unless the taxpayer is a dealer therein.

d) Where gains and losses on the sale of liquid assets are not excluded from the sales factor by other provisions under J.3.a) through c), such gains or losses shall be treated as provided in this J.3.d). This J.3.d) does not provide rules relating to the treatment of other receipts produced from holding or managing such assets.

(1) If a taxpayer holds liquid assets in connection with one or more treasury functions of the taxpayer, and the liquid assets produce business income when sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed, the overall net gain from those transactions for each treasury function for the tax period is included in the sales factor. For purposes of this J.3.d), each treasury function will be considered separately.

(2) For purposes of this J.3.d), a liquid asset is an asset (other than functional currency or funds held in bank accounts) held to provide a relatively immediate source of funds to satisfy the liquidity needs of the trade or business. Liquid assets include:

(a) foreign currency (and trading positions therein) other than functional currency used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business;

(b) marketable instruments (including stocks, bonds, debentures, options, warrants, futures contracts, etc.); and

(c) mutual funds which hold such liquid assets.

(3) An instrument is considered marketable if it is traded in an established stock or securities market and is regularly quoted by brokers or dealers in making a market. Stock in a corporation which is unitary with the taxpayer, or which has a substantial business relationship with the taxpayer, is not considered marketable stock.

(4) For purposes of this J.3.d), a treasury function is the pooling and management of liquid assets for the purpose of satisfying the cash flow needs of the trade or business, such as providing liquidity for a taxpayer's business cycle, providing a reserve for business contingencies, business acquisitions, etc. A taxpayer principally engaged in the trade or business of purchasing and selling instruments or other items included in the definition of liquid assets set forth herein is not performing a treasury function with respect to income so produced.

(5) Overall net gain refers to the total net gain from all transactions incurred at each treasury function for the entire tax period, not the net gain from a specific transaction.

4. Domestic International Sales Corporation (DISC). In any case in which a corporation, subject to the income tax jurisdiction of Utah, owns 50 percent or more of the voting power of the stock of a corporation classified as a DISC under the provisions of Sec. 992 Internal Revenue Code, a combined filing with the DISC corporation is required.

5. Partnership or Joint Venture Income. Income or loss from partnership or joint venture interests shall be included in income and apportioned to Utah through application of the three-factor formula consisting of property, payroll and sales. For apportionment purposes, the portion of partnership or joint venture property, payroll and sales to be included in the corporation's property, payroll and sales factors shall be computed on the basis of the corporation's ownership interest in the partnership or joint venture, and otherwise in accordance with other applicable provisions of this rule.

R865-6F-14. Extent to Which Federal Income Tax Provisions Are Followed for Corporation Franchise Tax Purposes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-106, 59-7-108, 59-7-501, and 59-7-502.

A. It is the policy of the Tax Commission, in matters involving the determination of net income for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, to follow as closely as possible federal requirements with respect to the same matters. In some instances, of course, the federal and state statutes differ; and due to such conflict, the federal rulings, regulations, and decisions cannot be followed. Furthermore, in some instances, the Tax

Commission may disagree with the federal determinations and does not consider them controlling for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes.

1. The items of major importance ordinarily allowed in conformity with federal requirements are:

a. depreciation (see rule R865-6F-9),

b. depletion,

c. exploration and development expenses,

d. intangible drilling costs,

e. accounting methods and periods (see rule R865-6F-2), and

f. Subpart F income.

2. The following are the major items which require different treatment under the state and federal statutes:

a. installment sales (see rule R865-6F-15),

b. consolidated returns (see rule R865-6F-4),

c. liquidating dividends,

d. municipal bond interest,

e. capital loss deduction,

f. loss carry-overs and carry-backs, and

g. gross-up on foreign dividends.

Note: The only reserves permitted in determining net-income for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes are depreciation, depletion, and bad debts.

R865-6F-15. Installment Basis of Reporting Income in Year of Termination Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-112.

A. The Corporation Franchise Tax Act allows a corporation, under certain conditions and under rules prescribed by the Tax Commission, to report income arising from the sale or other disposition of property on a deferred or so-called installment basis. Thus, a gain technically realized at the time the sale is made may, at the election of the taxpayer, be reported on a deferred basis in accordance with the law and the following sections of this rule. The rule allowing deferment of reporting such income is only one of postponement of the tax, and not one of exemption from a tax otherwise lawfully due. Thus, the privilege of deferment is terminated if the taxpayer ceases to be subject to tax prior to the reporting of the entire amount of installment income. When a taxpayer elects to report income arising from the sale or other disposition of property as provided in Section 59-7-112, and the entire income therefrom has not been reported prior to the year that the taxpayer ceases to be subject to the tax imposed under the Utah Corporation Income and Franchise Tax Acts, the unreported income is included in the return for the last year in which the taxpayer is subject to the tax. This rule applies to all corporations which elect to report on the installment basis. If a corporation on this basis desires to dissolve or to withdraw, it must comply with the provisions hereof prior to issuance of the tax clearance certificate.

B. Income reported under the provisions of Section 59-7-112 and this rule shall be subject to the same treatment in the allocation of income; i.e., specific allocation or apportionment, as would have been accorded the original income from the sale under the provisions of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act. In case such income is subject to apportionment, the apportionment fraction for the year in which the income is reported applies rather than the year in which the sale was made.

R865-6F-16. Apportionment of Income of Long-Term Construction Contractors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 321, and 59-7-501.

A. When a taxpayer elects to use the percentage-of-completion method of accounting, or the completed contract method of accounting for long-term contracts, and has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income derived from such long- term contracts from sources within this state is determined pursuant to this rule.

B. Business income is apportioned to this state by a three-factor formula consisting of property, payroll, and sales--regardless of the method of accounting for long-term contracts elected by the taxpayer. The total of the property, payroll, and sales percentages is divided by three to determine the apportionment percentage. The apportionment percentage is then applied to business income to determine the amount apportioned to this state.

1. Percentage-of-completion method. Under this method of accounting for long-term contracts, the amount included each year as business income from each contract is the amount by which the gross contract price (which corresponds to the percentage of the entire contract completed during the income years) exceeds all expenditures made during the income year in connection with the contract. Beginning and ending material and supplies inventories must be appropriately accounted for in reporting expenditures.

2. Completed-contract method. Under this method of accounting, business income derived from long-term contracts is reported for the income year in which the contract is completed. A special computation is required to compute the amount of business income attributable to this state from each completed contract. All receipts and expenditures applicable to the contracts, whether complete or incomplete at the end of the income year, are excluded from other business income, which are apportioned by the regular three-factor formula of property, payroll, and sales.

C. Property factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the property factor is determined as set forth in Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-312, 59-7-313, and 59-7-314 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable:

1. The average value of the taxpayer's cost (including materials and labor) of construction in progress, to the extent these costs exceed progress billings, are included in the denominator of the property factor. The value of those construction costs attributable to construction projects in this state are included in the numerator of the property factor. It may be necessary to use monthly averages if yearly averages do not properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's equity.

2. Rent paid for the use of equipment directly attributable to a particular construction project is included in the property factor at eight times the net annual rental rate, even though the rental expense may be capitalized into the cost of construction.

3. The property factor is computed in the same manner for all long-term-contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year, even though under the completed-contract method of accounting business income is computed separately.

D. Payroll factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the payroll factor are determined as set forth in Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-315 and 59-7-316 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable.

1. Compensation paid to employees attributable to a particular construction project is included in the payroll factor even though capitalized into the cost of construction.

2. Compensation paid to employees who, in the aggregate, perform most of their services in a state to which their employer does not report them for unemployment tax purposes, is attributed to the state where the services are performed. For example, a taxpayer engaged in a long-term contract in State X sends several key employees to that state to supervise the project. The taxpayer, for unemployment tax purposes reports these employees to State Y where the main office is maintained and where the employees reside. For payroll factor purposes and in accordance with Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-316 and the rule thereunder, the compensation is assigned to the numerator of State X.

3. The payroll factor is computed in the same manner for

all long-term-contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year, even though under the completed contract method of accounting, business income is computed separately.

E. Sales Factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the sales factor shall be determined as set forth in Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-317, 59-7-318, and 59-7-319 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable.

1. Gross receipts derived from the performance of a contract are attributable to this state if the construction project is located in this state. If the construction project is located partly within and partly without this state, the gross receipts attributable to this state are based upon the ratio which construction costs for the project in this state incurred during the coming year bears to the total of such construction costs for the entire project during the income year. Progress billings are ordinarily used to reflect gross receipts and must be shown in both the numerator and denominator of the sales factor.

2. If the percentage-of-completion method is used, the sales factor includes only that portion of the gross contract price which corresponds to the percentage of the entire contract which was completed during the income year. For example, a construction contractor which had elected the percentage-of-completion method of accounting entered into a $9,000,000 long-term construction contract. At the end of its current income year (the second since starting the project) it estimated that the project was 30 percent completed. The amount of gross receipts included in the sales factor for the current income year is $2,700,000 (30 percent of $9,000,000), regardless of whether the taxpayer uses the accrual method or the cash method of accounting for receipts and disbursements.

3. If the completed-contract method of accounting is used, the sales factor includes the portion of the gross receipts (progress billings) received under the cash basis or accrued, whichever is applicable, during the income year attributable to each contract. For example, a construction contractor which elected the completed-contract method of accounting entered into a long-term construction contract. At the end of its current income year (the second since starting the project) it had billed, and accrued on its books a total of $5,000,000 of which $2,000,000 had accrued in the first year the contract was undertaken, and $3,000,000 in the current (second) year. The amount of gross receipts included in the sales factor for the current income year is $3,000,000. If the taxpayer keeps its books on the cash basis, and as of the end of its current income year has received only $2,500,000 of the $3,000,000 billed during the current year, the amount of gross receipts to be included in the sales factor for the current year is $2,500,000.

4. The sales factor, except as noted above in subparagraphs 2. and 3., is computed in the same manner for all long-term contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year--even though under the completed-contract method of accounting, business income is computed separately.

F. The total of the property, payroll, and sales percentages is divided by three to determine the apportionment percentage which is then applied to business income to establish the amount apportioned to this state.

G. The completed-contract method of accounting provides that the reporting of income (or loss) is deferred until the year the construction project is completed. In order to determine the amount of income which is attributable to sources within this state, a separate computation is made for each contract completed during the income year, regardless of whether the project is located within or without this state. The amount of income from each contract completed during the income year apportioned to this state is added to other business income apportioned to this state by the regular three-factor formula, and that total together with all nonbusiness income allocated to this state becomes the measure of tax for the income year. The amount of income (or loss) from each contract which is derived from sources within this state using the completed-contract method of accounting is computed as follows.

1. In the income year the contract is completed, the income (or loss) therefrom is determined.

2. The income (or loss) determined at Paragraph G.1. is apportioned to this state by the following method:

(a) a fraction is determined for each year the contract was in progress (the numerator of which is the amount of construction costs paid or accrued each year the contract was in progress, and the denominator of which is the total of all construction costs for the project);

(b) each percentage determined in (a) is multiplied by the apportionment formula percentage for that particular year;

(c) these factors are totaled; and

(d) the total income is multiplied by this combined percentage, and the resulting income (or loss) is the amount of contract business income assigned to this state.

3. A corporation using the completed-contract method of accounting is required to include income derived from sources within this state from contracts within or without this state or income from incomplete contracts in progress outside this state in the year of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business pursuant to Paragraph G.4.

4. The amount of income (or loss) from each such contract apportioned to this state is determined as if the percentage-of-completion method of accounting were used for all such contracts on the date of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business. The amount of business income (or loss) for each such contract is the amount by which the gross contract price from each such contract from the commencement thereof to the date of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business exceeds all expenditures made during such period in connection with each such contract. Beginning and ending material and supplies inventories must be appropriately accounted for in reporting expenditures in connection with each contract.

R865-6F-18. Exemptions from Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-101 and 59-7-102.

A. The following definitions apply to the exemption for corporate franchise and income tax for a farmers' cooperative.

1. "Member" means a person who shares in the profits of a cooperative association and is entitled to participate in the management of the association.

2. "Producer" means a person who, as owner or tenant, bears the risk of production and receives income based on farm production rather than fixed compensation.

B. In order to claim an exemption from corporate franchise and income tax provided for by Section 59-7-102, a corporation must submit to the Tax Commission form TC-161, Utah Registration for Exemption from Corporate Franchise or Income Tax, along with any information that form requires, for the Tax Commission's determination that the corporation satisfies the requirements of Section 59-7-102.

C. A corporation shall notify the Tax Commission of any change that affects its tax exempt status under Section 59-7-102.

D. For purposes of the Section 59-7-102 exemption for a farmers' cooperative, an association, corporation, or other organization similar to an association, corporation, or other organization of farmers or fruit growers includes establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch, or their natural habitat.

R865-6F-19. Taxation of Trucking Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Definitions:

1. "Average value" of property means the amount

determined by averaging the values of real and personal property at the beginning and end of the income tax year. The Tax Commission may require the averaging of monthly values during the income year or other averaging as necessary to reflect properly the average value of the trucking company's property.

2. "Business and nonbusiness income" are as defined in R865- 6F-8(A).

3. "Mobile property" means all motor vehicles, including trailers, engaged directly in the movement of tangible personal property.

4. "Mobile property mile" means the movement of a unit of mobile property a distance of one mile, whether loaded or unloaded.

5. "Original cost" means the basis of the property for federal income tax purposes (prior to any federal income tax adjustments, except for subsequent capital additions, improvements thereto, or partial dispositions); or if the property has no such basis, or if the valuation of the property is unascertainable under the foregoing valuation standards, the property is included in the property factor at its fair market value as of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer.

6. "Property used during the course of the income year" means property that is available for use in the taxpayer's trade or business during the income year.

7. "Trucking company" means a corportion engaged in or transacting the business of transporting freight, merchandise, or other property for hire.

8. "Value of owned real and tangible personal property" means the original cost of owned real and tangible personal property.

9. "Value of rented real and tangible personal property" means the product of eight times the net annual rental rate of rented real and tangible personal property.

B. When a trucking company has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the trucking company's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

C. In general, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(G), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(H), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(I), except as modified by this rule.

D. The denominator of the property factor shall be the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the income year. The numerator of the property factor shall be the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used, or available for use, within this state during the income year.

1. In the determination of the numerator of the property factor, all property, except mobile property, shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

2. Mobile property located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that the mobile property's miles within this state bear to the total miles of mobile property within and without this state.

E. The denominator of the payroll factor is the compensation paid within and without this state by the taxpayer during the income year for the production of business income. The numerator of the payroll factor is the compensation paid within this state during the income year by the taxpayer for the production of business income.

1. With respect to all personnel, except those performing services within and without this state, compensation shall be included in the numerator as provided in R865-6F-8(H).

2. With respect to personnel performing services within and without this state, compensation shall be included in the numerator of the payroll factor in the ratio that their services performed within this state bear to their services performed within and without this state.

F. In general, all revenue derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business that produce business income shall be included in the denominator of the revenue factor. The numerator of the revenue factor is the total revenue of the taxpayer in this state during the income year.

1. The total state revenue of the taxpayer, other than revenue from hauling freight, mail, and express, shall be attributable to this state in accordance with R865-6F-8(I).

2. The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year from hauling freight, mail, and express shall be:

a) Intrastate: all receipts from any shipment that both originates and terminates within this state; and

b) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from movements or shipments passing through, into, or out of this state as determined by the ratio that the mobile property miles traveled by the movements or shipments within this state bear to the total mobile property miles traveled by the movements or shipments within and without this state.

G. The taxpayer shall maintain the records necessary to identify mobile property and to enumerate by state the mobile property miles traveled by mobile property. These records are subject to review by the Tax Commission or its agents.

H. This rule requires apportionment of income to this state if during the course of the income tax year, the trucking company:

1. owned or rented any real or personal property in this state;

2. made any pickups or deliveries within this state;

3. traveled more than 25,000 mobile property miles within this state, provided that the total mobile property miles traveled within this state during the income tax year exceeded three percent of the total mobile property miles traveled in all states by the trucking company during the period; or

4. made more than 12 trips into this state.

R865-6F-22. Treatment of Loss Carrybacks and Carryforwards Spanning a Change in Reporting Methods Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-402 and 59-7-403.

A. For purposes of this rule, "worldwide year" means a year in which a corporation filed a worldwide combined report as set forth in Sections 59-7-101(34) and 59-7-403.

B. For purposes of this rule, "water's edge year" means a year in which a corporation filed a combined report as set forth in Sections 59-7-101(33) and 59-7-402.

C. A corporation that receives permission from the Tax Commission to change its filing method to the water's edge method after having elected the worldwide method will be required to forfeit any unused loss carryovers that were generated in any worldwide year as a condition precedent to making that change. Any losses generated in a subsequent water's edge year may not be carried back against income earned in any year prior to the change to the water's edge method, but must be carried to a post-change water's edge year.

D. A corporation that elects the worldwide filing method subsequent to adoption of this rule will be required to forfeit any unused loss carryovers that were generated in any water's

edge year. Any losses generated in a subsequent worldwide year may not be carried back against income earned in any year prior to the change to the worldwide election method, but must be carried to a post-change worldwide year.

R865-6F-23. Utah Steam Coal Tax Credit Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-604.

A. Definitions.

1. "Permitted mine" means a mine for which a permit has been issued by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining pursuant to Title 40, Chapter 10, Coal Mining and Reclamation.

2. "Purchaser outside of the United States" means any company that purchases coal for shipment outside of the fifty states or the District of Columbia.

B. To qualify for the steam coal tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, sales to a purchaser outside of the United States must exceed the permitted mine's sales to a purchaser outside of the United States in the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1992, regardless of any change in ownership of the mine.

C. To qualify for the steam coal tax credit the coal must be exported outside of the United States, within a reasonable period of time. A reasonable period of time is considered to be within 90 days after the end of the tax year.

R865-6F-24. Attribution of Sales of Tangible Property to the Sales Factor for Apportionment of Business Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-317.

A. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. Section 381, the phrase "activities within such state by or on behalf of such person" means the activities of any member of a unitary business as that term is defined in Section 59-7-302.

B. If the activity in this state of any member of a unitary business exceeds the activity protected by 15 U.S.C. Section 381, sales of tangible property into this state, from an out-of-state location by any member of the unitary business shall be included in this state's sales factor numerator under Section 59-7-317.

C. If any member of a unitary business is taxable in another state under Section 59-7-305, sales of tangible property from a Utah location, into that state by any member of the unitary business shall not be thrown back to this state as ordinarily provided under Section 59-7-318.

D. This rule is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1992.

R865-6F-26. Historic Preservation Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-609.

A. Definitions:

1. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, and permit fees.

2. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" does not include movable furnishings.

3. "Residential" as used in Section 59-7-609 applies only to the use of the building after the project is completed.

B. Taxpayers shall file an application for approval of all proposed rehabilitation work with the Division of State History prior to the completion of restoration or rehabilitation work on the project. The application shall be on a form provided by the Division of State History.

C. Rehabilitation work must receive a unique certification number from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

D. In order to receive final certification and be issued a unique certification number for the project, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The project approved under B. must be completed.

2. Upon completion of the project, taxpayers shall notify the State Historic Preservation Office and provide that office an opportunity to review, examine, and audit the project. In order to be certified, a project shall be completed in accordance with the approved plan and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

3. Taxpayers restoring buildings not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places shall submit a complete National Register Nomination Form. If the nomination meets National Register criteria, the State Historic Preservation Office shall approve the nomination.

4. Projects must be completed, and the $10,000 expenditure threshold required by Section 59-7-609 must be met, within 36 months of the approval received pursuant to B.

5. During the course of the project and for three years thereafter, all work done on the building shall comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

E. Proof of State Historic Preservation Office certification shall be made by:

1. receiving an authorization form from the State Historic Preservation Office containing the certification number;

2. attaching that authorization form to the tax return for the year in which the credit is claimed.

F. Credit amounts shall be applied against Utah corporate franchise tax due in the tax year in which the project receives final certification under D.

G. Credit amounts greater than the amount of Utah corporate franchise tax due in a tax year shall be carried forward to the extent provided by Section 59-7-609.

H. Carryforward historic preservation tax credits shall be applied against Utah franchise tax due before the application of any historic preservation credits earned in the current year and on a first-earned, first-used basis.

I. Original records supporting the credit claimed must be maintained for three years following the date the return was filed claiming the credit.

R865-6F-27. Order of Credits Applied Against Utah Corporate Franchise Tax Due Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 9-2-413, 59-6-102, 59-7-601 through 59-7-614, and 59-13-202.

A. Taxpayers shall deduct credits authorized by Sections 9-2-413, 59-6-102, 59-7-601 through 59-7-614, and 59-13-202 against Utah corporate franchise tax due in the following order:

1. nonrefundable credits;

2. nonrefundable credits with a carryforward;

3. refundable credits.

R865-6F-28. Enterprise Zone Corporate Franchise Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 9-2-401 through 9-2-415.

A. Definitions:

1. "Business engaged in retail trade" means a business that makes a retail sale as defined in Section 59-12-102.

2. "Construction work" does not include facility maintenance or repair work.

3. "Employee" means a person who qualifies as an employee under Internal Revenue Service Regulation 26 CFR 31.3401(c)(1).

4. "Public utilities business" means a public utility under Section 54-2-1.

5. "Qualifying investment" in the case of a business firm that is a member of a unitary group, does not include an investment made by that business firm in plant, equipment, or other depreciable property of another member of the unitary group.

6. "Transfer" pursuant to Section 9-2-411, means the relocation of assets and operations of a business, including personnel, plant, property, and equipment.

7. "Unitary group" is as defined in Section 59-7-101.

B. For purposes of the investment tax credit, an investment

is a qualifying investment if:

1. The plant, equipment, or other depreciable property for which the credit is taken is located within the boundaries of the enterprise zone.

2. The plant, equipment, or other depreciable property for which the investment tax credit is taken is in a business that is operational within the enterprise zone.

C. The calculation of the number of full-time positions for purposes of the credits allowed under Section 9-2-413(1)(a) through (d) shall be based on the average number of employees reported to the Department of Workforce Services for the four quarters prior to the area's designation as an enterprise zone.

D. To determine whether at least 51 percent of the business firm's employees reside in the county in which the enterprise zone is located, the business firm shall consider every employee reported to the Department of Workforce Services for the tax year for which an enterprise zone credit is sought.

E. A business firm that conducts non-retail operations and is engaged in retail trade qualifies for the credits under Section 9-2-413 if the retail trade operations constitute a de minimis portion of the business firm's total operations.

F. An employee whose duties include both non-construction work and construction work does not perform a construction job if the construction work performed by the employee constitutes a de minimis portion of the employee's total duties.

G. Corporate franchise tax credits may not be used to offset or reduce the $100 minimum tax per corporation.

H. Records and supporting documentation shall be maintained for three years after the date any returns are filed to support the credits taken. For example: If credits are originally taken in 1988 and unused portions are carried forward to 1992, records to support the original credits taken in 1988 must be maintained for three years after the date the 1992 return is filed.

I. If an enterprise zone designation is revoked prior to the expiration of the period for which it was designated, only tax credits earned prior to the loss of that designation will be allowed.

R865-6F-29. Taxation of Railroads Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Definitions.

1. "Average value" of property means the amount determined by averaging the values of real and personal property at the beginning and ending of the income tax year. The Tax Commission may require the averaging of monthly values during the income year or other averaging as necessary to reflect properly the average value of the railroad's property.

2. "Business and nonbusiness income" are as defined in R865-6F-8(A).

3. "Car-mile" means a movement of a unit of car equipment a distance of one mile.

4. "Locomotive" means a self-propelled unit of equipment designed solely for moving other equipment.

5. "Locomotive-mile" means the movement of a locomotive a distance of one mile under its own power.

6. "Net annual rental rate" means the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer less any annual rental rate received by the taxpayer from subrentals.

7. "Original cost" means the basis of the property for federal income tax purposes (prior to any federal income tax adjustments except for subsequent capital additions, improvements thereto or partial dispositions). If the original cost of property is unascertainable under the foregoing valuation standards, the property is included in the property factor at its fair market value as of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer.

8. "Property used during the income year" means property that is available for use in the taxpayer's trade or business during the income year.

9. "Rent" does not include the per diem and mileage charges paid by the taxpayer for the temporary use of railroad cars owned or operated by another railroad.

10. "Value of owned real and tangible personal property" means the original cost of owned real and tangible personal property.

11. "Value of rented real and tangible personal property" means the product of eight times the net annual rental rate of rented real and tangible personal property.

B. When a railroad has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the railroad's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

C. In general, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(G), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-08(H),and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F- 8(I), except as modified by this rule.

D. The denominator of the property factor shall be the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the income year. The numerator of the property factor shall be the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within this state during the income year.

1. In determining the numerator of the property factor, all property except mobile or movable property such as passenger cars, freight cars, locomotives and freight containers located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

2. Mobile or movable property such as passenger cars, freight cars, locomotives and freight containers located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that locomotive-miles and car-miles in the state bear to the total of locomotive-miles and car-miles both within and without this state.

E. The denominator of the payroll factor is the total compensation paid within and without this state by the taxpayer during the income year for the production of business income. The numerator of the payroll factor is the amount of compensation paid within this state during the income year for the production of business income.

1. With respect to all personnel except engine men and trainmen performing services on interstate trains, compensation shall be included in the numerator as provided in R865-6F-8(H).

2. With respect to engine men and trainmen performing services on interstate trains, compensation shall be included in the numerator of the payroll factor in the ratio that their services performed in this state bear to their services performed within and without this state.

3. Compensation for services performed in this state shall be deemed to be the compensation reported or required to be reported by employees for determination of their income tax liability to this state.

F. In general, all revenue derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within and without this state that produce business income, except per diem and mileage charges that are calculated by the

taxpayer, shall be included in the denominator of the revenue factor. The numerator of the revenue factor is the total revenue of the taxpayer within this state during the income year.

1. The total revenue of the taxpayer in this state during the income year, other than revenue from hauling freight, passengers, mail and express, shall be attributable to this state in accordance with R865-6F-8(I).

2. The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year for the numerator of the revenue factor from hauling freight, mail and express shall be attributable to this state as follows:

a) Intrastate: all receipts from shipments that both originate and terminate within this state; and

b) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from each movement or shipment passing through, into, or out of this state is determined by the ratio that the miles traveled by the movement or shipment in this state bears to the total miles traveled by the movement or shipment from point of origin to destination.

3. The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year for the numerator of the revenue factor from hauling passengers shall be attributable to this state as follows:

a) Intrastate: all receipts from the transportation of passengers, including mail and express handled in passenger service, that both originate and terminate within this state; and

b) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from the transportation of interstate passengers, including mail and express handled in passenger service, determined by the ratio that passenger miles in this state bear to the total of passenger miles within and without this state.

G. The taxpayer shall maintain the records necessary to identify mobile property and to enumerate by state the mobile property miles traveled by mobile property. These records are subject to review by the Tax Commission or its agents.

R865-6F-30. Higher Education Savings Incentive Program Tax Deduction Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 53B-8a-112, 59-7-105, and 59-7-106.

A. "Trust" means the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust created pursuant to Section 53B-8a-103.

B. The trustee of the trust shall file a form TC-675H, Statement of Account with the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust, with the commission, for each trust participant. The TC-675H shall contain the following information for the calendar year:

1. the amount contributed to the trust by the participant;

2. the income earned on the participant's contributions to the trust; and

3. the amount refunded to the participant pursuant to Section 53B-8a-109.

C. The trustee of the trust shall file form TC-675H with the commission on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the forms are based.

D. The trustee of the trust shall provide each trust participant with a copy of the form TC-675H on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the TC-675H is based.

E. The trustee of the trust shall maintain original records supporting the amounts listed on the TC-675H for the current year filing and the three previous year filings.

F. Trust participants must attach a copy of the TC-675H to their state tax return to qualify for the deduction allowed under Section 59-7-106.

R865-6F-31. Taxation of Publishing Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Definitions.

1. "Outer-jurisdictional property" means certain types of tangible personal property, such as orbiting satellites, undersea transmission cables and the like, that are owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in the business of publishing, licensing, selling or otherwise distributing printed material, but that are not physically located in any particular state.

2. "Print" or "printed material" means the physical embodiment or printed version of any thought or expression, including a play, story, article, column or other literary, commercial, educational, artistic or other written or printed work. The determination of whether an item is or consists of print or printed material shall be made without regard to its content. Printed material may take the form of a book, newspaper, magazine, periodical, trade journal, or any other form of printed matter and may be contained on any medium or property.

3. "Purchaser" and "subscriber" mean the individual, residence, business or other outlet that is the ultimate or final recipient of the print or printed material. Neither term shall mean or include a wholesaler or other distributor of print or printed material.

4. "Terrestrial facility" shall include any telephone line, cable, fiber optic, microwave, earth station, satellite dish, antennae, or other relay system or device that is used to receive, transmit, relay or carry any data, voice, image or other information that is transmitted from or by any outer-jurisdictional property to the ultimate recipient thereof.

B. When a taxpayer in the business of publishing, selling, licensing or distributing books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, trade journals, or other printed material has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the taxpayer's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

C. In general, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(G), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(H), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(I), except as modified by this rule.

D. All real and tangible personal property, including outer-jurisdictional property, whether owned or rented, that is used in the business shall be included in the denominator of the property factor.

E. All real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used within this state during the tax period shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

1. Outer-jurisdictional property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in this state during the tax period shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that the value of the property attributable to its use by the taxpayer in business activities within this state bears to the value of the property attributable to its use in the taxpayer's business activities within and without this state.

a) The value of outer-jurisdictional property attributed to the numerator of the property factor of this state shall be determined by the ratio that the number of uplinks and downlinks, or half-circuits, used during the tax period to transmit from this state and to receive in this state any data, voice, image or other information bears to the number of uplinks and downlinks or half-circuits used for transmissions within and without this state.

b) If information regarding uplink and downlink or half-

circuit usage is not available or if measurement of activity is not applicable to the type of outer-jurisdictional property used by the taxpayer, the value of that property attributed to the numerator of the property factor of this state shall be determined by the ratio that the amount of time, in terms of hours and minutes of use, or other measurement of use of outer-jurisdictional property that was used during the tax period to transmit from this state and to receive within this state any data, voice, image or other information bears to the total amount of time or other measurement of use that was used for transmissions within and without this state.

c) Outer-jurisdictional property shall be considered to have been used by the taxpayer in its business activities within this state when that property, wherever located, has been employed by the taxpayer in any manner in the publishing, sale, licensing or other distribution of books, newspapers, magazines or other printed material, and any data, voice, image or other information is transmitted to or from this state either through an earth station or terrestrial facility located within this state.

(i) One example of the use of outer-jurisdictional property is when the taxpayer owns its own communications satellite or leases the use of uplinks, downlinks or circuits or time on a communications satellite for the purpose of sending messages to its newspaper printing facilities or employees. The states in which any printing facility that receives the satellite communications are located and the state from which the communications were sent would, under this rule, apportion the cost of the owned or rented satellite to their respective property factors based upon the ratio of the in-state use of the satellite to its usage within and without the state.

(ii) Assume that ABC Newspaper Co. owns a total of $400,000,000 of property and, in addition, owns and operates a communication satellite for the purpose of sending news articles to its printing plant in this state, as well as for communicating with its printing plants and facilities or news bureaus, employees and agents located in other states and throughout the world. Also assume that the total value of its real and tangible personal property that was permanently located in this state for the entire income year was valued at $3,000,000. Assume also that the original cost of the satellite is $100,000,000 for the tax period and that of the 10,000 uplinks and downlinks or half-circuits of satellite transmissions used by the taxpayer during the tax period, 200 or 2% are attributable to its satellite communications received in and sent from this state. Assume further that the company's mobile property that was used partially within this state, consisting of 40 delivery trucks, was determined to have an original cost of $4,000,000 and was used in this state for 95 days. The total value of property attributed to this state is determined as follows:

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Value of property permanently in state =	$3,000,000
Value of mobile property:	
95/365 or (.260274) x $4,000,000 =	$1,041,096
Value of leased satellite property used in-state:	
(.02) x $100,000,000 =	$2,000,000
Total value of property attributable to state =	$6,041,096
Total property factor percentage:	
$6,041,096/$500,000,000 =	1.2082%

F. The payroll factor shall be determined in accordance with Sections 59-7-315 and 59-7-316.

G. The denominator of the sales factor shall include the total gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business, except receipts that may be excluded under R865-6F-8(J)(3).

H. The numerator of the sales factor shall include all gross receipts of the taxpayer from sources within this state, including the following:

1. Gross receipts derived from the sale of tangible personal property, including printed materials, delivered or shipped to a purchaser or a subscriber in this state; and

2. Except as provided in H.2.b), gross receipts derived from advertising and the sale, rental, or other use of the taxpayer's customer lists or any portion thereof shall be attributed to this state as determined by the taxpayer's circulation factor during the tax period. The circulation factor shall be determined for each publication of printed material containing advertising and shall be equal to the ratio that the taxpayer's in-state circulation to purchasers and subscribers of its printed material bears to its circulation to purchasers and subscribers within and without the state.

a) The circulation factor for an individual publication shall be determined by reference to the rating statistics as reflected in such sources as Audit Bureau of Circulations or other comparable sources, provided that the source selected is consistently used from year to year for that purpose. If none of the foregoing sources are available, or, if available, not in form or content sufficient for these purposes, the circulation factor shall be determined from the taxpayer's books and records.

b) When specific items of advertisements can be shown, upon clear and convincing evidence, to have been distributed solely to a limited regional or local geographic area in which this state is located, the taxpayer may petition, or the Tax Commission may require, that a portion of those receipts be attributed to the sales factor numerator of this state on the basis of a regional or local geographic area circulation factor and not upon the basis of the circulation factor provided by H.2.a). This attribution shall be based upon the ratio that the taxpayer's circulation to purchasers and subscribers located in this state of the printed material containing specific items of advertising bears to its total circulation of printed material to purchasers and subscribers located within the regional or local geographic area. This alternative attribution method shall be permitted only upon the condition that receipts are not double counted or otherwise included in the numerator of any other state.

c) If the purchaser or subscriber is the United States government or if the taxpayer is not taxable in a state, the gross receipts from all sources, including the receipts from the sale of printed material, from advertising, and from the sale, rental or other use of the taxpayer's customer lists, or any portion thereof that would have been attributed by the circulation factor to the numerator of the sales factor for that state, shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor of this state if the printed material or other property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage or business in this state.

R865-6F-32. Taxation of Financial Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Definitions.

1. "Billing address" means the location indicated in the books and records of the taxpayer on the first day of the taxable year, or on the later date in the taxable year when the customer relationship began, where any notice, statement or bill relating to a customer's account is mailed.

2. "Borrower or credit card holder located in this state" means:

a) a borrower, other than a credit card holder, that is engaged in a trade or business that maintains its commercial domicile in this state; or

b) a borrower that is not engaged in a trade or business, or a credit card holder, whose billing address is in this state.

3. "Commercial domicile" means:

a) the place from which the trade or business is principally managed and directed; or

b) if a taxpayer is organized under the laws of a foreign country, or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, that taxpayer's commercial domicile shall be deemed for the purposes of this rule to be the state of the United States or the District of Columbia from which that taxpayer's trade or business in the United States is principally managed and directed. It shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal, that the location from which the taxpayer's trade or business is principally managed and directed is the state of the United States or the District of Columbia to which the greatest number of employees are regularly connected or out of which they are working, irrespective of where the services of those employees are performed, as of the last day of the taxable year.

4. "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services that are included in the employee's gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code. In the case of employees not subject to the federal Internal Revenue Code, the determination of whether payments constitute gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code shall be made as though those employees were subject to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

5. "Credit card" means a credit, travel, or entertainment card.

6. "Credit card issuer's reimbursement fee" means the fee a taxpayer receives from a merchant's bank because one of the persons to whom the taxpayer has issued a credit card has charged merchandise or services to the credit card.

7. "Employee" means, with respect to a particular taxpayer, any individual who, under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee of that taxpayer.

8. "Financial institution" means:

a) any corporation or other business entity registered under state law as a bank holding company or registered under the Federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or registered as a savings and loan holding company under the Federal National Housing Act, as amended;

b) a national bank organized and existing as a national bank association pursuant to the provisions of the National Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections21 et seq.;

c) a savings association or federal savings bank as defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(b)(1);

d) any bank, industrial loan corporation, or thrift institution incorporated or organized under the laws of any state;

e) any corporation organized under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. Sections611 through 631.

f) any agency or branch of a foreign depository as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section3101;

g) a production credit association organized under the Federal Farm Credit Act of 1933, all of whose stock held by the Federal Production Credit Corporation has been retired;

h) any corporation whose voting stock is more than 50 percent owned, directly or indirectly, by any person or business entity described in A.8.a) through A.8.g), other than an insurance company taxable under Title 59, Chapter 9, Taxation of Admitted Insurers;

i) a corporation or other business entity that derives more than 50 percent of its total gross income for financial accounting purposes from finance leases. For purposes of this subsection, a "finance lease" shall mean any lease transaction that is the functional equivalent of an extension of credit and that transfers substantially all of the benefits and risks incident to the ownership of property. The phrase shall include any direct financing lease or leverage lease that meets the criteria of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 13, Accounting for Leases, or any other lease that is accounted for as a financing lease by a lessor under generally accepted accounting principles. For this classification to apply:

(1) the average of the gross income in the current tax year and immediately preceding two tax years must satisfy the more than 50 percent requirement; and

(2) gross income from incidental or occasional transactions shall be disregarded;

j) any other person or business entity, other than an insurance company, a credit union exempt from the corporation franchise tax under Section 59-7-102, a real estate broker, or a securities dealer, that derives more than 50 percent of its gross income from activities that a person described in A.8.b) through A.8.g) and A.8.i) is authorized to transact.

(1) For purposes of this subsection, the computation of gross income shall not include income from non-recurring, extraordinary items; and

(2) The Tax Commission is authorized to exclude any person from the application of A.8.j) upon receipt of proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that the income-producing activity of that person is not in substantial competition with those persons described in A.8.b) through A.8.g) and A.8.i).

9. "Gross rents" means the actual sum of money or other consideration payable for the use or possession of property.

a) Gross rents includes:

(1) any amount payable for the use or possession of real property or tangible property whether designated as a fixed sum of money or as a percentage of receipts, profits or otherwise;

(2) any amount payable as additional rent or in lieu of rent, such as interest, taxes, insurance, repairs or any other amount required to be paid by the terms of a lease or other arrangement; and

(3) a proportionate part of the cost of any improvement to real property, made by or on behalf of the taxpayer, that reverts to the owner or lessor upon termination of a lease or other arrangement. The amount included in gross rents is the amount of amortization or depreciation allowed in computing the taxable income base for the taxable year. However, where a building is erected on leased land by or on behalf of the taxpayer, the value of the land is determined by multiplying the gross rent by eight and the value of the building is determined in the same manner as if owned by the taxpayer.

b) Gross rents does not include:

(1) reasonable amounts payable as separate charges for water and electric service furnished by the lessor;

(2) reasonable amounts payable as service charges for janitorial services furnished by the lessor;

(3) reasonable amounts payable for storage, provided those amounts are payable for space not designated and not under the control of the taxpayer; and

(4) that portion of any rental payment applicable to the space subleased from the taxpayer and not used by the taxpayer.

10. "Loan" means any extension of credit resulting from direct negotiations between the taxpayer and the taxpayer's customer, or the purchase, in whole or in part, of an extension of credit from another.

a) Loan includes participations, syndications, and leases treated as loans for federal income tax purposes.

b) Loan does not include properties treated as loans under Section 595 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, futures or forward contracts, options, notional principal contracts such as swaps, credit card receivables, including purchased credit card relationships, non-interest bearing balances due from depository institutions, cash items in the process of collection, federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell, assets held in a trading account, securities, interests in a real estate mortgage investment conduit as defined in Section 860D of the Internal Revenue Code, or other mortgage-backed or asset-backed security, and other similar items.

11. "Loans secured by real property" means that fifty

percent or more of the aggregate value of the collateral used to secure a loan or other obligation, when valued at fair market value as of the time the original loan or obligation was incurred, was real property.

12. "Merchant discount" means the fee, or negotiated discount, charged to a merchant by the taxpayer for the privilege of participating in a program whereby a credit card is accepted in payment for merchandise or services sold to the card holder.

13. "Participation" means an extension of credit in which an undivided ownership interest is held on a pro rata basis in a single loan or pool of loans and related collateral. In a loan participation, the credit originator initially makes the loan and then subsequently resells all or a portion of it to other lenders. The participation may or may not be known to the borrower.

14. "Person" means an individual, estate, trust, partnership, corporation, and any other business entity.

15. "Principal base of operations" means:

a) with respect to transportation property, the place of more or less permanent nature from which that property is regularly directed or controlled; and

b) with respect to an employee, the place of more or less permanent nature from which the employee regularly:

(1) starts his work and to which he customarily returns in order to receive instructions from his employer;

(2) communicates with his customers or other persons; or

(3) performs any other functions necessary to the exercise of his trade or profession at some other point or points.

16. a) "Real property owned" and "tangible personal property owned" mean real and tangible personal property, respectively:

(1) on which the taxpayer may claim depreciation for federal income tax purposes; or

(2) property to which the taxpayer holds legal title and on which no other person may claim depreciation for federal income tax purposes, or could claim depreciation if subject to federal income tax.

b) Real and tangible personal property do not include coin, currency, or property acquired in lieu of or pursuant to a foreclosure.

17. "Regular place of business" means an office at which the taxpayer carries on business in a regular and systematic manner and is continuously maintained, occupied, and used by employees of the taxpayer.

18. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or any foreign country.

19. "Syndication" means an extension of credit in which two or more persons fund and each person is at risk only up to a specified percentage of the total extension of credit or up to a specified dollar amount.

20. "Taxable" means:

a) a taxpayer is subject in another state to a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, a corporate stock tax, including a bank shares tax, a single business tax, an earned surplus tax, or any tax imposed upon or measured by net income; or

b) another state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to taxes regardless of whether that state actually imposes those taxes.

21. "Transportation property" means vehicles and vessels capable of moving under their own power, such as aircraft, trains, water vessels and motor vehicles, as well as any equipment or containers attached to that property, such as rolling stock, barges, and trailers.

B. Apportionment and Allocation.

1. A financial institution whose business activity is taxable both within and without this state, or a financial institution whose business activity is taxable within this state and is a member of a unitary group that includes one or more financial institutions where any member of the group is taxable without this state, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306. A financial institution organized under the laws of a foreign country, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States, whose effectively connected income, as defined under the federal Internal Revenue Code, is taxable both within this state and within another state, other than the state in which it is organized, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule.

2. All business income shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying that income by the apportionment percentage. The apportionment percentage is determined by adding the taxpayer's receipts factor described in C., property factor described in D., and payroll factor described in E., and dividing that sum by three. If one of the factors is missing, the two remaining factors are added and the sum is divided by two. If two of the factors are missing, the remaining factor is the apportionment percentage. A factor is missing if both its numerator and denominator are zero, but not merely because its numerator is zero.

3. Each factor shall be computed according to the cash or accrual method of accounting as used by the taxpayer for the taxable year.

4. If a unitary group of corporations filing a combined report includes one or more corporations meeting the definition of financial institution and one or more corporations that do not meet that definition, the provisions of this rule regarding the calculation of the property, payroll, and receipts factors of the apportionment fraction shall apply only to those corporations meeting the definition of financial institution. Those corporations not meeting the definition of financial institution shall compute their apportionment data based on Tax Commission rule R865-6f-8 or such other industry apportionment rule adopted by the Tax Commission that may be applicable. The apportionment data of all members of the unitary group shall be included in calculating a single apportionment fraction for the unitary group. The numerators and denominators of the property, payroll, and receipts factors of the financial institutions shall be added to the numerators and denominators, respectively, of the property, payroll, and sales factors of the nonfinancial institutions to determine the property, payroll, and sales factors of the unitary group.

C. Receipts Factor.

1. In general. The receipts factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the receipts of the taxpayer in this state during the taxable year and the denominator of which is the receipts of the taxpayer within and without this state during the taxable year. The method of calculating receipts for purposes of the denominator is the same as the method used in determining receipts for purposes of the numerator. The receipts factor shall include only those receipts that constitute business income and are included in the computation of the apportionable income base for the taxable year.

2. Receipts from the lease of real property. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from the lease or rental of real property owned by the taxpayer and receipts from the sublease of real property, if the property is located within this state.

3. Receipts from the lease of tangible personal property.

a) Except as described in C.4., the numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from the lease or rental of tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer if the property is located within this state when it is first placed in service by the lessee.

b) Receipts from the lease or rental of transportation property owned by the taxpayer are included in the numerator of the receipts factor to the extent that the property is used in

this state.

(1) The extent an aircraft will be deemed to be used in this state and the amount of receipts that shall be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor are determined by multiplying all the receipts from the lease or rental of the aircraft by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of landings of the aircraft in this state and the denominator of which is the total number of landings of the aircraft.

(2) If the extent of the use of any transportation property within this state cannot be determined, that property will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which the property has its principal base of operations.

(3) A motor vehicle will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which it is registered.

4. Interest from loans secured by real property.

a) The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property if the property is located within this state. If the property is located both within this state and one or more other states, the receipts described in this subsection are included in the numerator of the receipts factor if more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real property is not located within any one state, the receipts described in this subsection shall be included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the borrower is located in this state.

b) The determination of whether the real property securing a loan is located within this state shall be made as of the time the original agreement was made, and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral shall be disregarded.

5. Interest from loans not secured by real property. The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property if the borrower is located in this state.

6. Net gains from the sale of loans. The numerator of the receipts factor includes net gains from the sale of loans. Net gains from the sale of loans includes income recorded under the coupon stripping rules of Section 1286 of the Internal Revenue Code.

a) The amount of net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of loans secured by real property included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the net gains by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to C.4., and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property.

b) The amount of net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of loans not secured by real property included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the net gains by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to C.5., and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property.

7. Receipts from credit card receivables. The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and receipts from fees charged to card holders, such as annual fees, if the billing address of the card holder is in this state.

8. Net gains from the sale of credit card receivables. The numerator of the receipts factor includes net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of credit card receivables multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to C.7., and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and fees charged to card holders.

9. Credit card issuer's reimbursement fees. The numerator of the receipts factor includes all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to C.7., and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and fees charged to card holders.

10. Receipts from merchant discount. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from merchant discount if the commercial domicile of the merchant is in this state. The receipts shall be computed net of any cardholder charge backs, but shall not be reduced by any interchange transaction fees or by any issuer's reimbursement fees paid to another for charges made by its card holders.

11. Loan servicing fees.

a) The numerator of the receipts factor includes loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to C.4., and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property.

b) The numerator of the receipts factor includes loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real property multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to C.5., and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property.

c) In circumstances in which the taxpayer receives loan servicing fees for servicing either the secured or the unsecured loans of another, the numerator of the receipts factor shall include those fees if the borrower is located in this state.

12. Receipts from services. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from services not otherwise apportioned under this section if the service is performed in this state. If the service is performed both within and without this state, the numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from services not otherwise apportioned under this section if a greater proportion of the income-producing activity is performed in this state based on cost of performance.

13. Receipts from investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities.

a) Interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities shall be included in the receipts factor.

b) Investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities include investments securities, trading account assets, federal funds, securities purchased and sold under agreements to resell or repurchase, options, futures contracts, forward contracts, notional principal contracts such as swaps, equities, and foreign currency transactions.

c) The receipts factor shall include the following investment and trading assets and activities:

(1) The receipts factor shall include the amount by which interest from federal funds sold and securities purchased under resale agreements exceeds interest expense on federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.

(2) The receipts factor shall include the amount by which interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, exceed amounts paid in lieu of interest, amounts paid in lieu of dividends, and losses from those assets and activities.

d) The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities described in C.13. that are attributable to this state.

(1) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains, but not

less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment accounts attributed to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying all such income from assets and activities by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the assets properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those assets.

(2) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount of those funds and securities described in C.13.c)(1) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those funds and securities.

(3) The amount of interest, dividends, gains, and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in C.13.d)(1) and C.13.d)(2), attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount described in C.13.c)(2) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of those trading assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those assets.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, average value shall be determined using the rules for determining the average value of tangible personal property set forth in D.3. and D.4.

e) In lieu of using the method set forth in C.13.d), the taxpayer may elect, or the Tax Commission may require in order to fairly represent the business activity of the taxpayer in this state, the use of the method set forth in this subsection.

(1) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account attributed to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying all income from those assets and activities by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those assets and activities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those assets and activities.

(2) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount of those funds and securities described in C.13.c)(1) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those funds and securities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those funds and securities.

(3) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in C.13.e)(1) or C.13.e)(2), attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount described in C.13.c)(2)by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those trading assets and activities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those assets and activities.

f) If the taxpayer elects or is required by the Tax Commission to use the method set forth in C.13.e), the taxpayer shall use this method on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior permission from the Tax Commission to use, or the Tax Commission requires, a different method.

g) The taxpayer shall have the burden of proving that an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity was properly assigned to a regular place of business outside of this state by demonstrating that the day-to-day decisions regarding the asset or activity occurred at a regular place of business outside this state. Where the day-to-day decisions regarding an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity occur at more than one regular place of business and one regular place of business is in this state and one regular place of business is outside this state, that asset or activity shall be considered to be located at the regular place of business of the taxpayer where the investment or trading policies or guidelines with respect to the asset or activity are established. Unless the taxpayer demonstrates to the contrary, policies and guidelines shall be presumed to be established at the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

14. All other receipts. The numerator of the receipts factor includes all other receipts pursuant to the rules set forth in Rule R865-6F-8(I) and (J).

15. Attribution of certain receipts to commercial domicile.

a) Except as provided in C.15.b), all receipts that would be assigned under this section to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable shall be included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

b) (1) If a unitary group includes one or more financial institutions, and if any member of the unitary group is subject to the taxing jurisdiction of this state, the receipts of each financial institution in the unitary group shall be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor as provided in C.1. through C.14. rather than being attributed to the commercial domicile of the financial institution as provided in C.15.a).

(2) If a unitary group includes one or more financial institutions whose commercial domicile is in this state, and if any member of the unitary group is taxable in another state under section 59-7-305, the receipts of each financial institution in the unitary group that would be included in the numerator of the other state's receipts factor under C.1. through C.14. may not be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor.

D. Property Factor.

1. In General.

a) For taxpayers that do not elect to include the property described in D.7. through D.9. within the property factor, the property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer that is located or used within this state during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all that property located or used within and without this state during the taxable year.

b) For taxpayers that elect to include the property described in D.7. through D.9. within the property factor, the property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer that is located or used within this state during the taxable year, and the average value of the taxpayer's loans and credit card receivables that are located within this state during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all that property located or used within and without this state during the taxable year.

2. Property included. The property factor shall include only property the income or expenses of which are included, or would have been included if not fully depreciated or expensed, or depreciated or expensed to a nominal amount, in the computation of the apportionable income base for the taxable year.

3. Value of property owned by the taxpayer.

a) For taxpayers that do not elect to include the property described in D.7. through D.9. within the property factor, the

value of real property and tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer is the original cost or other basis of that property for federal income tax purposes without regard to depletion, depreciation or amortization.

b) For taxpayers that elect to include the property described in D.7. through D.9. within the property factor:

(1) The value of real property and tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer is the original cost or other basis of that property for federal income tax purposes without regard to depletion, depreciation or amortization.

(2) Loans are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. If a loan is charged-off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the loan charged off is not outstanding. A specifically allocated reserve established pursuant to regulatory or financial accounting guidelines that is treated as charged-off for federal income tax purposes shall be treated as charged-off for purposes of this rule.

(3) Credit card receivables are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. If a credit card receivable is charged-off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the receivable charged-off is not outstanding.

4. Average value of property owned by the taxpayer. The average value of property owned by the taxpayer is computed on an annual basis by adding the value of the property on the first day of the taxable year and the value on the last day of the taxable year and dividing the sum by two.

a) If averaging on this basis does not properly reflect average value, the Tax Commission may require averaging on a more frequent basis, or the taxpayer may elect to average on a more frequent basis.

b) When averaging on a more frequent basis is required by the Tax Commission or is elected by the taxpayer, the same method of valuation must be used consistently by the taxpayer with respect to property within and without this state and on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior permission from the Tax Commission to use a different method, or the Tax Commission requires a different method of determining average value.

5. Average value of real property and tangible personal property rented to the taxpayer.

a) The average value of real property and tangible personal property that the taxpayer has rented from another and are not treated as property owned by the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes, shall be determined annually by multiplying the gross rents payable during the taxable year by eight.

b) If the use of the general method described in this subsection results in inaccurate valuations of rented property, any other method that properly reflects the value may be adopted by the Tax Commission or by the taxpayer when approved in writing by the Tax Commission. Once approved, that other method of valuation must be used on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior approval from the Tax Commission to use a different method, or the Tax Commission requires a different method of valuation.

6. Location of real property and tangible personal property owned or rented to the taxpayer.

a) Except as described in D.6.b), real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer are considered located within this state if they are physically located, situated, or used within this state.

b) Transportation property is included in the numerator of the property factor to the extent that the property is used in this state.

(1) The extent an aircraft will be deemed to be used in this state and the amount of value that shall be included in the numerator of this state's property factor is determined by multiplying the average value of the aircraft by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of landings of the aircraft in this state and the denominator of which is the total number of landings of the aircraft everywhere.

(2) If the extent of the use of any transportation property within this state cannot be determined, the property will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which the property has its principal base of operations.

(3) A motor vehicle will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which it is registered.

7. Location of Loans.

a) A loan is considered located within this state if it is properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state.

b) A loan is properly assigned to the regular place of business with which it has a preponderance of substantive contacts. A loan assigned by the taxpayer to a regular place of business without the state shall be presumed to have been properly assigned if:

(1) the taxpayer has assigned, in the regular course of its business, the loan on its records to a regular place of business consistent with federal or state regulatory requirements;

(2) the assignment on its records is based upon substantive contacts of the loan to the regular course of business; and

(3) the taxpayer uses the records reflecting assignment of loans for the filing of all state and local tax returns for which an assignment of loans to a regular place of business is required.

c) The presumption of proper assignment of a loan provided in D.7.b) may be rebutted upon a showing by the Tax Commission, supported by a preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan did not occur at the regular place of business to which it was assigned on the taxpayer's records. When the presumption has been rebutted, the loan shall then be located within this state if:

(1) the taxpayer had a regular place of business within this state at the time the loan was made; and

(2) the taxpayer fails to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan did not occur within this state.

d) In the case of a loan assigned by the taxpayer to a place without this state that is not a regular place of business, it shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by the taxpayer on a showing supported by the preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan occurred within this state if, at the time the loan was made the taxpayer's commercial domicile, as defined in this rule, was within this state.

e) To determine the state in which the preponderance of substantive contacts relating to a loan have occurred, the facts and circumstances regarding the loan at issue shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and consideration shall be given to activities such as the solicitation, investigation, negotiation, approval, and administration of the loan.

(1) Solicitation. Solicitation is either active or passive.

(a) Active solicitation occurs when an employee of the taxpayer initiates the contact with the customer. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employee is regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of the employee were actually performed.

(b) Passive solicitation occurs when the customer initiates the contact with the taxpayer. If the customer's initial contact was not at a regular place of business of the taxpayer, the regular place of business, if any, where the passive solicitation occurred is determined by the facts in each case.

(2) Investigation. Investigation is the procedure whereby employees of the taxpayer determine the credit-worthiness of the customer as well as the degree of risk involved in making a particular agreement. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly

connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(3) Negotiation. Negotiation is the procedure whereby employees of the taxpayer and its customer determine the terms of the agreement, such as amount, duration, interest rate, frequency of repayment, currency denomination, and security required. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(4) Approval. Approval is the procedure whereby employees or the board of directors of the taxpayer make the final determination whether to enter into the agreement.

(a) The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(b) If the board of directors makes the final determination, the activity is located at the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(5) Administration. Administration is the process of managing the account.

(a) Administration includes bookkeeping, collecting the payments, corresponding with the customer, reporting to management regarding the status of the agreement and proceeding against the borrower or the security interest if the borrower is in default.

(b) The activity is located at the regular place of business that oversees this activity.

8. Location of credit card receivables. For purposes of determining the location of credit card receivables, credit card receivables shall be treated as loans and shall be subject to the provisions of D.7.

9. Period for which properly assigned loan remains assigned. A loan that has been properly assigned to a state shall, absent any change of material fact, remain assigned to that state for the length of the original term of the loan. Thereafter, the loan may be properly assigned to another state if the loan has a preponderance of substantive contact to a regular place of business in that state.

10. Each taxpayer shall make an initial election on whether to include the property described in D.7. through D.9. within the property factor. The initial election is the election made or the filing position taken on the first return filed after the effective date of this rule. This election is irrevocable for a period of three years from the time the initial election is made, except in the case where a substantial ownership change occurs and commission approval is obtained to change the election. After the initial three-year period, the election may be revocable only with the prior approval of the commission and shall require the showing of a significant change in circumstance.

E. Payroll factor.

1. In general. The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid in this state during the taxable year by the taxpayer for compensation and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the taxpayer both within and without this state during the taxable year. The payroll factor shall include only that compensation included in the computation of the apportionable income tax base for the taxable year.

2. Compensation relating to nonbusiness income and independent contractors. The compensation of any employee for services or activities connected with the production of nonbusiness income, and payments made to any independent contractor or any other person not properly classifiable as an employee, shall be excluded from both the numerator and denominator of this factor.

3. When compensation paid in this state. Compensation is paid in this state if any one of the following tests, applied consecutively, is met:

a) The employee's services are performed entirely within this state.

b) The employee's services are performed both within and without the state, but the service performed without the state is incidental to the employee's service within the state. The term "incidental"means any service that is temporary or transitory in nature, or that is rendered in connection with an isolated transaction.

c) If the employee's services are performed both within and without this state, the employee's compensation will be attributed to this state:

(1) if the employee's principal base of operations is within this state;

(2) if there is no principal base of operations in any state in which some part of the services are performed, but the place from which the services are directed or controlled is in this state; or

(3) if the principal base of operations and the place from which the services are directed or controlled are not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the employee's residence is in this state.

F. This rule is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1997.

R865-6F-33. Taxation of Telecommunications Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Definitions.

1. "Call" means a specific telecommunications transmission as described in A.6.

2. "Channel termination point" means the point at which information can enter or leave the telecommunications network.

3. "Communications channel" means a communications path, which can be one-way or two-way, depending on the channel, between two or more points. The path may be designed for the transmission of signals representing human speech, digital or analog data, facsimile, or images.

4. "Outerjurisdictional property" means tangible personal property, such as orbiting satellites, undersea transmission cables and the like, that are owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in a telecommunications business, but that are not physically located in any particular state.

5. "Private telecommunications service" means a dedicated telephone service that entitles the subscriber to the exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or groups of communications channels from one or more channel termination points to another channel termination point.

6. "Telecommunications" means the electronic transmission of voice, data, image, and other information through the use of any medium such as wires, cables, electromagnetic waves, light waves, or any combination of those or similar media now in existence or that might be devised, but telecommunications does not include the information content of any such transmission.

7. "Telecommunications service" means providing telecommunications, including services provided by telecommunication service resellers, for a charge and includes telephone service, telegraph service, paging service, personal communication services and mobile or cellular telephone service, but does not include electronic information service or Internet access service.

B. Apportionment and Allocation.

1. A corporation engaged in the business of telecommunications that is taxable both within and without this state, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306.

2. All business income shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying that income by the apportionment percentage. The

apportionment percentage is determined by adding the taxpayer's receipts factor, property factor and payroll factor and dividing that sum by three. If one of the factors is missing, the remaining factors are added and that sum is divided by two. If two of the factors are missing, the remaining factor is the apportionment percentage. A factor is missing if both its numerator and denominator are zero.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with Tax Commission rule R865-6F-8(G), the payroll factor in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(H) and the sales factor in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(I).

C. Property Factor.

1. Outerjurisdictional property that is used by a taxpayer in providing a telecommunications service shall be attributed to this state based on the ratio of property within this state used in providing that service, to property everywhere used in providing the service, exclusive of property not located in any state. The term "property" as used herein refers to property includable in the property factor of the Utah apportionment fraction as defined in Tax Commission rule R865-6F-8(G).

D. Sales Factor Numerator.

1. The following sales and receipts from telecommunications service other than interstate or international private telecommunications service, shall be included in the Utah sales and receipts numerator:

a) receipts derived from charges for providing telephone "access" from a location within Utah. "Access" means that a call can be made or received from a point within this state. An example of this type of receipt is a monthly subscriber fee billed with reference to equipment located in Utah;

b) receipts derived from charges for unlimited calling privileges, if the charges are billed by reference to equipment located in Utah;

c) receipts derived from charges for individual toll calls that originate and terminate in Utah;

d) receipts derived from charges for individual toll calls that either originate or terminate in Utah and are billed by reference to a customer or equipment located in Utah;

e) receipts derived from any other charges if the charges are not includable in another state's sales factor numerator under that state's law, and the customer's billing address is in Utah.

2. Gross receipts derived from providing interstate and international private telecommunications services shall be determined as follows:

a) If the segment of the interstate or international channel between each termination point is separately billed, 100 percent of the charge imposed at each termination point in this state and for service in this state between those points is includable in the Utah sales factor. In addition, 50 percent of the charge imposed for service between a channel termination point outside this state and a point inside the state shall be included in the Utah sales factor. For purposes of this paragraph, termination points shall be measured by the nearest termination point inside the state to the first termination point outside the state.

b) If each segment of the interstate or international channel is not separately billed, the Utah sales shall be the same portion of the interstate or international channel charge that the number of channel termination points within this state bears to the total number of channel termination points within and without this state.

R865-6F-34. Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiaries Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-701.

A. "Qualified subchapter S subsidiary" means a qualified subchapter S subsidiary as defined in Section 1361(b), Internal Revenue Code.

B. For purposes of Title 59, Chapter 7, Part 7, a qualified subchapter S subsidiary shall be treated in the same manner as it is treated for federal tax purposes under Section 1361(b), Internal Revenue Code.

C. An S corporation that owns one or more qualified subchapter S subsidiaries must take into account the activities of each qualified subchapter S subsidiary in determining whether the S corporation parent is doing business in Utah. For purposes of this determination, all of a subsidiary's activities will be attributed to the S corporation parent.

D. For purposes of Title 59, Chapter 7, Part 7:

1. the Utah property, payroll, and sales of each qualified subchapter S subsidiary shall be added, respectively, to the Utah property, payroll, and sales of the S corporation parent to determine the numerators of the property, payroll, and sales factors; and

2. the total property, payroll, and sales of each qualified subchapter S subsidiary shall be added, respectively, to the total property, payroll, and sales of the S corporation parent to determine the denominators of the property, payroll, and sales factors.

E. Except as provided in D., the apportionment fraction for an S corporation shall be calculated based on Sections 59-7-311 through 59-7-321 and as provided in Tax Commission rule R865-6F-8.

R865-6F-35. S Corporation Determination of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-703.

(1) For purposes of Section 59-7-703(2)(b)(i), "items of income or loss from Schedule K of the 1120S federal form" shall be calculated by:

(a) adding back to the line on the Schedule K labeled "Income/loss reconciliation" the amount included on that schedule for:

(i) charitable contributions; and

(ii) total foreign taxes paid or accrued.

(b) If the S corporation was not required to complete the line labeled "Income/loss reconciliation" on the Schedule K, a pro forma calculation of the amounts for charitable contributions and foreign taxes paid or accrued, and of the amount that would have been entered on the "Income/loss reconciliation" line shall be used for purposes of this rule.

(2) The amount that the S corporation shall withhold for nonresident shareholders shall be computed as follows:

(a) The deduction shall be equal to 15 percent of the Utah income attributable to nonresident shareholders.

(b) The deduction in Subsection (2)(a) shall be allowed in place of a standard deduction, itemized deductions, personal exemptions, federal tax determined for the same period, or any other deductions.

(3) The tax shall be computed using the maximum Utah individual income tax rate applied to the combined nonresident shareholders' share of the S corporation's income after deduction of the amount allowed under Subsection (2).

(4) An S corporation with nonresident shareholders shall complete Schedule N of form TC-20S, and shall provide the following information for each nonresident shareholder:

(a) name;

(b) social security number;

(c) percentage of S corporation held; and

(d) amount of Utah tax paid or withheld on behalf of that shareholder.

R865-6F-36. Taxation of Registered Securities or Commodities Broker or Dealer Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

A. Definitions.

1. "Brokerage commission income" means income earned by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer from the purchase and sale of securities or commodities by the broker or dealer:

a) for which the broker or dealer does not take title; and

b) as an agent for a customer's account.

2. "Commodity" is as defined in Section 475(e)(2), Internal Revenue Code.

3. "Principal transaction" means a transaction where the registered securities or commodities broker or dealer acts as a principal or underwriter for the broker or dealer's own account, rather than as an agent for the customer.

4. "Registered securities or commodities broker or dealer" means a corporation registered as a broker or dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

5. "Security" is as defined in Section 475(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code.

6. "Securities or commodities used to produce income" means securities or commodities that are purchased and held by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer as a principal or underwriter for resale to its customers.

B. Apportionment and allocation.

1. A registered securities or commodities broker or dealer whose business activity is taxable both within and without this state shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306.

2. All business income shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying that income by the apportionment percentage. The apportionment percentage is determined by adding the taxpayer's property factor, payroll factor, and sales factor, and dividing that sum by three. If one of the factors is missing, the remaining factors are added and that sum is divided by two. If two of the factors are missing, the remaining factor is the apportionment percentage. A factor is missing if both its numerator and denominator are zero.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(G), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(H), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(I).

C. Property factor.

1. The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used, or available for use, within this state during the taxable year, plus the average value of securities or commodities used to produce income during the taxable year that are held for resale exclusively through a branch, office, or other place of business in this state. The denominator is the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the taxable year, plus the average value of all securities or commodities used to produce income during the taxable year.

2. Securities or commodities used to produce income shall be valued at original cost.

D. Sales factor.

1. The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total revenue that is derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within this state during the taxable year. The denominator is the total revenue that is derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within and without this state during the taxable year.

2. Brokerage commission income shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor. Brokerage commission income shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor if the customer that is paying the commission is located in Utah. A customer is located in Utah if the mailing address of the customer as it appears in the broker or dealer's records is in Utah.

3. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor if the sale is made through a branch, office, or other place of business in Utah. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be determined after the deduction of any cost incurred by the taxpayer to acquire the securities or commodities.

4. Other gross receipts such as margin interest on brokerage accounts and account maintenance fees shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor, and, if the customer that is paying the amounts or fees is located in Utah based on the customer address as it appears in the broker or dealer's records, in the numerator of the sales factor.

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R865-9I-2. Determination of Utah Resident Individual Status Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-103.

A. Domicile.

1. Domicile is the place where an individual has a permanent home and to which he intends to return after being absent. It is the place at which an individual has voluntarily fixed his habitation, not for a special or temporary purpose, but with the intent of making a permanent home.

2. For purposes of establishing domicile, an individual's intent will not be determined by the individual's statement, or the occurrence of any one fact or circumstance, but rather on the totality of the facts and circumstances surrounding the situation.

a) Tax Commission rule R884-24P-52, Criteria for Determining Primary Residence, provides a non-exhaustive list of factors or objective evidence determinative of domicile.

b) Domicile applies equally to a permanent home within and without the United States.

3. A domicile, once established, is not lost until there is a concurrence of the following three elements:

a) a specific intent to abandon the former domicile;

b) the actual physical presence in a new domicile; and

c) the intent to remain in the new domicile permanently.

4. An individual who has not severed all ties with the previous place of residence may nonetheless satisfy the requirement of abandoning the previous domicile if the facts and circumstances surrounding the situation, including the actions of the individual, demonstrate that the individual no longer intends the previous domicile to be the individual's permanent home, and place to which he intends to return after being absent.

B. Permanent place of abode does not include a dwelling place maintained only during a temporary stay for the accomplishment of a particular purpose. For purposes of this provision, temporary may mean years.

C. Determination of resident individual status for military servicepersons.

1. The status of a military serviceperson as a resident individual or a nonresident individual is determined as follows, based on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, 50 U.S.C. 574.

a) A resident individual in active military service does not lose his status as a resident individual if the resident individual's absence from the state is a result of military orders.

b) A nonresident individual in active military service who is stationed in Utah does not become a resident individual for income tax purposes if the nonresident individual's presence in Utah is due solely to military orders.

2. Subject to federal law, an individual in active military service may change from a resident individual to a nonresident individual or from a nonresident individual to a resident individual if he establishes that he satisfies the conditions of A.3.

3. A nonresident individual serviceperson is exempt from Utah income tax only on his active service pay. All other Utah source income received by the nonresident individual serviceperson is subject to Utah income tax as provided by Section 59-10-116.

4. The spouse of an individual in active military service generally is considered to have the same residency status as that individual for purposes of Utah income tax.

R865-9I-3. Credit for Income Tax Paid by an Individual to Another State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-106.

A. A Utah resident taxpayer is required to report his entire state taxable income pursuant to Section 59-10-106 even though part of the income may be from sources outside this state.

B. Except to the extent allowed in D., a resident taxpayer may claim the credit provided in Section 59-10-106 by:

1. filing a resident Utah return showing the computation of tax based on total income before any credit for taxes in another state;

2. completing form TC-40A, Schedule A, Credit For Tax Paid To Another State, for each state for which a credit is claimed; and

3. attaching any schedule completed under B.2. to the individual income tax return.

C. A part-year resident taxpayer may claim credit on that portion of income subject to both Utah tax and tax in another state. The credit is claimed in the same manner as claimed by a full-year resident, but only for that portion of the year that the nonresident taxpayer was living in Utah. Form TC-40A, Schedule A, Credit For Tax Paid To Another State, must be completed and attached to the individual income tax return for each state for which a credit is claimed.

D. For only those states in which a resident professional athlete has participated in his team's composite return or simplified withholding, a resident professional athlete may claim the credit provided in Section 59-10-106 by:

1. filing a resident Utah return showing the computation of tax based on total income before any credit for taxes in another state; and

2. attaching a summary, prepared by the team or the team's authorized representative, indicating both the amount of the athlete's income allocated to all other states in which the athlete has participated in his team's composite return or simplified withholding, and the amount of income tax paid by the athlete to those states.

E. The credit allowable on the Utah return for taxes paid to any other state shall be the smaller of the following:

1. the amount of tax paid to the other state; or

2. a percentage of the total Utah tax. This percentage is determined by dividing the total federal adjusted gross income into the amount of the federal adjusted gross income taxed in the other state.

F. A taxpayer claiming a credit under Section 59-10-106 shall retain records to support the credit claimed.

R865-9I-4. Equitable Adjustments Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-115.

A. Every taxpayer shall report and the Tax Commission shall make or allow such adjustments to the taxpayer's state taxable income as are necessary to prevent the inclusion or deduction for a second time on his Utah income tax return of items involved in determining his federal taxable income. Such adjustments shall be made or allowed in an equitable manner as defined in Utah Code Ann. 59-10-115 or as determined by the Tax Commission consistent with provisions of the Individual Income Tax Act.

B. In computing the Utah portion of a nonresident's federal adjusted gross income; any capital losses, net long-term capital gains, and net operating losses shall be included only to the extent that these items were not taken into account in computing the taxable income of the taxpayer for state income tax purposes for any taxable year prior to January 2, 1973.

R865-9I-6. Returns by Husband and Wife When One is a Resident and the Other is a Nonresident Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-119.

A. Except as provided in B., a husband and wife, one being a nonresident and the other a resident, who file a joint federal income tax return, but separate state income tax returns shall determine their separate state taxable income as follows:

1. First, the amount of the total federal adjusted gross income ("FAGI") pertaining to each spouse shall be determined. Any adjustments that apply to both spouses shall be divided between the spouses in proportion to the respective incomes of

the spouses.

2. Next, each spouse is allocated a portion of each deduction and add back item.

a) To determine this allocation, each spouse shall:

(1) divide his or her own FAGI by the combined FAGI of both spouses and round the resulting percentage to four decimal places; and

(2) multiply the resulting percentage by the deductions and add back items.

b) The deductions and add back items allowed are as follows:

(1) state income tax deducted as an itemized deduction on federal Schedule A;

(2) other items that must be added back to FAGI on the state income tax return;

(3) itemized or standard deduction;

(4) state exemption for dependents;

(5) one-half of the federal tax liability;

(6) state income tax refund included on line 10 of the federal income tax return; and

(7) other state deductions.

3. Each spouse shall claim his or her full state personal exemption.

4. Each spouse shall determine his or her separate tax using the Utah tax rate schedules applicable to a husband and wife filing separate returns.

B. A husband and wife, one being a nonresident and the other a resident, may use an alternate method of calculating their separate state taxable incomes than the method provided in A. if they can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Tax Commission that the alternate method more accurately reflects their separate state taxable incomes.

R865-9I-7. Change of Status As Resident or Nonresident Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-120.

A. Definitions.

1. "Part-year resident" means an individual that changes status during the taxable year from resident to nonresident or from nonresident to resident.

2. "FAGI" means federal adjusted gross income, as defined by Section 62, Internal Revenue Code.

B. The state taxable income of a part-year resident shall be a percentage of the amount that would have been state taxable income if the taxpayer had been a full-year resident as determined under Section 59-10-112. This percentage is the Utah portion of FAGI divided by the total FAGI, not to exceed 100 percent.

C. The Utah portion of a part-year resident's FAGI shall be determined as follows:

1. Income from wages, salaries, tips and other compensation earned while in a resident status and included in the total FAGI shall be included in the Utah portion of the FAGI.

2. Dividends actually or constructively received while in resident status shall be included in the Utah portion of FAGI. Any dividend exclusion shall be deducted from the Utah portion of FAGI using the percentage of excludable dividends received while in resident status, compared to the total excludable dividends.

3. All interest actually or constructively received while in resident status shall be included in the Utah portion of the FAGI.

4. All FAGI derived from Utah sources while in a nonresident status, as determined under Section 59-10-117, shall be included in the Utah portion of FAGI.

D. Income or loss from businesses, rents, royalties, partnerships, estates or trusts, small business corporations as defined by Internal Revenue Code Section 1371(b), and farming shall be included in the Utah portion of FAGI:

1. if the activities involved were concluded, or the taxpayer's connection with them terminated before or at the time of change from resident to nonresident status; or

2. if the activities were commenced or the taxpayer joined them at the time or after the change from nonresident to resident status.

Otherwise, such income or loss shall be included in the Utah portion of FAGI only to the extent derived from Utah sources as determined under Section 59-10-117.

E. Moving expenses deducted on the federal return may be deducted from the Utah portion of FAGI only to the extent that they are for moving into Utah and within Utah.

F. Employee business expenses may be deducted from the Utah portion of FAGI only to the extent that they pertain to the production of income included in the Utah portion of FAGI.

G. Payments by a self-employed person to a retirement plan that reduce the total FAGI may be deducted from the Utah portion of FAGI in the same proportion that the related self-employment income is included in the Utah portion of FAGI.

H. Other income, losses or adjustments applicable in determining total FAGI may be allowed or included in the Utah portion of his FAGI only when the allowance or inclusion is fair, equitable, and would be consistent with other requirements of the act or these rules as determined by the Tax Commission.

R865-9I-8. Proration When Two Returns Are Required Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-121.

A. Two returns are not required when an individual changes status as resident or nonresident. Ordinarily, the total of the taxable income that would be reported on two returns will be included in one return.

B. Only in unusual circumstances as determined by the Tax Commission will the preparation of two returns be allowed or required. In this event, the returns shall be prepared in a fair and equitable manner as approved or prescribed by the Tax Commission consistent with Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-121 and other pertinent provisions.

R865-9I-9. Taxable Year Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-122.

A. If a taxpayer's taxable year is changed to a taxable period of less than 12 months as required by Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-122 and if he is required to convert his income for the period to an annual basis for federal income tax purposes, the taxpayer shall convert his income for the period of less than a year to an annual basis for computing his state income tax.

B. Unless the Tax Commission determines a different method consistent with requirements of the act is necessary or appropriate, the income tax of the taxpayer for the period of less than 12 months shall be computed as follows:

1. determine the state taxable income applicable to the fractional part of the year and multiply this amount by 12;

2. divide the product by the number of months in the period to arrive at the state taxable income on an annualized basis;

3. compute the tax applicable to the state taxable income as annualized;

4. divide the tax as computed on the annualized state taxable income by 12; and

5. multiply the result by the number of months in the period involved.

R865-9I-10. Adjustments Between Taxable Years After Change in Accounting Methods Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-124.

A. If a taxpayer's state taxable income for any taxable year is computed under a method of accounting different from the method under which such income was computed for the

previous year, the taxpayer shall attach a statement to his return setting forth all differences. This statement shall specify the amounts duplicated or omitted in full or in part as a result of such change. The Tax Commission shall make or allow any necessary adjustments to prevent double inclusion or exclusion of an item of gross income, or double allowance or disallowance of an item of deduction or credit.

R865-9I-11. Share of A Nonresident Estate or Trust, or Its Beneficiaries In State Taxable Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-207.

A. In determining the respective shares of the beneficiaries and of the estate or trust referred to in Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-207, consideration shall be given to the net amount of the modifications described in Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-114 and 59-10-115. This is particularly true for those that relate to items of income, gain, loss, and deduction and that also enter into the definition of distributable net income. Otherwise, any methods different from those prescribed in Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-207 of the act shall be used only if approved or directed by the Tax Commission as being necessary to prevent a substantial inequity in the allocation of such shares.

R865-9I-12. Fiduciary Adjustment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-210.

A. The net amount of the modifications described in Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-114 and 59-10-115 that relate to items of income or deduction of an estate or trust may be determined and used as the fiduciary adjustment. Otherwise, any methods different from those prescribed in Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-210 shall be used only if approved or directed by the Tax Commission as being more appropriate and equitable in specific cases.

R865-9I-13. Nonresident's Share of Partnership or Limited Liability Company Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-116, 59-10-117, 59-10-118, and 59-10-303.

A. Nonresident partners and nonresident members shall keep adequate records to substantiate their determination or to permit a determination by the Tax Commission of the part of their adjusted gross income that was derived from or connected with sources in this state.

B. Partnerships and limited liability companies may file form TC-65, Utah Partnership/Limited Liability Company Return of Income, as a composite return on behalf of nonresident partners or nonresident members that meet all of the following conditions:

1. Nonresident partners or nonresident members included on the return may not have other income from Utah sources. Resident partners and resident members may not be included on the composite return.

2. A schedule shall be included with the return listing all nonresident partners or nonresident members included in the composite filing. The schedule shall list all of the following information for each nonresident partner or nonresident member:

a) name;

b) address;

c) social security number;

d) percentage of partnership or limited liability company income;

e) Utah income attributable to that partner or member.

3. Nonresident partners or nonresident members that are entitled to mineral production tax withholding credits, agricultural off-highway gas tax credits, or other Utah credits, may not be included in a composite filing, but must file form TC-40NR, Nonresident or Part-year Resident Form Individual Income Tax Return.

C. The tax due on the composite return shall be computed as follows:

1. A deduction equal to 15 percent of the Utah taxable income attributable to nonresident partners or nonresident members included in the composite filing shall be allowed in place of a standard deduction, itemized deductions, personal exemptions, federal tax determined for the same period, or any other deductions.

2. The tax shall be computed using the maximum tax rate applied to Utah taxable income attributable to Utah sources.

D. The partnership's or limited liability company's federal identification number shall be used on the form TC-65 in place of a social security number.

R865-9I-14. Requirement of Withholding Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-401, 59-10-402, and 59-10-403.

A. Except as otherwise provided in statute or this rule, every employer shall withhold Utah income taxes from all wages paid:

1. to a nonresident employee for services performed within Utah,

2. to a resident employee for all services performed, even though such services may be performed partially or wholly without the state.

B. If the services performed by a resident employee are performed in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States that requires withholding on wages earned, the withholding tax for Utah shall be the Utah tax required to be withheld less the tax required to be withheld under the laws, rules, and regulations of that other state, District of Columbia, or possession of the United States.

C. If the duties of a nonresident employee involve work both within and without the state, tax is withheld from that portion of the total wages that is properly allocable to Utah. The method of allocation is subject to review by the Tax Commission and may be subject to change if it is determined to be improper.

D. Income tax treatment of rail carrier and motor carrier employees is governed by 49 U.S.C. Section 14503.

E. Withholding required under Section 59-10-402 is required for all wages that are:

1. subject to withholding for federal income tax purposes;

2. paid to individuals who are deemed employees as determined by the Tax Commission, using Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

F. The number of exemptions claimed for federal withholding shall be the number of exemptions claimed for state withholding purposes.

G. Employers should use Utah income tax withholding schedules or tables published by the Tax Commission in computing the amount of state income tax withheld from their employees.

R865-9I-15. Employees Incurring No Income Tax Liability Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-403.

A. With reference to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-403, an employer shall not be required to deduct and withhold Utah income taxes from wages paid to an employee who has filed a Federal Withholding Certificate, Form W-4E.

R865-9I-16. Collection and Payment of Withholding Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-406.

A. Legible copies of the federal Form W-2 must contain the following information:

1. the name and address of the employee and employer;

2. the employer's Utah withholding tax account number;

3. the amount of compensation;

4. the amounts of federal and Utah state income tax withheld;

5. the social security number of the employee;

6. the word "Utah" either printed or stamped thereon in such a way as to clearly indicate the tax withheld was for Utah in accordance with Utah law, as distinguished from any other state or jurisdiction; and

7. other information required by the commission.

B. Sufficient copies of the W-2 form must be furnished to each employee to enable attachment of a legible copy to the state income tax return.

C. If a tax required under Section 59-10-402 is not withheld by an employer, but is later paid by the employee:

1. the tax required to be withheld under Section 59-10-402 shall not be collected from the employer; and

2. the employer shall remain subject to penalties and interest on the total amount of taxes that the employer should have withheld under Section 59-10-402.

R865-9I-17. Time for Filing Withholding Tax Returns and Payment of Withholding Taxes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-406 and 59-10-407.

A. This rule provides exceptions to the statutory requirement that an employer shall file withholding tax returns and pay withholding taxes quarterly.

B. An employer may elect to file withholding tax returns and pay withholding taxes on an annual basis for a calendar year in which the employer:

1. files a federal Schedule H; or

2. withholds less than $1,000.

C. The annual withholding return and payment under B. are due by January 31 of the year succeeding the year for which the payment and return apply.

D. An employer withholding an average of $1,000 or more per month shall file withholding tax returns and pay withholding taxes on a monthly basis.

E. The monthly withholding return and payment under D. are due as prescribed in Section 59-10-407.

R865-9I-18. Taxpayer Records, Statements, and Special Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-501.

A. Every taxpayer shall keep adequate records for income tax purposes of a type which clearly reflect income and expense, gain or loss, and all transactions necessary in the conduct of business activities.

B. Records of all transactions affecting income or expense, or gain or loss, and of all transactions for which deductions may be claimed, should be preserved by the taxpayer to enable preparation of returns correctly and to substantiate claims. All such records shall be made available to an authorized agent of the Tax Commission when requested, for review or audit.

R865-9I-19. Returns By Husband and Wife Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-503.

A. In the year a married person dies, the surviving spouse may file a joint Utah return if a joint federal return was filed except in cases where one spouse was a resident and the other a nonresident. In these cases, separate returns may be required (see Section 59-10-503(1)(b) and Rule R865-9I-6).

R865-9I-20. Returns Made By Fiduciaries and Receivers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-504.

A. Returns by fiduciaries and receivers shall be made in accordance with forms and instructions provided by the Tax Commission. The fiduciary of any resident estate or trust or of any nonresident estate or trust having income derived from Utah sources and who is required to make a return for federal income tax purposes shall make and file a corresponding return for state income tax purposes.

1. Each return shall include a listing of the beneficiaries and their distributable shares of the state taxable income.

2. In the case of a nonresident estate or trust, the return shall include detailed information showing how the amount of income derived from or connected with Utah sources was determined.

B. The fiduciary is required to pay the taxes on the income taxable to the estate or trust. Liability for payment of the tax attaches to the executor or administrator up to his discharge. If the executor or administrator failed to file a return as required by law or failed to exercise due diligence in determining and satisfying the tax liability, the liability is not extinguished until the return is filed and paid.

C. Liability for the tax also follows the estate itself. If by reason of the distribution of the estate and the discharge of the executor or administrator, it appears that collection of tax cannot be made from the executor or administrator, each legatee or distributee must account for his proportionate share of the tax due and unpaid to the extent of the distributive share received by him.

R865-9I-21. Return By Partnership Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-507 and 59-10-514.

(1) Every partnership having a nonresident partner and income derived from sources in this state shall file a return in accordance with forms and instructions provided by the Tax Commission.

(2) If the partnership has income derived from or connected with sources both inside and outside Utah and if any partner was not a resident of Utah, the portion derived from or connected with sources in this state must be determined and shown.

(a) The Utah portion must be determined and shown for each item of the partnership's, and each nonresident partner's, distributive shares of income, credits, deductions, etc., shown on Schedules K and K-1 of the federal return.

(b) The Utah portion may be shown:

(i) alongside the total for each item on the federal schedules K and K-1; or

(ii) on an attachment to the Utah return.

(3) A partnership, all of whose partners are resident individuals, shall satisfy the requirement to file a return with the commission by:

(a) maintaining records that show each partner's share of income, losses, credits, and other distributive items; and

(b) making those records available for audit.

R865-9I-22. Signing of Returns and Other Documents Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-512.

A. Any return, statement, or other document shall be signed as required by specific provisions of the act or as prescribed by forms or instructions furnished by the Tax Commission.

B. All returns filed with the Tax Commission must be signed by the taxpayer or his duly authorized agent as provided by law. Unsigned returns are not valid returns for income tax purposes and if unsigned, the benefits of proper filing may be denied the taxpayer.

C. Returns may be filed on forms prescribed and furnished by the Tax Commission, or in lieu thereof, on reproduced or facsimile copies, provided that the same information required on the printed form for the same year is provided and the paper used for such substitute return is equal in durability and weight to 20 lb. bond. Paper more brittle or lighter in weight than that specified is not acceptable as a replacement for the regular reporting forms. The use of paper of lesser quality for supporting schedules is permitted, providing the schedules are clear and legible.

R865-9I-23. Extension of Time to File Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-516.

A. A completed form TC-546, Prepayment of Income Tax,

must accompany the prepayment amount required by Section 59-10-516, if the prepayment is not in the form of withholding, payments applied from previous year refunds, or credit carryforwards.

B. Interest shall be charged on any additional tax due shown on the return in accordance with Section 59-1-402. Interest is calculated from the original due date of the return to the date the tax is paid and applies even when an extension of time to file the return exists.

C. Utah residents in military service, stationed outside the United States, shall be granted an extension of time to file to the 15th day of the fourth month after their return to the United States, or their discharge date, whichever is earlier.

R865-9I-24. Timely Mailing Treated As Timely Filing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-517.

A. With reference to Section 59-10-517(3)(b), the provisions of that statute that apply to registered mail shall also apply in ordinary circumstances to certified mail.

R865-9I-30. Limitations on Assessment and Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-536.

A. If a taxpayer elects to defer a determination as to applicability of the presumption that the activity is being engaged in for profit as set forth in I.R.C. Section 183(d), he shall notify the Tax Commission in writing of such election. He must also consent to assessment of tax pertaining to such activity at any time within the five- or seven-year period plus a reasonable additional period.

1. In addition, the taxpayer shall immediately furnish to the Tax Commission a copy of every waiver of the running of the statute of limitations that he may give to the Internal Revenue Service, and he shall at the same time give his consent in writing that the waiver shall also apply to the time allowed for assessment of tax by the Tax Commission.

2. The taxpayer must notify the Tax Commission of any audit actions or determinations made by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to such activity.

R865-9I-32. Confidentiality of Return Information, Penalties, and Exchange of Information With The Internal Revenue Service or Governmental Units Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-545.

A. The amount of income and other particulars disclosed by a taxpayer on his return or report required under the act is strictly confidential and except in accordance with proper judicial order, or as otherwise provided by law, may not be divulged.

B. A taxpayer, properly identified, may inspect his own return. He may also authorize to the satisfaction of the Tax Commission, an agent to represent him and inspect his returns. Such authorization must be in writing and may be limited or of a continuing nature as specified. A fee may be charged for furnishing copies of returns or reports by the Tax Commission.

C. Officers of the United States Internal Revenue Service, upon being properly identified as such, may be granted permission to inspect the returns or reports on file under this chapter for the purpose of administering the federal tax law. All information, so obtained, must be used in the strictest confidence for tax administration only.

R865-9I-33. Reporting Miscellaneous Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-501.

A. Legible copies of the federal Form 1099 or other special forms for reporting rents, royalties, interest, remuneration, etc., from Utah sources not subject to federal withholding must be open to inspection and gathering of information by authorized representatives of the Tax Commission or submitted to the Tax Commission upon request. These forms must show the name, address, social security number, and other pertinent information pertaining to each taxpayer, resident or nonresident of Utah, the amount and purpose of the distribution clearly shown.

R865-9I-34. Property Tax Relief For Individuals Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-1201 through 59-2-1220.

A. "Household" is determined as follows:

1. For purposes of the homeowner's credit under Section 59-2-1208, household shall be determined as of January 1 of the year in which the claim under that section is filed.

2. For purposes of the renter's credit under Section 59-2-1209, household shall be determined as of January 1 of the year for which the claim is filed under that section.

B. "Nontaxable income" includes:

1. the amount of a federal child tax credit received under Section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code that exceeded the taxpayer's federal tax liability; and

2. the amount of a federal earned income credit received under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code that exceeded the taxpayer's federal tax liability.

C. "Nontaxable income" does not include:

1. federal tax refunds;

2. the amount of a federal child tax credit received under Internal Revenue Code Section 24 that did not exceed the taxpayer's federal tax liability;

3. the amount of a federal earned income credit received under Internal Revenue Code Section 32 that did not exceed the taxpayer's federal tax liability;

4. payments received under a reverse mortgage;

5. payments or reimbursements to senior program volunteers under United States Code Title 42, Section 5058; and

6. gifts and bequests.

D. "Property taxes accrued" does not mean that taxes can be accumulated for two or more years and then claimed in one year.

E. A claimant who pays property taxes on a mobile home and pays rent on the land on which the mobile home is situated shall be eligible for a homeowner's credit for the property tax paid on the mobile home and a renter's credit for the rent paid on the land.

F. State welfare assistance is not considered as public funds for the payment of rent, and will not preclude a rebate. However, assistance payments must be included in income.

G. Where housing assistance payments are involved under the Housing and Community Development Act, Title II, Section 8:

1. only that portion of the rent paid by the tenant may be claimed under the terms of the Circuit Breaker Act; and

2. that portion of the rent paid by the federal government to the landlord will not be considered as part of the household income since it is not subject to a claim for rebate.

H. Persons claiming a property tax exemption under Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11 are not precluded from claiming a homeowner's or renter's credit.

R865-9I-37. Enterprise Zone Individual Income Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 9-2-401 through 9-2-414.

A. Definitions:

1. "Business engaged in retail trade" means a business that makes a retail sale as defined in Section 59-12-102.

2. "Construction work" does not include facility maintenance or repair work.

3. "Employee" means a person who qualifies as an employee under Internal Revenue Service Regulation 26 CFR 31.3401(c)(1).

4. "Public utilities business" means a public utility under Section 54-2-1.

5. "Transfer" pursuant to Section 9-2-411, means the relocation of assets and operations of a business, including personnel, plant, property, and equipment.

B. For purposes of the investment tax credit, an investment is a qualifying investment if:

1. The plant, equipment, or other depreciable property for which the credit is taken is located within the boundaries of the enterprise zone.

2. The plant, equipment, or other depreciable property for which the investment tax credit is taken is in a business that is operational within the enterprise zone.

C. The calculation of the number of full-time positions for purposes of the credits allowed under Section 9-2-413(1)(a) through (d) shall be based on the average number of employees reported to the Department of Workforce Services for the four quarters prior to the area's designation as an enterprise zone.

D. To determine whether at least 51 percent of the business firm's employees reside in the county in which the enterprise zone is located, the business firm shall consider every employee reported to the Department of Workforce Services for the tax year for which an enterprise zone credit is sought.

E. A business firm that conducts non-retail operations and is engaged in retail trade qualifies for the credits under Section 9-2-413 if the retail trade operations constitute a de minimis portion of the business firm's total operations.

F. An employee whose duties include both non-construction work and construction work does not perform a construction job if the construction work performed by the employee constitutes a de minimis portion of the employee's total duties.

G. Records and supporting documentation shall be maintained for three years after the date any returns are filed to support the credits taken. For example: If credits are originally taken in 1988 and unused portions are carried forward to 1992, records to support the original credits taken in 1988 must be maintained for three years after the date the 1992 return is filed.

H. If an enterprise zone designation is revoked prior to the expiration of the period for which it was designated, only tax credits earned prior to the loss of that designation will be allowed.

R865-9I-39. Subtraction from Federal Taxable Income for a Dependent Child With a Disability or an Adult With a Disability Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-114 and 59-10-501.

A. A taxpayer that claims the deduction from income for a dependent child with a disability or an adult with a disability allowed under Section 59-10-114 shall complete form TC-40D, Disabled Exemption Verification, as evidence that the taxpayer qualifies for the deduction.

B. The form described under A. shall be:

1. completed for each year for which the taxpayer claims the deduction; and

2. retained by the taxpayer.

R865-9I-41. Historic Preservation Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-108.5.

A. Definitions

1. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, and permit fees.

2. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" does not include movable furnishings.

3. "Residential" as used in Section 59-10-108.5 applies only to the use of the building after the project is completed.

B. Taxpayers shall file an application for approval of all proposed rehabilitation work with the Division of State History prior to the completion of restoration or rehabilitation work on the project. The application shall be on a form provided by the Division of State History.

C. Rehabilitation work must receive a unique certification number from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

D. In order to receive final certification and be issued a unique certification number for the project, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The project approved under B. must be completed.

2. Upon completion of the project, taxpayers shall notify the State Historic Preservation Office and provide that office an opportunity to review, examine, and audit the project. In order to be certified, a project shall be completed in accordance with the approved plan and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

3. Taxpayers restoring buildings not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places shall submit a complete National Register Nomination Form. If the nomination meets National Register criteria, the State Historic Preservation Office shall approve the nomination.

4. Projects must be completed, and the $10,000 expenditure threshold required by Section 59-10-108.5 must be met, within 36 months of the approval received pursuant to B.

5. During the course of the project and for three years thereafter, all work done on the building shall comply with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for Rehabilitation.

E. Upon issuing a certification number under D., the State Historic Preservation Office shall provide the taxpayer an authorization form containing that certification number.

F. Credit amounts shall be applied against Utah individual income tax due in the tax year in which the project receives final certification under D.

G. Credit amounts greater than the amount of Utah individual income tax due in a tax year shall be carried forward to the extent provided by Section 59-10-108.5.

H. Carryforward historic preservation tax credits shall be applied against Utah individual income tax due before the application of any historic preservation credits earned in the current year and on a first-earned, first-used basis.

I. Original records supporting the credit claimed must be maintained for three years following the date the return was filed claiming the credit.

R865-9I-42. Order of Credits Applied Against Utah Individual Income Tax Due Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 9-2-413, 59-6- 102, 59-13-202, and Title 59, Chapter 10.

A. Taxpayers shall deduct credits authorized by Sections 9-2- 413, 59-6-102, 59-13-202, and Title 59, Chapter 10 against Utah individual income tax due in the following order:

1. nonrefundable credits;

2. nonrefundable credits with a carryforward;

3. refundable credits.

R865-9I-44. Compensation Received by Nonresident Professional Athletes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-116, 59-10-117, and 59-10-118.

A. The Utah source income of a nonresident individual who is a member of a professional athletic team includes that portion of the individual's total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team during the taxable year which, the number of duty days spent within the state rendering services for the team in any manner during the taxable year, bears to the total number of duty days spent both within and without the state during the taxable year.

B. Travel days that do not involve either a game, practice, team meeting, promotional caravan or other similar team event are not considered duty days spent in the state, but shall be considered duty days spent within and without the state.

C. Definitions.

1. "Professional athletic team" includes any professional

baseball, basketball, football, soccer, or hockey team.

2. "Member of a professional athletic team" shall include those employees who are active players, players on the disabled list, and any other persons required to travel and who do travel with and perform services on behalf of a professional athletic team on a regular basis. This includes coaches, managers, and trainers.

3. "Duty days" means all days during the taxable year from the beginning of the professional athletic team's official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete.

a) Duty days shall also include days on which a member of a professional athletic team renders a service for a team on a date that does not fall within the period described in 3., for example, participation in instructional leagues, the Pro Bowl, or other promotional caravans. Rendering a service includes conducting training and rehabilitation activities, but only if conducted at the facilities of the team.

b) Included within duty days shall be game days, practice days, days spent at team meetings, promotional caravans, and preseason training camps, and days served with the team through all postseason games in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete.

c) Duty days for any person who joins a team during the season shall begin on the day that person joins the team, and for a person who leaves a team shall end on the day that person leaves the team. If a person switches teams during a taxable year, a separate duty day calculation shall be made for the period that person was with each team.

d) Days for which a member of a professional athletic team is not compensated and is not rendering services for the team in any manner, including days when the member of a professional athletic team has been suspended without pay and prohibited from performing any services for the team, shall not be treated as duty days.

e) Days for which a member of a professional athletic team is on the disabled list shall be presumed not to be duty days spent in the state. They shall, however, be included in total duty days spent within and without the state.

4. "Total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team" means the total compensation received during the taxable year for services rendered:

a) from the beginning of the official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete during that taxable year; and

b) during the taxable year on a date that does not fall within the period in 4.a), for example, participation in instructional leagues, the Pro Bowl, or promotional caravans.

5. "Total compensation" includes salaries, wages, bonuses, and any other type of compensation paid during the taxable year to a member of a professional athletic team for services performed in that year.

a) Total compensation shall not include strike benefits, severance pay, termination pay, contract or option-year buyout payments, expansion or relocation payments, or any other payments not related to services rendered to the team.

b) For purposes of this rule, "bonuses" subject to the allocation procedures described in A. are:

(1) bonuses earned as a result of play during the season, including performance bonuses, bonuses paid for championship, playoff or bowl games played by a team, or for selection to all-star league or other honorary positions; and

(2) bonuses paid for signing a contract, unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) the payment of the signing bonus is not conditional upon the signee playing any games for the team, or performing any subsequent services for the team, or even making the team;

(b) the signing bonus is payable separately from the salary and any other compensation; and

c) the signing bonus is nonrefundable.

D. The purpose of this rule is to apportion to the state, in a fair and equitable manner, a nonresident member of a professional athletic team's total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team. It is presumed that application of the provisions of this rule will result in a fair and equitable apportionment of that compensation. Where it is demonstrated that the method provided under this rule does not fairly and equitably apportion that compensation, the commission may require the member of a professional athletic team to apportion that compensation under a method the commission prescribes, as long as the prescribed method results in a fair and equitable apportionment.

1. If a nonresident member of a professional athletic team demonstrates that the method provided under this rule does not fairly and equitably apportion compensation, that member may submit a proposal for an alternative method to apportion compensation. If approved, the proposed method must be fully explained in the nonresident member of a professional athletic team's nonresident personal income tax return for the state.

E. Nonresident professional athletes shall keep adequate records to substantiate their determination or to permit a determination by the Tax Commission of the part of their adjusted gross income that was derived from or connected with sources in this state.

F. Professional athletic teams shall file a composite return, on a form prescribed by the commission, on behalf of nonresident professional athletes that meet all of the following conditions.

1. Nonresident professional athletes included on the return may not have other income from Utah sources. Resident professional athletes may not be included on a composite return.

2. A schedule shall be included with the return, listing all nonresident professional athletes included in the composite filing. The schedule shall list all of the following information for each nonresident professional athlete:

a) name;

b) address;

c) social security number;

d) Utah income attributable to that nonresident professional athlete.

3. Nonresident professional athletes that are entitled to mineral production tax withholding credits, agricultural off-highway gas tax credits, or other Utah credits, may not be included in a composite filing, but must file form TC-40NR, Non or Part-year Resident Individual Income Tax Return.

4. Participating team members must acknowledge through their election that the composite return constitutes an irrevocable filing and that they may not file an individual income tax return in the taxing state for that year.

G. The tax due on the composite return shall be computed as follows.

1. A deduction equal to 15 percent of the Utah taxable income attributable to nonresident professional athletes included in the composite filing shall be allowed in place of a standard deduction, itemized deductions, personal exemptions, federal tax determined for the same period, or any other deductions.

2. The tax shall be computed using the maximum tax rate applied to Utah taxable income attributable to Utah sources.

H. The professional athletic team's federal identification number shall be used on the composite form in place of a social security number.

I. This rule has retrospective application to January 1, 1995.

R865-9I-46. Medical Savings Account Tax Deduction Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 31A-32a-106 and 59-10-114.

A. Account administrators required to withhold penalties

from withdrawals pursuant to Section 31A-32a-105 shall hold those penalties in trust for the state and shall submit those withheld penalties to the commission along with form TC-97M, Utah Medical Savings Account Reconciliation.

B. In addition to the requirements of A., account administrators shall file a form TC- 675M, Statement of Withholding for Medical Savings Account, with the commission, for each account holder. The TC-675M shall contain the following information for the calendar year:

1. the beginning balance in the account;
2. the amount contributed to the account;
3. the account's earnings;
4. distributions for qualified medical expenses;
5. distributions for non-medical expenses not subject to penalty;
6. distributions for non-medical expenses subject to penalty;
7. the amount of penalty required to be withheld and remitted to the state;
8. the account administrator's administrative fee charged to the account; and
9. the ending balance in the account.

C. The account administrator shall file forms TC-97M and TC-675M with the commission on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the forms are based.

D. The account administrator shall provide each account holder with a copy of the form TC-675M on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the TC-675M is based.

E. The account administrator shall maintain original records supporting the amounts listed on the TC-675M for the current year filing and the three previous year filings.

R865-9I-47. Withholding and Payment of Income Tax for Members of the Armed Services Receiving Combat Pay Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-408 and 59-10-522.

A. Income excluded from federal adjusted gross income as combat pay shall be exempt from the withholding requirements of Sections 59-10-401 through 59-10-407.

B. Utah residents receiving combat pay qualify for an extension of time to pay income taxes for a period not to exceed the extension for filing returns provided in Tax Commission rule R865-9I-23(C).

R865-9I-48. Adoption Expenses Deduction Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-114.

A. For purposes of the deduction for adoption expenses under Section 59-10-114, adoption expenses include:

1. medical expenses associated with prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care;
2. fees paid to reimburse the state under Section 35A-3-308;
3. fees paid to an attorney or placement service for arranging the adoption;
4. all actual travel costs incurred exclusively for the purpose of completing adoption arrangements; and
5. living expenses of the birth mother if paid by the adoptive parents as part of their adoption expenses and if in conformance with Section 76-7-203.

B. Adoption expenses do not include:

1. food, clothing, or other routine expenses associated with the child's care, other than necessary medical expenses, that arise before the adoption is final;
2. foster care expenses incurred prior to the application for adoption; or
3. legal expenses arising from custody actions subsequent to the finalization of the adoption.

C. Qualified adoption expenses may be deducted regardless of whether the adoption process is terminated.

D. The income tax deduction under Section 59-10-114 applies to the actual qualified adoption expenses of the birth mother, the legal guardian of the birth mother or another individual acting on behalf of the birth mother, or the adoptive parents.

E. Reimbursed adoption expenses for which a taxpayer has taken the state income tax deduction, must be added to the taxpayer's gross income in the tax year in which the expenses are reimbursed.

R865-9I-49. Higher Education Savings Incentive Program Tax Deduction Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 53B-8a-112 and 59-10-114.

A. "Trust" means the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust created pursuant to Section 53B-8a-103.

B. The trustee of the trust shall file a form TC-675H, Statement of Account with the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust, with the commission, for each trust participant. The TC-675H shall contain the following information for the calendar year:

1. the amount contributed to the trust by the participant;
2. the income earned on the participant's contributions to the trust; and
3. the amount refunded to the participant pursuant to Section 53B-8a-109.

C. The trustee of the trust shall file form TC-675H with the commission on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the forms are based.

D. The trustee of the trust shall provide each trust participant with a copy of the form TC-675H on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year on which the TC-675H is based.

E. The trustee of the trust shall maintain original records supporting the amounts listed on the TC-675H for the current year filing and the three previous year filings.

R865-9I-50. Addition to Federal Taxable Income for Interest Earned on Bonds, Notes, and Other Evidences of Indebtedness Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-114.

The addition to federal taxable income required under Section 59-10-114 for interest earned on bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness acquired on or after January 1, 2003 applies to:

A. interest on individual bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness purchased by a resident or nonresident individual on or after January 1, 2003; and

B. for bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness held in a bond fund owned by a resident or nonresident individual, the portion of interest attributable to individual bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness purchased by the bond fund on or after January 1, 2003.

R865-9I-51. Withholding Tax License Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-405.5.

(1) The holder of a license issued under Section 59-10-405.5 shall notify the commission:

(a) of any change of address of the business;
(b) of a change of character of the business, or
(c) if the license holder ceases to do business.

(2) The commission may determine that a person has ceased to do business or has changed that person's business address if:

(a) mail is returned as undeliverable as addressed and unable to forward;

(b) the person fails to file four consecutive monthly or quarterly withholding tax returns, or two consecutive annual withholding tax returns;

(c) the person fails to renew its annual business license with the Department of Commerce; or

(d) the person fails to renew its local business license.

(3) If the requirements of Subsection (2) are met, the commission shall notify the license holder that the license will be considered invalid unless the license holder provides evidence within 15 days that the license should remain valid.

(4) A person may request the commission to reopen a withholding tax license that has been determined invalid under Subsection (3).

(5) The holder of a license issued under Section 59-10-405.5 shall be responsible for any withholding tax, interest, and penalties incurred under that license whether those taxes and fees are incurred during the time the license is valid or invalid.

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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.
R865-19S. Sales and Use Tax.
R865-19S-1. Sales and Use Taxes Distinguished Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The tax imposed on amounts paid or charged for transactions under Title 59, Chapter 12 is a:

1. sales tax, if the tax is collected and remitted by a seller on the seller's in-state or out-of-state sales; or

2. use tax, if the tax is remitted by a purchaser.

B. The two taxes are compensating taxes, one supplementing the other, but both cannot be applicable to the same transaction. The rate of tax is the same.

R865-19S-2. Nature of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The sales and use taxes are transaction taxes imposed upon certain retail sales and leases of tangible personal property, as well as upon certain services.

B. The tax is not upon the articles sold or furnished, but upon the transaction, and the purchaser is the actual taxpayer. The vendor is charged with the duty of collecting the tax from the purchaser and of paying the tax to the state.

R865-19S-4. Collection of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. An invoice or receipt issued by a vendor shall show the sales tax collected as a separate item on the invoice or receipt.

B. If an invoice or receipt issued by a vendor does not show the sales tax collected as required in A., sales tax will be assessed on the vendor based on the amount of the invoice or receipt.

C. A vendor that collects an excess amount of sales or use tax must either refund the excess to the purchasers from whom the vendor collected the excess or remit the excess to the Commission.

1. A vendor may offset an undercollection of tax on sales against any excess tax collected in the same reporting period.

2. A vendor may not offset an underpayment of tax on the vendor's purchases against an excess of tax collected.

R865-19S-7. Sales Tax License Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-106.

A.1. A separate sales and use tax license must be obtained for each place of business, but where more than one place of business is operated by the same person, one application may be filed giving the required information about each place of business.

2. Each license must be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of business for which it is issued.

B. The holder of a license issued under Section 59-12-106 shall notify the commission:

1. of any change of address of the business;

2. of a change of character of the business, or

3. if the license holder ceases to do business.

C. The commission may determine that a person has ceased to do business or has changed that person's business address if:

1. mail is returned as undeliverable as addressed and unable to forward;

2. the person fails to file four consecutive monthly or quarterly sales tax returns, or two consecutive annual sales tax returns;

3. the person fails to renew its annual business license with the Department of Commerce; or

4. the person fails to renew its local business license.

D. If the requirements of C. are met, the commission shall notify the license holder that the license will be considered invalid unless the license holder provides evidence within 15 days that the license should remain valid.

E. A person may request the commission to reopen a sales and use tax license that has been determined invalid under D.

F. The holder of a license issued under Section 59-12-106 shall be responsible for any sales and use tax, interest, and penalties incurred under that license whether those taxes and fees are incurred during the time the license is valid or invalid.

R865-19S-12. Filing of Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-107 and 59-12-118.

A. Every person responsible for the collection of the tax under the act shall file a return with the Tax Commission whether or not sales tax is due.

B. If the due date for a return falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the return will be considered timely filed if it is received on the next business day.

C. If a return is transmitted through the United States mail, a legible cancellation mark on the envelope, or the date of registration of certification thereof by a United States post office, is considered the date the return is filed.

D. Sales and use tax returns shall be filed and paid monthly or quarterly with the following exceptions:

1. New businesses that expect annual sales and use tax liability less than $1,000, shall be assigned an annual filing status unless quarterly filing status is requested.

2.a) Businesses currently assigned a quarterly filing status, in good standing and reporting less than $1,000 in tax for the preceding calendar year may be changed to annual filing status.

b) The Tax Commission will notify businesses, in writing, if their filing status is changed to annual.

3.a) Businesses assigned an annual filing status reporting in excess of $1,000 for a calendar year, will be changed to quarterly filing status.

b) The Tax Commission will notify businesses, in writing, if their filing status is changed to quarterly.

E. Annual returns are due on January 31 following the calendar year end. The Tax Commission may revoke the annual filing status if sales tax collections are in excess of $1,000 or as a result of delinquent payment history.

R865-19S-13. Confidential Nature of Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-109.

A. The returns filed are confidential and the information contained therein will not be divulged by the Tax Commission, its agents, clerks, or employees except in accordance with judicial order or upon proper application of a federal, state, or local agency. The returns will not be produced in any court proceeding except where such proceeding directly involves provisions of the sales tax act.

B. However, any person or his duly authorized representative who files returns under this act may obtain copies of the same upon proper application and presentation of proper picture identification.

R865-19S-16. Failure to Remit Excess Tax Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. The amount paid by any vendor to the Tax Commission with each return is the greater of:

1. the actual tax collections for the reporting period, or

2. the amount computed at the rates imposed by law against the total taxable sales for that period.

B. Space is available on the return forms for inserting figures and the words "excess collections," if needed.

R865-19S-20. Basis for Reporting Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. "Total sales" means the total amount of all cash, credit, installment, and conditional sales made during the period covered by the return.

B. Amounts shown on returns must include the total sales

made during the period of the returns, and the tax must be reported and paid upon that basis.

C. Adjustments may be made and credit allowed for cash discounts, returned goods, and bad debts that result from sales upon which the tax has been reported and paid in full by a seller to the Tax Commission.

1. Adjustments and credits will be allowed only if the seller has not been reimbursed in the full amount of the tax except as noted in C.6.a) and can establish that fact by records, receipts or other means.

2. In no case shall the credit be greater than the sales tax on that portion of the purchase price remaining unpaid at the time the goods are returned, the account is charged off.

3. Any refund or credit given to the purchaser must include the related sales tax.

D. Tax is based upon the original price unless adjustments were made prior to the close of the reporting period in which the tax upon the sale is due. If the price upon which the tax is computed and paid is subsequently adjusted, credit may be taken against the tax due on a subsequent return.

E. If a sales tax rate change takes place prior to the reporting period when the seller claims the credit, the seller must adjust the taxable amount so that the amount of tax credited corresponds proportionally to the amount of tax originally collected.

F. Commissions to agents are not deductible under any conditions for purposes of tax computation.

R865-19S-22. Sales and Use Tax Records Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-111.

A. Every retailer, lessor, lessee, and person doing business in this state or storing, using, or otherwise consuming in this state tangible personal property purchased from a retailer, shall keep and preserve complete and adequate records as may be necessary to determine the amount of sales and use tax for which such person or entity is liable. Unless the Tax Commission authorizes in writing an alternative method of record keeping, these records shall:

1. show gross receipts from sales, or rental payments from leases, of tangible personal property or services performed in connection with tangible personal property made in this state, irrespective of whether the retailer regards the receipts to be taxable or nontaxable;

2. show all deductions allowed by law and claimed in filing returns;

3. show bills, invoices or similar evidence of all tangible personal property purchased for sale, consumption, or lease in this state; and

4. include the normal books of account maintained by an ordinarily prudent business person engaged in such business, together with supporting documents of original entry such as: bills, receipts, invoices, and cash register tapes. All schedules or working papers used in connection with the preparation of tax returns must also be maintained.

B. Records may be microfilmed or microfiched. However, microfilm reproductions of general books of account--such as cash books, journals, voucher registers, ledgers, and like documents--are not acceptable as original records. Where microfilm or microfiche reproductions of supporting records are maintained--such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda and like documents--the following conditions must be met:

1. appropriate facilities must be provided for preservation of the films or fiche for the periods required and open to examination,

2. microfilm rolls and microfiche must be systematically filed, indexed, cross referenced, and labeled to show beginning and ending numbers and to show beginning and ending alphabetical listing of documents included,

3. upon request of the Tax Commission, the taxpayer shall provide transcriptions of any information contained on microfilm or microfiche which may be required for verification of tax liability,

4. proper facilities must be provided for the ready inspection and location of the particular records, including machines for viewing and copying the records,

5. a posting reference must appear on each invoice. Credit memoranda must carry a reference to the document evidencing the original transaction. Documents necessary to support exemptions from tax liability, such as bills of lading and purchase orders, must be maintained in such order so as to relate to exempt transactions claimed.

C. Any automated data processing (ADP) tax accounting system must be capable of producing visible and legible records for verification of taxpayer's tax liability.

1. ADP records shall provide an opportunity to trace any transaction back to the original source or forward to a final total. If detailed printouts are not made of transactions at the time they are processed, the systems must have the ability to reconstruct these transactions.

2. A general ledger with source references should be prepared to coincide with financial reports for tax reporting periods. In cases where subsidiary ledgers are used to support the general ledger accounts, the subsidiary ledgers should also be prepared periodically.

3. The audit trail should be designed so that the details underlying the summary accounting data may be identified and made available to the Tax Commission upon request. The system should be so designed that supporting documents--such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, and like documents--are readily available.

4. A description of the ADP portion of the accounting system shall be made available. The statements and illustrations as to the scope of operations shall be sufficiently detailed to indicate:

(a) the application being performed;

(b) the procedures employed in each application (which, for example, might be supported by flow charts, block diagrams or other satisfactory description of the input or output procedures); and

(c) the controls used to insure accurate and reliable processing and important changes, together with their effective dates, in order to preserve an accurate chronological record.

D. All records pertaining to transactions involving sales or use tax liability shall be preserved for a period of not less than three years.

E. All of the foregoing records shall be made available for examination on request by the Tax Commission or its authorized representatives.

F. Upon failure of the taxpayer, without reasonable cause, to substantially comply with the requirements of this rule, the Tax Commission may:

1. Prohibit the taxpayer from introducing in any protest or refund claim proceeding those microfilm, microfiche, ADP, or any records which have not been prepared and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of this rule.

2. Dismiss any protest or refund claim proceeding in which the taxpayer bases its claim upon any microfilm, microfiche, ADP, or any records which have not been prepared and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of this rule.

3. Enter such other order necessary to obtain compliance with this rule in the future.

4. Revoke taxpayer's license upon evidence of continued failure to comply with the requirements of this rule.

R865-19S-23. Exemption Certificates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-106 and 59-12-104.

A. Taxpayers selling tangible personal property or services to customers exempt from sales tax are required to keep records verifying the nontaxable status of those sales.

B. The Tax Commission will furnish samples of acceptable exemption certificate forms on request. Stock quantities are not furnished, but taxpayers may reproduce samples as needed in whole or in part.

C. A seller may retain a copy of a purchase order, check, or voucher in place of the exemption certificate as evidence of exemption for a federal, state, or local government entity, including public schools.

D. If a purchaser is unable to segregate tangible personal property or services purchased for resale from tangible personal property or services purchased for the purchaser's own consumption, everything should be purchased tax-free. The purchaser must then report and pay the tax on the cost of goods or services purchased tax-free for resale that the purchaser uses or consumes.

E. A seller may provide evidence of a sales and use tax exemption electronically if the seller uses the standard sales and use tax exemption form adopted by the governing board of the agreement.

F. A seller shall obtain the same information for proof of a claimed exemption regardless of the medium in which the transaction occurs.

R865-19S-25. Sale of Business Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-112.

A. Every sales tax license holder who discontinues business, is required to notify the Tax Commission immediately and return the sales tax license for cancellation.

B. Every person discontinuing business shall retain records for a period of three years unless a release from such provision is obtained from the Tax Commission.

R865-19S-27. Retail Sales Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103(1)(g).

A. The term retail sale has a broader meaning than the sale of tangible personal property. It includes any transfers, exchanges, or barter whether conditional or for a consideration by a person doing business in such commodity or service, either as a regularly organized principal endeavor or as an adjunct thereto. The price of the service or tangible personal property, the quantity sold, or the extent of the clientele are not factors which determine whether or not it is a retail sale.

B. Retail sale also includes certain leases and rentals of tangible personal property as defined in Rule R865-19S-32, accommodations as defined in Rule R865-19S-79, services performed on tangible personal property as defined in Rules R865-19S-51 and R865-19S-78, services that are part of a sale or repair, admissions as defined in Rules R865-19S-33 and R865-19S-34, sales of meals as defined in Rules R865-19S-61 and R865-19S-62, and sales of certain public utility services.

C. A particular retail sale or portion of the selling price may not be subject to a sales or use tax. The status of the exemption is governed by the circumstances in each case. See other rules for specific and general exemption definitions, Rule R865-19S-30 for definition of sales price and Rule R865-19S-72 covering trade-ins.

R865-19S-29. Wholesale Sale Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. "Wholesale sale" means any sale by a wholesaler, retailer, or any other person, of tangible personal property or services to a retailer, jobber, dealer, or another wholesaler for resale.

1. All sales of tangible personal property or services which enter into and become an integral or component part of tangible personal property or product which is further manufactured or compounded for sale, or the container or the shipping case thereof, are wholesale sales.

2. All sales of poultry, dairy, or other livestock feed and the components thereof and all seeds and seedlings are deemed to be wholesale sales where the eggs, milk, meat, or other livestock products, plants, or plant products are produced for resale.

3. Sprays and insecticides used in the control of insect pests, diseases, and weeds for the commercial production of fruit, vegetables, feeds, seeds, and animal products shall be wholesale sales. Also baling ties and twine for baling hay and straw and fuel sold to farmers and agriculture producers for use in heating orchards and providing power in off-highway type farm machinery shall be wholesale sales.

B. Tangible personal property or services which are purchased by a manufacturer or compounder which do not become and remain an integral part of the article being manufactured or compounded are subject to sales or use tax.

1. For example, sales to a knitting factory of machinery, lubricating oil, pattern paper, office supplies and equipment, laundry service, and repair labor are for consumption and are taxable. These services and tangible personal property do not become component parts of the manufactured products. On the other hand, sales of wool, thread, buttons, linings, and yarns, to such a manufacturer that do become component parts of the products manufactured are not taxable.

C. The price of tangible personal property or services sold or the quantity sold are not factors which determine whether or not the sale is a wholesale sale.

D. All vendors who make wholesale sales are required to obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser as evidence of the nature of the sale, as required by Rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-30. Sale of a Vehicle or Vessel by a Person Not Regularly Engaged in Business Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. This rule provides guidance on the sale of a vehicle or vessel by a person not regularly engaged in business for purposes of Subsections 59-12-104(13) and (18).

B. For purposes of calculating sales and use tax on the sale of a vehicle where no trade in was involved, the bill of sale or other written evidence of value shall contain the names and addresses of the purchaser and the seller, and the sales price and vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

C. For purposes of calculating sales and use tax on the sale of a vehicle when the seller has received a trade-in vehicle as payment or partial payment, the bill of sale or other written evidence of value shall contain all of the following:

1. the names and addresses of the buyer and the seller;
2. the purchase price of the vehicle;
3. the value allowed for the trade-in vehicle;
4. the net difference between the vehicle traded and the vehicle purchased;
5. the signature of the seller; and
6. the vehicle identification numbers of the vehicle traded in and the vehicle purchased.

D. In the absence of a bill of sale or other written evidence of value, the fair market value of the vehicle or vessel shall be determined by industry accepted vehicle pricing guides.

R865-19S-31. Time and Place of Sale Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Ordinarily, the time and place of a sale are determined by the contract of sale between the seller and buyer. The intent of the parties is the governing factor in determining both time and place of sale subject to the general law of contracts. If the contract of sale requires the seller to deliver or ship goods to a buyer, title to the property passes upon delivery to the place agreed upon unless the contract of sale provides otherwise.

R865-19S-32. Leases and Rentals Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The lessor shall compute sales or use tax on all amounts received or charged in connection with a lease or rental.

B. When a lessee has the right to possession, operation, or use of tangible personal property, the tax applies to the amount paid pursuant to the lease agreement, regardless of the duration of the agreement.

C. Lessors of tangible personal property shall furnish an exemption certificate when purchasing tangible personal property subject to the sales or use tax on rental receipts. Costs of repairs and renovations to tangible personal property are exempt if paid for by the lessor since it is assumed that those costs are recovered by the lessor in his rental receipts.

D. Persons who furnish an operator with the rental equipment and charge for the use of the equipment and personnel are regarded as the consumers of the property leased or rented. An example of this type of rental is the furnishing of a crane and its operating personnel to a building erector. Sales or use tax then applies to the purchase of the equipment by the lessor rather than to the rental revenue.

E. Rentals to be applied on a future sale or purchase are subject to sales or use tax.

R865-19S-33. Admissions and User Fees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. "Admission" means the right or privilege to enter into a place. Admission includes the amount paid for the right to use a reserved seat or any seat in an auditorium, theater, circus, stadium, schoolhouse, meeting house, or gymnasium to view any type of entertainment. Admission also includes the right to use a table at a night club, hotel, or roof garden whether such charge is designated as a cover charge, minimum charge, or any such similar charge.

1. This applies whether the charge made for the use of the seat, table, or similar accommodation is combined with an admission charge to form a single charge, or is separate and distinct from an admission charge, or is the sole charge.

B. "Annual membership dues paid to a private organization" includes only those dues paid by members who, directly or indirectly, establish the level of the dues.

C. "Season passes" include amounts paid to participate in specific activities, once annual membership dues have been paid.

D. If the original admission charge carries the right to remain in a place, or to use a seat or table, or other similar accommodation for a limited time only, and an additional charge is made for an extension of such time, the extra charge is paid for admission within the meaning of the law. Where a person or organization acquires the sole right to use any place or the right to dispose of all of the admissions to any place for one or more occasions, the amount paid is not subject to the tax on admissions. Such a transaction constitutes a rental of the entire place and if the person or organization in turn sells admissions, sales tax applies to amounts paid for such admissions.

E. Annual membership dues may be paid in installments during the year.

F. Amounts paid for the following activities are not admissions or user fees:

1. lessons, public or private;

2. sign up for amateur athletics if the activity is sponsored by a state governmental entity, or a nonprofit corporation or organization, the primary purpose of which, as stated in the corporation's or organization's articles or bylaws, is the sponsoring, promoting, and encouraging of amateur athletics;

3. sign up for participation in school activities. Sign up for participation in school activities excludes attendance as a spectator at school activities.

G. If amounts charged for activities listed in F. are billed along with admissions or user fees, the amounts not subject to the sales tax must be listed separately on the invoice in order to remain untaxed.

R865-19S-34. Admission to Places of Amusement Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The phrase "place of amusement, entertainment, or recreation" is broad in meaning but conveys the basic idea of a definite location.

B. The amount paid for admission to such a place is subject to the tax, even though such charge includes the right of the purchaser to participate in some activity within the place. For example, the sale of a ticket for a ride upon a mechanical or self-operated device is an admission to a place of amusement.

C. Charges for admissions to swimming pools, skating rinks, and other places of amusement are subject to tax. Charges for towel rentals, swimming suit rentals, skate rentals, etc., are also subject to tax. Locker rental fees are subject to sales tax if the lockers are tangible personal property.

R865-19S-35. Residential or Commercial Use of Gas, Electricity, Heat, Coal, Fuel Oils or Other Fuels Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. "Residential use" is as defined in Section 59-12-102, and includes use in nursing homes or other similar establishments that serve as the permanent residence for a majority of the patients because they are unable to live independently.

B. Explosives or material used as active ingredients in explosive devices are not fuels.

C. If a firm has activities that are commercial and industrial and all fuels are furnished at given locations through single meters, the predominant use of the fuels shall determine taxable status of the fuels.

D. Fuel oil and other fuels must be used in a combustion process in order to qualify for the exemption from sales tax for industrial use of fuels pursuant to Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-37. Exempt Sales of Commercials, Audio Tapes, and Video Tapes by or to Motion Pictures Exhibitors and Distributors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. The purpose of this rule is to clarify the sales tax exemption for sales of commercials, motion picture films, prerecorded audio program tapes or records, and prerecorded video tapes by a producer, distributor, or studio to a motion picture exhibitor, distributor, or commercial television or radio broadcaster.

B. Definitions.

1. "Commercials," "audio tapes," and "video tapes" mean tapes, films, or discs used by television or radio stations in regular broadcasting activities but do not include blank tapes purchased for newscasts or other similar uses by radio and television stations.

2. "Motion picture exhibitor" means any person engaged in the business of operating a theater or establishment in which motion pictures are regularly exhibited to the public for a charge.

3. "Distributor" means any person who purchases or sells motion picture films and video tapes that are used by a commercial television broadcaster or a motion picture exhibitor.

C. The sales tax exemption will be administered according to the provisions of Section 59-12-104 and this rule.

R865-19S-38. Isolated and Occasional Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A.1. Except as provided in A.2., sales made by officers of a court, pursuant to court orders, are occasional sales.

2. Notwithstanding A.1., sales made by trustees, receivers, or assignees in connection with the liquidation or conduct of a

regularly established place of business are not occasional sales.

3. Examples of occasional sales are those made by sheriffs in foreclosing proceedings and sales of confiscated property.

B. If a sale is an integral part of a business the primary function of which is not the sale of tangible personal property, the sale is not isolated or occasional. For example, the sale of repossessed radios or refrigerators by a finance company is not isolated or occasional.

C.1. Except as provided in C.2., sales of vehicles required to be titled or registered under the laws of this state are not isolated or occasional sales.

2. Notwithstanding C.1., a transfer of a vehicle where the ownership of the vehicle before and after the transfer is substantially the same is an isolated or occasional sale.

D.1. Isolated or occasional sales made by persons not regularly engaged in business are not subject to sales and use tax.

2. For purposes of D.1., "business" refers to an enterprise engaged in selling tangible personal property or taxable services notwithstanding the fact that the sales may be few or infrequent.

3. The sale of an entire business to a single buyer is an isolated or occasional sale.

a) Except as provided in D.3.b), no tax applies to the sale of any assets that are part of a sale described in D.3.

b) If a sale described in D.3. includes the sale of a vehicle subject to registration, that vehicle is subject to sales and use tax.

E. The sale of used fixtures, machinery, and equipment items is not an occasional sale if the sale is one of a series of sales sufficient in number, amount, and character to indicate that the seller deals in the sale of those items.

F. Sales of items at public auctions do not qualify as isolated or occasional sales.

G. Wholesalers, manufacturers, and processors that primarily sell at other than retail are not making isolated or occasional sales when they sell tangible personal property for use or consumption.

R865-19S-40. Exchange of Agricultural Produce For Processed Agricultural Products Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. When a raiser or grower of agricultural products exchanges his produce for a more finished product capable of being made from the produce exchanged with the processor, the more finished product is not subject to the tax within limitations of the value of the raised produce exchanged.

R865-19S-41. Sales to The United States Government and Its Instrumentalities Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-104 and 59-12-106.

A. Sales to the United States government are exempt if federal law or the United States Constitution prohibits the collection of sales or use tax.

B. If the United States government pays for merchandise or services with funds held in trust for nonexempt individuals or organizations, sales tax must be charged.

C. Sales made directly to the United States government or any authorized instrumentality thereof are not taxable, provided the sale is paid for directly by the federal government. If an employee of the federal government pays for the purchase with his own funds and is reimbursed by the federal government, that sale is not made to the federal government and does not qualify for the exemption.

D. Vendors making exempt sales to the federal government are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Tax Commission rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-42. Sales to The State of Utah and Its Subdivisions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales made to the state of Utah, its departments and institutions, or to its political subdivisions such as counties, municipalities, school districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, and metropolitan water districts are exempt from tax if the purchase is for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function.

B. A sale is considered made to the state, its departments and institutions, or to its political subdivisions if the purchase is paid for directly by the purchasing state or local entity. If an employee of a state or local entity pays for a purchase with his own funds and is reimbursed by the state or local entity, that sale is not made to the state or local entity and does not qualify for the exemption.

C. Vendors making exempt sales to the state, its departments and institutions, or to its political subdivisions are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Tax Commission rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-43. Sales to or by Religious and Charitable Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. In order to qualify for an exemption from sales tax as a religious or charitable institution, an organization must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Religious and charitable institutions must collect sales tax on any sales income arising from unrelated trades or businesses and report that sales tax to the Tax Commission unless the sales are otherwise exempted by law.

1. The definition of the phrase "unrelated trades or businesses" shall be the definition of that phrase in 26 U.S.C.A. Section 513 (West Supp. 1993), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

C. Every institution claiming exemption from sales tax under this rule must submit form TC-160, Application for Sales Tax Exemption Number for Religious or Charitable Institutions, along with any other information that form requires, to the Tax Commission for its determination. Vendors making sales to institutions exempt from sales tax are subject to the requirements of Rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-44. Sales In Interstate Commerce Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales made in interstate commerce are not subject to the sales tax imposed. However, the mere fact that commodities purchased in Utah are transported beyond its boundaries is not enough to constitute the transaction of a sale in interstate commerce. When the commodity is delivered to the buyer in this state, even though the buyer is not a resident of the state and intends to transport the property to a point outside the state, the sale is not in interstate commerce and is subject to tax.

B. Before a sale qualifies as a sale made in interstate commerce, the following must be complied with:

1. the transaction must involve actual and physical movement of the property sold across the state line;

2. such movement must be an essential and not an incidental part of the sale;

3. the seller must be obligated by the express or unavoidable implied terms of the sale, or contract to sell, to make physical delivery of the property across a state boundary line to the buyer;

C. Where delivery is made by the seller to a common carrier for transportation to the buyer outside the state of Utah, the common carrier is deemed to be the agent of the vendor for the purposes of this section regardless of who is responsible for the payment of the freight charges.

D. If property is ordered for delivery in Utah from a person or corporation doing business in Utah, the sale is taxable even though the merchandise is shipped from outside the state to the seller or directly to the buyer.

R865-19S-48. Sales Tax Exemption For Coverings and Containers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales of containers, labels, bags, shipping cases, and casings are taxable when:

1. sold to the final user or consumer;

2. sold to a manufacturer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer for use as a returnable container that is ordinarily returned to and reused by the manufacturer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer for storing or transporting their product; or

3. sold for internal transportation or accounting control purposes.

B. Returnable containers may include water bottles, carboys, drums, beer kegs for draft beer, dairy product containers, and gas cylinders.

1. Labels used for accounting, pricing, or other control purposes are also subject to tax.

C. For the purpose of this rule, soft drink bottles and similar containers that are ultimately destroyed or retained by the final user or consumer are not considered returnable and are exempt from the tax when purchased by the processor.

D. When tangible personal property sold in containers, for example soft drinks, is assessed a deposit or other container charge, that charge is subject to the tax. Upon refund of this charge, the retailer may take credit on a sales tax return if the tax is refunded to the customer.

R865-19S-49. Sales to and by Farmers and Other Agricultural Producers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. 1. For purposes of the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property used or consumed primarily and directly in farming operations, a person is engaged in "farming operations" if that person may deduct farm related expenses under Sections 162 or 212, Internal Revenue Code.

2. To determine whether a person may deduct farm related expenses under Sections 162 or 212 of the Internal Revenue Code, the commission shall consider Treas. Reg. Sections 1.183-1 and 1.183-2.

B. The purchase of feed, medicine, and veterinary supplies by a farmer or other agricultural producer qualify for the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property used or consumed primarily and directly in farming operations if the feed, medicine, or veterinary supplies are used:

1. to produce or care for agricultural products that are for sale;

2. to feed or care for working dogs and working horses in agricultural use;

3. to feed or care for animals that are marketed.

C. Fur-bearing animals that are kept for breeding or for their products are agricultural products.

D. A vendor making sales to a farmer or other agricultural producer is liable for the tax unless that vendor obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in Rule R865-19S-23.

E. Poultry, eggs, and dairy products are not seasonal products for purposes of the sales and use tax exemption for the exclusive sale of locally grown seasonal crops, seedling plants, or garden, farm, or other agricultural produce sold by a producer during the harvest season.

R865-19S-50. Florists Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Flowers, trees, bouquets, plants, and other similar items of tangible personal property are agricultural products and are, therefore, subject to the rules concerning the sale of those products as set forth in Rule R865-19S-49.

B. Where florists conduct transactions through a florist telegraphic delivery association, the following rules apply in computation of tax liability:

1. the florist must collect tax from the customer if the flower order is telegraphed to a second florist in Utah;

2. if a Utah florist receives an order pursuant to which he gives telegraphic instructions outside Utah, the Utah florist must collect tax from his customer upon the total charges;

3. if a Utah florist receives telegraphic instructions from a florist either within or outside of Utah for the delivery of flowers, the receiving vendor is not liable for the tax. In this instance, if the order originated in Utah, the tax is due from and payable by the Utah florist who first received the order.

R865-19S-51. Fabrication Labor in Connection With Retail Sales of Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The amount charged for fabrication that is part of the process of creating a finished article of tangible personal property must be included in the amount upon which tax is collected. This type of labor and service charge may not be deducted from the selling price used for taxation purposes even though billed separately to the consumer and regardless of whether the articles are commonly carried in stock or made up on special order.

B. Casting, forging, cutting, drilling, heat treating, surfacing, machining, constructing, and assembling are examples of steps in the process resulting in the creation or production of a finished article.

C. Sale of tangible personal property that is attached to real property, but remains personal property, is subject to sales tax on the retail selling price of the personal property, unless the tangible personal property attached to the real property is exempt from sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104.

D. This rule primarily covers manufacturing and assembling labor. Other rules deal with other types of labor and should be referred to whenever necessary.

R865-19S-53. Sale by Finance Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Sales of tangible personal property acquired by repossession or foreclosure are subject to tax. Persons making such sales must secure a license and collect and remit tax on the sales made.

R865-19S-54. Governmental Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Tax does not apply to sales to the state of Utah, or to any political subdivision of the state, where such property is for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function. Also, certain sales are not taxed because of federal law or the United States Constitution.

B. Sales to the following state and federal agencies, institutions, and instrumentalities are exempt:

1. federal agencies and instrumentalities
2. state institutions and departments
3. counties
4. municipalities
5. school districts, public schools
6. special taxing districts
7. federal land banks
8. federal reserve banks
9. activity funds within the armed services
10. post exchanges
11. Federally chartered credit unions

C. The following are taxable:

1. national banks
2. federal building and loan associations
3. joint stock land banks
4. state banks (whether or not members of the Federal Reserve System)
5. state building and loan associations
6. private irrigation companies

7. rural electrification projects

8. sales to officers or employees of exempt instrumentalities

D. No sales tax immunity exists solely by virtue of the fact that the sale was made on federal property.

E. Sales made by governmental units are subject to sales tax.

R865-19S-56. Sales by Employers to Employees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Sales to employees are subject to tax on the amount charged for goods and taxable services. If tangible personal property is given to employees with no charge, the employer is deemed to be the consumer and must pay tax on his cost of the merchandise. Examples of this type of transaction are meals furnished to waitresses and other employees, contest prizes given to salesmen, merchandise bonuses given to clerks, and similar items given away.

R865-19S-57. Ice Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. In general, sales of ice to be used by the purchaser for refrigeration or cooling purposes are taxable. Sales to restaurants, taverns, or the like to be placed in drinks consumed by customers at the place of business are sales for resale and are not taxable.

B. Where ice is sold in fulfillment of a contract for icing or reicing property in transit by railroads or other freight lines, the entire amount of the sale is taxable, and no deduction for services is allowed.

R865-19S-58. Materials and Supplies Sold to Owners, Contractors and Repairmen of Real Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. Sales of construction materials and other items of tangible personal property to real property contractors and repairmen of real property are generally subject to tax if the contractor or repairman converts the materials or items to real property.

1. "Construction materials" include items of tangible personal property such as lumber, bricks, nails and cement that are used to construct buildings, structures or improvements on the land and typically lose their separate identity as personal property once incorporated into the real property.

2. Fixtures or other items of tangible personal property such as furnaces, built-in air conditioning systems, built-in appliances, or other items that are appurtenant to or incorporated into real property and that become an integral part of a real property improvement are treated as construction materials for purposes of this rule.

B. The sale of real property is not subject to sales tax, nor is the labor performed on real property. For example, the sale of a completed home or building is not subject to the tax, but sales of materials and supplies to contractors for use in building the home or building are taxable transactions as sales to final consumers.

1. The contractor or repairman who converts the personal property to real property is the consumer of tangible personal property regardless of the type of contract entered into--whether it is a lump sum, time and material, or a cost-plus contract.

2. Except as otherwise provided in B.4, the contractor or repairman who converts the construction materials, fixtures or other items to real property is the consumer of the personal property whether the contract is performed for an individual, a religious or charitable institution, or a government entity.

3. Sales of construction materials or fixtures made to religious or charitable institutions are exempt only if the items are sold as tangible personal property.

4. Sales of materials are considered made to religious or charitable institutions and, therefore, exempt from sales tax, if:

a) the religious or charitable institution makes payment for the materials directly to the vendor; or

b) the materials are purchased on behalf of the religious or charitable institution.

(i) Materials are purchased on behalf of the religious or charitable institution if the materials are clearly identified and segregated and installed or converted to real property owned by the religious or charitable institution.

5. Purchases not made pursuant to B.4. are assumed to have been made by the contractor and are subject to sales tax.

C. If the contractor or repairman purchases all materials and supplies from vendors who collect the Utah tax, no sales tax license is required unless the contractor makes direct sales of tangible personal property in addition to the work on real property.

1. If direct sales are made, the contractor shall obtain a sales tax license and collect tax on all sales of tangible personal property to final consumers.

2. The contractor must accrue and remit tax on all merchandise bought tax-free and converted to real property. Books and records must be kept to account for both material sold and material consumed.

D. This rule does not apply to contracts where the retailer sells and installs personal property that does not become part of the real property. Examples of items that remain tangible personal property even when attached to real property are:

1. moveable items that are attached to real property merely for stability or for an obvious temporary purpose;

2. manufacturing equipment and machinery and essential accessories appurtenant to the manufacturing equipment and machinery; and

3. items installed for the benefit of the trade or business conducted on the property that are affixed in a manner that facilitates removal without substantial damage to the real property or to the item itself.

R865-19S-59. Sales of Materials and Services to Repairmen Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Sales of tangible personal property and services to persons engaged in repairing or renovating tangible personal property are for resale, provided the tangible personal property or service becomes a component part of the repair or renovation sold. For example, paint sold to a body and fender shop and used to paint an automobile is exempt from sales tax since it becomes a component part of the repair work.

1. Sandpaper, masking tape, and similar supplies are subject to sales tax when sold to a repairman since these items are consumed by the repairman rather than being sold to his customer as an ingredient part of the repair job. These items shall be taxed at the time of sale if it is known that they are to be consumed. However, if this is not determinable at the time of sale, these items should be purchased tax free, as set forth in Rule R865-19S-23 and sales tax reported on the repairman's sales tax return covering the period during which consumption takes place.

R865-19S-60. Sales of Machinery, Fixtures and Supplies to Manufacturers, Businessmen and Others Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Unless specifically exempted by statute, sales of machinery, tools, equipment, and supplies to a manufacturer or producer are taxable.

B. Sales of furniture, supplies, stationery, equipment, appliances, tools, and instruments to stores, shops, businesses, establishments, offices, and professional people for use in carrying on their business and professional activities are taxable.

C. Sales of trade fixtures to a business owner are taxable as sales of tangible personal property even if the fixtures are

temporarily attached to real property.

1. Trade fixtures are items of tangible personal property used for the benefit of the business conducted on the property.

2. Trade fixtures tend to be transient in nature in that the fixtures installed in a commercial building may vary from one tenant to the next without substantial alteration of the building, and the building itself is readily adaptable to multiple uses.

3. Examples of trade fixtures include cases, shelves and racks used to store or display merchandise.

D. Sales described in A. through C. of this rule are sales to final buyers or ultimate consumers and therefore not sales for resale.

R865-19S-61. Meals Furnished Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. The following definitions apply to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for inpatient meals provided at a medical facility or nursing facility.

1. "Medical facility" means a facility:

a) described in SIC codes 8062 through 8069 of the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; and

b) licensed under Section 26-21-8.

2. "Nursing facility" means a facility:

a) described in SIC codes 8051 through 8059 of the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; and

b) licensed under Section 26-21-8.

B. The following definition applies to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for sales of meals served by an institution of higher education.

1. "Student meal plan" means an arrangement:

a) between an institution of higher education and a student;

b) available only to a student;

c) whose duration is the entire term, semester, or similar unit of study;

d) paid in advance of the term, semester, or similar unit of study; and

e) providing for specified meals at eating facilities of the institution of higher education.

C. Except as provided in Section 59-12-104, sales and use tax is imposed upon the amount paid for meals furnished by any restaurant, cafeteria, eating house, hotel, drug store, diner, private club, boarding house, or other place, regardless of whether meals are regularly served to the public.

D. Ingredients that become a component part of meals subject to tax are construed to be purchased for resale, and as such the purchase of those ingredients is exempt from sales and use tax.

E. Where a meal is given away on a complementary basis, the provider of the meal is considered to be the consumer of the items used in preparing the meal.

F. Meals served by religious or charitable institutions and institutions of higher education are not available to the general public if:

1. access to the restaurant, cafeteria, or other facility is restricted to:

a) in the case of a religious or charitable institution:

(1) employees of the institution;

(2) volunteers of the institution;

(3) guests of the institution; and

(4) other individuals that constitute a limited class of people; or

b) in the case of an institution of higher education:

(1) students of the institution;

(2) employees of the institution;

(3) guests of the institution; and

(4) other individuals that constitute a limited class of people; and

2. the restricted access is enforced.

G. Sales of meals at occasional church or charity bazaars or fund raisers, and other similar functions are considered isolated and occasional sales and therefore exempt from sales and use tax.

R865-19S-62. Meal Tickets, Coupon Books, and Merchandise Cards Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Meal tickets, coupon books, or merchandise cards sold by persons engaged in selling taxable commodities or services are taxable, and the tax shall be billed or collected on the selling price at the time the tickets, books, or cards are sold. Tax is to be added at the subsequent selection and delivery of the merchandise or services if an additional charge is made.

R865-19S-63. Sales of Memorial Markers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Sales of tombstones and grave markers, which are embedded in sod or a concrete foundation, are considered to be improvements to real property. If the seller furnishes and installs the marker, tax applies to his cost of the marker and to his cost of installation material. If the seller does not install the marker, the transaction is a sale of tangible personal property and the seller must collect tax on the full selling price, including cutting, shaping, lettering, and polishing.

R865-19S-64. Morticians, Undertakers and Funeral Directors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Morticians, undertakers, and funeral directors make taxable sales of caskets, vaults, clothing, etc. They also render nontaxable services to their patrons. Their purchase of antiseptics, cosmetics, embalming fluids, and other chemicals used in rendering professional services is taxable.

B. If the books are kept in such a manner as to reflect the sales of tangible personal property separate from the services rendered, the tax attaches only to the sale of tangible personal property. If no separation is made of the tangible personal property and the services rendered, the sales tax is collected upon one-half of the total price of a standard funeral service. This includes the casket, professional services, care of remains, funeral coach, floral car, use of funeral car, use of funeral chapel, and the securing of permits.

1. Clothing, an outside grave vault, and other tangible personal property furnished in addition to the casket must be billed separately and the sales tax collected thereon.

R865-19S-65. Newspapers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Newspaper" means a publication that appears to be a newspaper in the general or common sense. In addition, the publication:

1. must be published at short intervals, daily, or weekly;

2. must not, when its successive issues are put together, constitute a book;

3. must be intended for circulation among the general public; and

4. must contain matters of general interest and report on current events.

B. Purchases of tangible personal property by a newspaper publisher are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed in the printing or distribution of the newspaper.

C. A newspaper publisher may purchase tax free for resale any tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the newspaper.

1. Examples of tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the newspaper include newsprint, ink, staples, plastic or paper protective coverings, and rubber bands distributed with the newspaper.

D. Purchases of advertising inserts that will be distributed with a newspaper are exempt from sales and use tax if the inserts are identified with the name and date of distribution of the newspaper. The identification may include a multiple listing of all newspapers that will carry the insert and the corresponding distribution dates.

1. Advertising inserts that are not identified as provided in D. are exempt from sales and use tax if the newspaper maintains a log at its place of business that lists by date and name the inserts included in each publication. The log may reflect all inserts or only the inserts not otherwise identified with the newspaper in accordance with D.

R865-19S-66. Optometrists, Opticians, and Ophthalmologists Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Optometrists and ophthalmologists are deemed to be persons engaged primarily in rendering personal services. These services consist of the examination and treatment of eyes. Glasses, contact lenses, or other tangible personal property such as sunglasses, or cleaning solutions sold by optometrists and ophthalmologists are taxable and tax must be collected from the patient or buyer. Invoices or receipts must show the charges for personal services separate from the charges for tangible personal property and the sales tax thereon. If an optometrist or ophthalmologist does not provide separate charges for personal services and sales of tangible personal property, sales tax shall be charged on the entire amount.

B. All sales of tangible personal property to optometrists or ophthalmologists for use or consumption in connection with their services are subject to sales or use tax.

C. Opticians are makers of or dealers in optical items and instruments and fill prescriptions written by optometrists and ophthalmologists. Opticians are engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property and personal services rendered by them are considered as merely incidental thereto. Opticians are required to collect the sales tax on all their sales of tangible personal property.

R865-19S-68. Premiums, Gifts, Rebates, and Coupons Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. Donors that give away items of tangible personal property as premiums or otherwise are regarded as the users or consumers of those items and the sale to the donor is a taxable sale. Exceptions to this treatment are items of tangible personal property donated to or provided for use by exempt organizations that would qualify for exemption under R865-19S-43 or R865-19S-54 if a sale of such items were made to them. An item given away as a sales incentive is exempt to the donor if the sale of that item would have been exempt. An example is prescribed medicine given away by a drug manufacturer.

B. When a retailer making a retail sale of tangible personal property that is subject to tax gives a premium together with the tangible personal property sold, the transaction is regarded as a sale of both articles to the purchaser, provided the delivery of the premium is certain and does not depend upon chance.

C. Where a retailer is engaged in selling tangible personal property that is not subject to tax and furnishes a premium with the property sold, the retailer is the consumer of the premium furnished.

D. If a retailer accepts a coupon for part or total payment for a taxable product and is reimbursed by a manufacturer or another party, the total sales value, including the coupon amount, is subject to sales tax.

E. A coupon for which no reimbursement is received is considered to be a discount and the taxable amount is the net amount paid by the customer after deducting the value of the coupon.

F. If a retailer agrees to furnish a free item in conjunction with the sale of an item, the sales tax applies only to the net amount due. If sales tax is computed on both items and only the sales value of the free item is deducted from the bill, excess collection of sales tax results. The vendor is then required to follow the procedure outlined in R865-19S-16 and remit any excess sales tax collected.

G. Any coupon with a fixed price limit must be deducted from the total bill and sales tax computed on the difference. For example, if a coupon is redeemed for two $6 meals, but the value of the free meal is limited to $5, the $12 is rung up and the $5 deducted, resulting in a taxable sale of $7.

R865-19S-70. Sales Incidental To The Rendition of Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Persons engaged in occupations and professions that primarily involve the rendition of services upon the client's person and incidentally dispense items of tangible personal property are regarded as the consumers of the tangible personal property dispensed with the services.

B. Physicians, dentists, beauticians, and barbers are examples of persons described in A.

R865-19S-72. Trade-ins and Exchanges Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. An even exchange of tangible personal property for tangible personal property is exempt from tax. When a person takes tangible personal property as part payment on a sale of tangible personal property, sales or use tax applies only to any consideration valued in money which changes hands.

B. For example, if a car is sold for $8,500 and a credit of $6,500 is allowed for a used car taken in trade, the sales or use tax applies to the difference, or $2,000 in this example. Subsequently, when the used car is sold, tax applies to the selling price less any trade-in at that time.

C. An actual exchange of tangible personal properties between two persons must be made before the exemption applies. For example, there is no exchange if a person sells his car to a dealer and the dealer holds the credit to apply on a purchase at a later date; there are two separate transactions, and tax applies to the full amount of the subsequent purchase if and when it takes place.

R865-19S-73. Trustees, Receivers, Executors, Administrators, Etc. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Trustees, receivers, assignees, executors, and administrators, who -- by virtue of their appointment -- operate, manage, or control a business making taxable sales or leases of tangible personal property, or performing taxable services, must collect and remit sales tax on the total taxable sales even though such sales are made in liquidation.

R865-19S-74. Vending Machines Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Persons operating vending machines are deemed to be retailers and selling articles of tangible personal property. The total sales from vending machine operations are considered the total selling price of the tangible personal property distributed in connection with their operations and must be reported as the amount of sales subject to tax.

B. Persons operating vending machines selling food, beverages, and dairy products in which the proceeds of each sale do not exceed $1, and who do not report an amount equal to

150% of the cost of items as goods consumed, are subject to the requirements of A.

C. For purposes of the 150% of cost formula in Section 59-12-104(3), "cost" is defined as follows.

1. In the case of retailers, cost is the total purchase price paid for products, including any packaging and incoming freight.

2. In the case of a manufacturer, cost includes the following items:

a) acquisition costs of materials and packaging, including freight;

b) direct manufacturing labor; and

c) utility expenses, if a sales tax exemption has been granted on utility purchases.

D. Operators of vending machines, if they so desire, may divide the tax out and sell items at fractional parts of a cent, providing their records so indicate.

E. Where machines vending taxable items are owned by persons other than the proprietor of a place of business in which the machine is placed and the person owning the machine has control over the sales made by the machine, evidenced by collection of the money, the owner is required to secure a sales tax license. One license is sufficient for all such machines. A statement in substantially the following form must be conspicuously affixed upon each vending machine:

"This machine is operated under Utah Sales Tax License No. "

R865-19S-75. Sales by Photographers, Photo Finishers, and Photostat Producers and Engravers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Photographers, photofinishers, and photostat producers are engaged in selling tangible personal property and rendering services such as developing, retouching, tinting, or coloring photographs belonging to others.

1. Persons described in this rule must collect tax on all of the above services and on all sales of tangible personal property, such as films, frames, cameras, prints, etc.

B. Sales of tangible personal property by photoengravers, electrotypers, and wood engravers to printers, advertisers, or other persons who do not resell such property but use or consume it in the process of producing printed matter are taxable sales. The value or worth of the services or processing which go into their production is of no moment, and it is immaterial that each sale is upon a special order for a particular customer.

1. Electrotypes and engravings are manufactured articles of merchandise and are sold as such and not as a service. No deduction is allowed on account of the cost of the property sold, labor, service, or any other expense.

R865-19S-76. Painters, Polishers, Car Washers, Etc. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Charges for painting, polishing, washing, cleaning, and waxing tangible personal property are subject to tax, and no deduction is allowed for the service involved.

B. Sales of paint, wax, or other material which becomes a part of the customer's tangible personal property, to persons engaged in the business of painting and polishing of tangible personal property are exempt as sales for resale. However, the vendor of these items must be given a resale certificate as provided for in Rule R865-19S-23.

C. Sales of soap, washing mitts, polishing cloths, spray equipment, sand paper, and similar items to painters, polishers, car washes, etc., are sales to the final consumer and are subject to tax.

R865-19S-78. Charges for Labor to Repair or Renovate Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. For purposes of applying the definition of "permanently attached to real property" under Section 59-12-102, the determination of whether the attachment of an item of tangible personal property to real property suggests that the tangible personal property will remain attached to the real property in the same place over the useful life of the tangible personal property shall be made without regard to the tangible personal property's attachment to a line that supplies water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable, or other similar services.

B. Sales of extended warranty agreements.

1. Sales of extended warranty agreements or service plans are taxable, and tax must be collected at the time of the sale of the agreement. The payment is considered to be for future repair, which would be taxable. If the extended warranty agreement covers parts as well as labor, any parts that are exempt from sales tax pursuant to Section 59-12-104 must be separately stated on the invoice or the entire charge under the extended warranty agreement is taxable. Repairs made under an extended warranty plan are exempt from tax, even if the plan was sold in another state.

a) Repair parts provided and services rendered under the warranty agreements or service plans are not taxable because the tax is considered prepaid as a result of taxing the sale of the warranty or service plan when it was sold.

b) If the customer is required to pay for any parts or labor at the time of warranty service, sales tax must be collected on the amount charged to the customer. Sales tax must also be collected on any deductibles charged to customers for their share of the repair work done under the warranty agreement. Parts or materials that are exempt from sales tax pursuant to Section 59-12-104 must be separately stated on the invoice or the entire charge for labor and parts is taxable.

2. Extended warranties on items of tangible personal property that are converted to real property are not taxable. However, the taxable nature of parts and other items of tangible personal property provided in conjunction with labor under an extended warranty service shall be determined in accordance with R865-19S-58.

R865-19S-79. Tourist Home, Hotel, Motel, or Trailer Court Accommodations and Services Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103, 59-12-301, 59-12-352, and 59-12-353.

A. The following definitions shall be used for purposes of administering the sales tax on accommodations and transient room taxes provided for in Sections 59-12-103, 59-12-301, 59-12-352, and 59-12-353.

1. "Tourist home," "hotel," or "motel" means any place having rooms, apartments, or units to rent by the day, week, or month.

2. "Trailer court" means any place having trailers or space to park a trailer for rent by the day, week, or month.

3. "Trailer" means house trailer, travel trailer, and tent trailer.

4. "Accommodations and services charges" means any charge made for the room, apartment, unit, trailer, or space to park a trailer, and includes charges made for local telephone, electricity, propane gas, or similar services.

R865-19S-80. Printers' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Definitions.

1.a) "Pre-press materials" means materials that:

(1) are reusable;

(2) are used in the production of printed matter;

(3) do not become part of the final printed matter; and

(4) are sold to the customer.

b) Pre-press materials include film, magnetic media, compact disks, typesetting paper, and printing plates.

2.a) "Printer" means a person that reproduces multiple copies of images, regardless of the process employed or the name by which that person is designated.

b) A printer includes a person that employs the processes of letterpress, offset, lithography, gravure, engraving, duplicating, silk screen, bindery, or lettership.

B. Purchases by a printer.

1. Purchases of tangible personal property by a printer are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed by the printer.

a) Examples of tangible personal property used or consumed by the printer include conditioners, solvents, developers, and cleaning agents.

2. A printer may purchase tax free for resale any tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the finished goods for resale.

a) Examples of tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the finished goods for resale include glue, stitcher wire, paper, and ink.

3. A printer may purchase pre-press materials tax free if the printer's invoice, or other written material provided to the purchaser, states that reusable pre-press materials are included with the purchase. A description and the quantity of the actual items used in the order is not necessary. The statement must not restrict the customer from taking physical possession of the pre-press materials.

4. The tax treatment of a printer's purchase of graphic design services shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-19S-111.

C. Sales by a printer.

1. Except as provided in this Subsection C., a printer shall collect sales and use tax on the following:

a) charges for printed material, even though the paper may be furnished by the customer;

b) charges for envelopes;

c) charges for services performed in connection with the printing or the sale of printed matter, such as cutting, folding, binding, addressing, and mailing;

d) charges for pre-press materials purchased tax exempt by the printer; and

e) charges for reprints and proofs.

2. Charges for postage are not subject to sales and use tax.

3. Sales by a printer are exempt from sales and use tax if:

a) the sale qualifies for exemption under Section 59-12-104; and

b) the printer obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in rule R865-19S-23.

4. If the printer's customer is purchasing printed material for resale, but will not resell the pre-press materials, the printer must collect sales and use tax on the pre-press materials.

5. If printed material is shipped outside of the state, charges for pre-press materials are exempt from sales tax as a sale of goods sold in interstate commerce only if the pre-press materials are physically shipped out of state with the printed material. If pre-press materials are retained in the state by the printer for any reason, the pre-press materials do not qualify for the sales tax exemption for goods sold in interstate commerce, and as such, the printer must collect sales tax on the part of the transaction relating to the pre-press materials.

D. If a sale by a printer consists of items that are subject to sales and use tax as well as items or services that are not taxable, the nontaxable items or services must be separately stated on the invoice or the entire sale is subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-81. Sale of Art Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Art dealers and artists selling paintings, drawings, etchings, statues, figurines, etc., to final consumers must collect tax, whether an object is sold from an inventory or is created upon special order. The value or worth of the services to produce the art object are an integral part of the value of the tangible personal property upon completion and no deduction for such services may be made in determining the amount which is subject to tax.

B. Paints, canvases, frames, sculpture ingredients, and items becoming part of the finished product may be purchased tax-free if used in a painting or other work of art for resale.

1. Brushes, easels, tools, and similar items are consumed by the artist, and tax must be paid on the purchase of these items.

R865-19S-82. Demonstration, Display, and Trial Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Tangible personal property purchased by a wholesaler or a retailer and held for display, demonstration or trial in the regular course of business is not subject to tax.

Examples of this are a desk bought by an office supply firm and placed in a window display, or an automobile purchased by an auto dealer and assigned to a salesman as a demonstrator. Sales tax applies to any rental charges made to the salesman for use of a demonstrator.

B. Sales tax applies to these charges even though all or part of the charge may be waived if such waiver is dependent upon the salesman performing certain services or reaching a certain sales quota or some similar contingency.

C. Sales tax applies to items purchased primarily for company or personal use and only casually used for demonstration purposes.

1. For example, wreckers or service trucks used by a parts department, are subject to tax even though they are demonstrated occasionally. Also, automobiles assigned to nonsales personnel such as a service manager, an office manager, an accountant, an officer's spouse, or a lawyer are subject to tax.

a. For motor vehicle dealers using certain vehicles withdrawn from inventory for periods not exceeding one year, the tax liability is deemed satisfied if the dealer remits sales or use tax on each such vehicle based on its lease value while so used.

(1) Only motor vehicles provided or assigned to company personnel or to exempt entities qualify for this treatment. For vehicles donated to religious, charitable, or government institutions, see Rule R865-19S-68.

(2) The monthly lease value is the manufacturer's invoice price to the dealer, divided by 60.

(3) Records must be maintained to show when each vehicle is placed in use, to whom assigned or provided, lease value computation, tax remitted, when removed from service and when returned to inventory for resale.

(4) Vehicles used for periods exceeding one year are subject to tax on the dealer's acquisition cost.

2. An exception is an item held for resale in the regular course of business and used for demonstration a substantial amount of time. Records must be maintained to show the manner of demonstration involved if exemption is claimed.

D. Normally, vehicles will not be allowed as demonstrators if they are used beyond the new model year by a new-car dealer or if used for more than six months by a used-car dealer.

1. Tax will apply if these conditions are not met, unless it is shown that these guidelines are not applicable in a given instance. In this case consideration will be given to the circumstances surrounding the need for a demonstrator for a longer period of time.

R865-19S-83. Pollution Control Facilities Pursuant to Utah

Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Since certification of a pollution control facility may not occur until a firm contract has been entered into or construction has begun, tax should be paid on all purchases of tangible personal property or taxable services that become part of a pollution control facility until the facility is certified, and invoices and records should be retained to show the amount of tax paid. Upon verification of the amount of tax paid for pollution control facilities and verification that a certificate has been obtained, the Tax Commission will refund the taxes paid on these purchases.

1. Claims for refund of tax paid prior to certification must be filed within 180 days after certification of a facility. Refund claims filed within this time period will have interest added at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402 from the date of the overpayment.

2. If claims for refund are not filed within 180 days after certification of a facility, it is assumed the delay was for investment purposes, and interest shall be added at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402 however, interest will not begin to accrue until 30 days after receipt of the refund request.

B. After the facility is certified, qualifying purchases should be made without paying tax by providing an exemption certificate to the vendor.

1. If sales tax is paid on qualifying purchases for certified pollution control facilities, it will be deemed that the overpayment was made for the purpose of investment. Accordingly, interest, at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402, will not begin to accrue until 30 days after receipt of the refund request.

C. In the event part of the pollution control facility is constructed under a real property contract by someone other than the owner, the owner should obtain a statement from the contractor certifying the amount of Utah sales and use tax paid by the contractor and the location of the vendors to whom tax was paid, and the owner will then be entitled to a refund of the tax paid and included in the contract.

D. The owner shall apply to the Tax Commission for a refund using forms furnished by the Tax Commission. The claim for refund must contain sufficient information to support the amount claimed for credit and show that the tax has in fact been paid.

E. The owner shall retain records to support the claim that the project is qualified for the exemption.

R865-19S-85. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for New or Expanding Operations and Normal Operating Replacements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Definitions:

1. "Establishment" means an economic unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying manufacturing processes are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.

2. "Machinery and equipment" means:

a) electronic or mechanical devices incorporated into a manufacturing process from the initial stage where actual processing begins, through the completion of the finished end product, and including final processing, finishing, or packaging of articles sold as tangible personal property. This definition includes automated material handling and storage devices when those devices are part of the integrated continuous production cycle; and

b) any accessory that is essential to a continuous manufacturing process. Accessories essential to a continuous manufacturing process include:

(i) bits, jigs, molds, or devices that control the operation of machinery and equipment; and

(ii) gas, water, electricity, or other similar supply lines installed for the operation of the manufacturing equipment, but only if the primary use of the supply line is for the operation of the manufacturing equipment.

3. "Manufacturer" means a person who functions within a manufacturing facility.

4a) "New or expanding operations" means:

(i) the creation of a new manufacturing operation in this state; or

(ii) the expansion of an existing Utah manufacturing operation if the expanded operation increases production capacity or is substantially different in nature, character, or purpose from that manufacturer's existing Utah manufacturing operation.

b) The definition of new or expanding operations is subject to limitations on normal operating replacements.

c) A manufacturer who closes operations at one location in this state and reopens the same operation at a new location does not qualify for the new or expanding operations sales and use tax exemption without demonstrating that the move meets the conditions set forth in A.4.a). Acquisitions of machinery and equipment for the new location may qualify for the normal operating replacements sales and use tax exemption if they meet the definition of normal operating replacements in A.5.

5. "Normal operating replacements" includes:

a) new machinery and equipment or parts, whether purchased or leased, that have the same or similar purpose as machinery or equipment retired from service due to wear, damage, destruction, or any other cause within 12 months before or after the purchase date, even if they improve efficiency or increase capacity.

b) if existing machinery and equipment or parts are kept for backup or infrequent use, any new, similar machinery and equipment or parts purchased and used for the same or similar function.

B. The sales and use tax exemptions for new or expanding operations and normal operating replacements apply only to purchases or leases of tangible personal property used in the actual manufacturing process.

1. The exemptions do not apply to purchases of real property or items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property in which the manufacturing operation is conducted.

2. Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment or normal operating replacements are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

C. Machinery and equipment or normal operating replacements used for a nonmanufacturing activity qualify for the exemption if the machinery and equipment or normal operating replacements are primarily used in manufacturing activities. Examples of nonmanufacturing activities include:

1. research and development;

2. refrigerated or other storage of raw materials, component parts, or finished product; or

3. shipment of the finished product.

D. Where manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities are performed at a single physical location, machinery and equipment or normal operating replacements purchased for use in the manufacturing operation are eligible for the sales and use tax exemption for new or expanding operations or for normal operating replacements if the manufacturing operation constitutes a separate and distinct manufacturing establishment.

1. Each activity is treated as a separate and distinct establishment if:

a) no single SIC code includes those activities combined; or

b) each activity comprises a separate legal entity.

2. Machinery and equipment or normal operating

replacements used in both manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities qualify for the exemption for new or expanding operations or for normal operating replacements only if the machinery and equipment or normal operating replacements are primarily used in manufacturing activities.

E. The manufacturer shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment or normal operating replacements are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

F. If a purchase consists of items that are exempt from sales and use tax under this rule and Section 59-12-104, and items that are subject to tax, the tax exempt items must be separately stated on the invoice or the entire purchase will be subject to tax.

R865-19S-86. Monthly Payment of Sales Taxes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-108.

A. Definitions:

1. "Cash equivalent" means either:

a) cash;

b) wire transfer; or

c) cashier's check drawn on the bank in which the Tax Commission deposits sales tax receipts.

2. "Fiscal year" means the year commencing on July 1 and ending the following June 30.

3. "Mandatory filer" means a seller that meets the threshold requirements for monthly filing and remittance of sales taxes or for electronic funds transfer (EFT) remittance of sales taxes.

4. For purposes of the monthly filing and the electronic remittance of sales taxes, the term "tax liability for the previous year" means the tax liability for the previous calendar year.

B. The determination that a seller is a mandatory filer shall be made by the Tax Commission at the end of each calendar year and shall be effective for the fiscal year.

C. A seller that meets the qualifications for a mandatory filer but does not receive notification from the Tax Commission to that effect, is not excused from the requirements of monthly filing and remittance or EFT remittance.

D. Mandatory filers shall also file and remit any waste tire fees and transient room, resort communities, and tourism, recreation, cultural, and convention facilities taxes to the commission on a monthly basis or by EFT, respectively.

E. Sellers that are not mandatory filers may elect to file and remit their sales taxes to the commission on a monthly basis, or remit sales taxes by EFT, or both.

1. The election to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis or to remit sales taxes by EFT is effective for the immediate fiscal year and every fiscal year thereafter unless the Tax Commission receives written notification prior to the commencement of a fiscal year that the seller no longer elects to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis, or to remit sales taxes by EFT, respectively.

2. Sellers that elect to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis, or to remit sales taxes by EFT, are subject to the same requirements and penalties as mandatory filers.

F. Sellers that are mandatory filers may request deletion of their mandatory filer designation if they do not expect to accumulate a $50,000 sales tax liability for the current calendar year.

1. The request must be accompanied by documentation clearly evidencing that the business that led to the $50,000 tax liability for the previous year will not recur.

2. The request must be made prior to the commencement of a fiscal year.

3. If a seller's request is approved and the seller does accumulate a $50,000 sales tax liability, a similar request by that seller the following year shall be denied.

G. Sellers that are required to remit sales tax by EFT may, following approval by the Tax Commission, remit a cash equivalent in lieu of the EFT.

1. Approval for remittance by cash equivalent shall be limited to those sellers that are able to establish that remittance by EFT would cause a hardship to their organization.

2. Requests for approval shall be directed to the Deputy Executive Director of the Tax Commission.

3. Sellers that receive approval to remit their sales taxes by cash equivalent shall ensure that the cash equivalent is received at the Tax Commission's main office no later than three working days prior to the due date of the sales tax.

H. Sellers that are required to remit sales taxes by EFT, but remit these taxes by some means other than EFT or a Tax Commission approved cash equivalent, are not entitled to reimbursement for the cost of collecting and remitting sales taxes and are subject to penalties.

I. Prior to remittance of sales taxes by EFT, a vendor shall complete an EFT agreement with the Tax Commission. The EFT Agreement shall indicate that all EFT payments shall be made in one of the following manners.

1. Except as provided in I.2., sellers shall remit their EFT payment by an ACH-debit transaction through the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) system CCD application.

2. If an organization's bylaws prohibit third party access to its bank account or extenuating circumstances exist, a seller may remit its EFT payment by an ACH-credit with tax payment addendum transaction through the NACHA system CCD Plus application.

J. In unusual circumstances, a particular EFT payment may be accomplished in a manner other than that specified in I. Use of any manner of remittance other than that specified in I. must be approved by the Tax Commission prior to its use.

K. If a seller that is required to remit sales taxes by EFT is unable to remit a payment of sales taxes by EFT because the system for remitting payments by EFT fails, the seller may remit its sales taxes by cash equivalent. A seller shall notify the Waivers Unit of the Tax Commission if this condition arises.

R865-19S-87. Government-Owned Tooling and Equipment Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. As used in Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104(6), and for the purpose of this rule:

1. "Tooling" means jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, test equipment, other equipment, and other similar manufacturing aids generally available as stock items.

2. "Special Tooling" means jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, other equipment and manufacturing aids, and all components of these items that are of such a specialized nature that without substantial modification or alteration their use is limited to the development or production of particular supplies or parts thereof or performing particular services.

3. "Support equipment" means implements or devices that are required to inspect, test, service, adjust, calibrate, appraise, transport, safeguard, record, gauge, measure, repair, overhaul, assemble, disassemble, handle, store, actuate or otherwise maintain the intended functional operation status of an aerospace electronic system.

4. "Special test equipment" means either single or multipurpose integrated test units engineered, designed, fabricated, or modified to accomplish special purpose testing in performing a contract. These testing units may be electrical, electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic, or mechanical. Or they may be items or assemblies of equipment that are mechanically, electrically, or electronically interconnected so as to become a new functional entity, causing the individual item or items to become interdependent and essential in performing special purpose testing in the development or production of peculiar supplies or services.

B. The effective date of this rule is July 1, 1986.

R865-19S-90. Telephone Service Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Definitions.

1. "Interstate" means a transmission that originates in this state but terminates in another state, or a transmission that originates in another state but terminates in this state.

2. "Intrastate" means a transmission that originates and terminates in this state, even if the route of the transmission signal itself leaves and reenters the state. Prepaid telephone services or service contracts are presumed to be used for intrastate telephone services unless the service contract is sold exclusively for use in interstate communications.

3. "Two-way transmission" includes any services provided over a public switched network.

B. Taxable telephone service charges include:

1. subscriber access fees;

2. charges for optional telephone features, such as call waiting, caller ID, and call forwarding; and

3. nonrecurring charges that are ordinarily charged to subscribers only once or only under exceptional circumstances, including charges to:

a) establish, change, or disconnect telephone service or optional features; and

b) install or repair telephone equipment that retains its character as tangible personal property.

C. Nontaxable charges include:

1. refundable subscriber deposits, interest, and late payment penalties;

2. charges for interstate long distance or toll calls;

3. telephone answering services received or relayed by a human operator;

4. charges to install or repair subscriber equipment that is regarded as real property;

5. charges levied on subscribers to fund or subsidize special telephone services, including 911 service, special communications services for the deaf, and special telephone service for low income subscribers;

6. contributions in aid of construction, land development fees, payments in lieu of land development fees, and special plant construction and relocation charges; and

7. charges for one-way pager services.

R865-19S-91. Sales of Tangible Personal Property to Government Project Managers and Supply Contractors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102, 59-12-103, and 59-12-104.

A. Sales of tangible personal property or services as defined in Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103 to federal, state, or municipal government facilities managers or supply contractors, who are not employees or agents of that government entity, are subject to sales or use tax if the manager or contractor uses or consumes the property. Tax is due even though a contract vests title in the government.

B. A person qualifies as an agent for purchasing on behalf of a government entity if the person and the government entity enter into a contract that includes the following conditions:

1. The person is officially designated as the government entity's purchasing agent by resolution of the government entity;

2. The person identifies himself as a purchasing agent for the government entity;

3. The purchase is made on purchase orders that indicate the purchase is made by or on behalf of the government entity and the government entity is responsible for the purchase price;

4. The transaction is approved by the government entity; and

5. Title passes directly to the government entity upon purchase.

C. If the government entity makes a direct payment to the vendor for the tangible personal property or services, the sale is made to the government entity and not to the facilities manager or the supply contractor. In that case, the sale is not subject to sales tax.

D. Certain purchases made by aerospace or electronic industry contractors dealing with the United States are exempted by Section 59-12-104(15) and further covered by R865-19S-87. Therefore, these industry purchases are not covered by this rule.

R865-19S-92. Computer Software and Other Related Transactions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Computer-generated output" means the microfiche, microfilm, paper, discs, tapes, molds, or other tangible personal property generated by a computer.

B. The sale, rental or lease of prewritten computer software constitutes a sale of tangible personal property and is subject to the sales or use tax regardless of the form in which the software is purchased or transferred.

C. The sale, rental or lease of custom computer software constitutes a sale of personal services and is exempt from the sales or use tax, regardless of the form in which the software is purchased or transferred. Charges for services such as software maintenance, consultation in connection with a sale or lease, enhancements, or upgrading of custom software are not taxable.

D. The sale of computer generated output is subject to the sales or use tax if the primary object of the sale is the output and not the services rendered in producing the output.

R865-19S-93. Waste Tire Recycling Fee Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 19-6-808.

A. The waste tire recycling fee shall be paid by the retailer to the State Tax Commission at the same time and in the same manner as sales and use tax returns are filed. The sales tax account number will also be the recycling fee account number. A separate return form will be provided.

1. The tire recycling fee will be imposed at the same time the sales tax is imposed. For example, if tires are purchased for resale either as part of a vehicle sale or to be sold separately by a vehicle dealer, the recycling fee and the sales tax would be collected by the dealer at the time the vehicle is sold. If sales tax is paid to a tire retailer by a vehicle dealer when tires are purchased, the recycling fee will also be paid by the vehicle dealer to the tire retailer.

2. Where tires are sold to entities exempt from sales tax, the exempt entity must still pay the recycling fee.

B. The recycling fee is not considered part of the sales price of the tire and is not subject to sales or use tax.

C. Wholesalers purchasing tires for resale are not subject to the fee.

D. Tires sold and delivered out of state are not subject to the fee.

E. Tires purchased from out of state vendors are subject to the fee. The fee must be reported and paid directly to the Tax Commission in conjunction with the use tax.

R865-19S-94. Tips, Gratuities and Cover Charges Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Restaurants, cafes, clubs, private clubs, and similar businesses must collect sales tax on tips or gratuities included on a patron's bill and which are required to be paid, unless the total amount of the gratuity or tip is passed on to the waiter or waitress who served the customer. Tax on the required gratuity is due from private clubs, even though the club is not open to the public. Voluntary tips left on the table or added to a credit card charge slip are not subject to sales tax.

B. Cover charges to enter a restaurant, tavern, club or similar facility are taxable as an admission to a place of recreation, amusement or entertainment.

R865-19S-96. Transient Room Tax Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-301.

A. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-301 authorizes any board of county commissioners to impose a transient room tax. The transient room tax shall be charged in addition to sales tax authorized in 59-12-103(1)(i).

B. The transient room tax shall be charged on the rental price of any motor court, motel, hotel, inn, tourist home, campground, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park or similar business where the rental period is less than 30 consecutive days.

C. The transient room tax is not subject to sales tax.

R865-19S-98. Sales to Nonresidents of Vehicles, Off-highway Vehicles, and Boats Required to be Registered, and Sales to Nonresidents of Boat Trailers and Outboard Motors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. "Use" means mooring, slipping, and dry storage as well as the actual operation of vehicles.

B. In order to qualify as a nonresident for the purpose of exempting vehicles from sales tax under Subsections 59-12-104(9) and 59-12-104(31), a person may not:

1. be a resident of this state. The fact that a person leaves the state temporarily is not sufficient to terminate residency;

2. be engaged in intrastate business within this state;

3. maintain a vehicle with this state designated as the home state;

4. except in the case of a tourist temporarily within this state, own, lease, or rent a residence or a place of business within this state, or occupy or permit to be occupied a Utah residence or place of business;

5. except in the case of an employee who can clearly demonstrate that the use of the vehicle in this state is to commute to work from another state, be engaged in a trade, profession, or occupation or accept gainful employment in this state;

6. allow the purchased vehicle to be kept or used by a resident of this state; or

7. declare residency in Utah to obtain privileges not ordinarily extended to nonresidents, such as attending school or placing children in school without paying nonresident tuition or fees, or maintaining a Utah driver's license.

C. A nonresident owner of a vehicle described in Section 59-12-104(9) may continue to qualify for the exemption provided by that section if use of the vehicle in this state is infrequent, occasional, and nonbusiness in nature.

D. A nonresident owner of a vehicle described in Subsection 59-12-104(31) may continue to qualify for the exemption provided by that section if use of the vehicle in this state does not exceed 14 days in any calendar year and is nonbusiness in nature.

E. Vehicles are deemed not used in this state beyond the necessity of transporting them to the borders of this state if purchased by:

1. a nonresident student who will be permanently leaving the state within 30 days of the date of purchase; or

2. a nonresident member of the military stationed in Utah, but with orders to leave the state permanently within 30 days of the date of purchase.

F. Each purchaser, both buyer and co-buyer, claiming this exemption must complete a nonresident affidavit. False, misleading, or incomplete responses shall invalidate the affidavit and subject the purchaser to tax, penalties, and interest.

G. A dealer of vehicles who accepts an incomplete affidavit, may be held liable for the appropriate tax, interest, and penalties.

H. A dealer of vehicles who accepts an affidavit with information that the dealer knows or should have known is false, misleading or inappropriate may be held liable for the appropriate tax, interest, and penalties.

R865-19S-99. Sales and Use Taxes on Vehicles Purchased in Another State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104(26), (28).

A. No sales or use tax is due on vehicles purchased in another state by a resident of that state and transferred into this state if all sales or use taxes required by the prior state for the purchase of the vehicle have been paid. A valid, nontemporary registration card shall serve as evidence of such payment.

R865-19S-100. Procedures for Exemption from and Refund of Sales and Use Taxes Paid by Religious and Charitable Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.1.

A. For purposes of Section 59-12-104.1(2)(b)(iii), "contract" does not include a purchase order.

B. Religious and charitable institutions may apply to the Tax Commission for a refund of Utah sales and use taxes paid no more often than on a monthly basis. Refund applications should be returned to the Tax Commission by the tenth day of the month for a timely refund.

C. Applications for refund of sales and use taxes shall be made on forms provided by the Tax Commission.

D. Religious and charitable institutions shall substantiate requests for refunds of sales and use taxes paid by retaining a copy of a receipt or invoice indicating the amount of sales or use taxes paid for each purchase for which a refund of taxes paid is claimed.

E. All supporting receipts required by D. must be provided to the Tax Commission upon request.

F. Original records supporting the refund claim must be maintained for three years following the date of refund.

G. Failure to pay any penalties and interest assessed by the Tax Commission may subject the institution to a deduction from future refunds of amounts owed, or revocation of the institution's exempt status as a religious or charitable institution, or both.

R865-19S-101. Application of Sales Tax to Fees Assessed in Conjunction with the Retail Sale of a Motor Vehicle Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

State-mandated fees and taxes assessed in conjunction with the retail sale of a motor vehicle are not subject to the sales tax and must be separately identified and segregated on the invoice as required by Tax Commission rule R877-23V-14.

R865-19S-102. Calculation of Qualifying Exempt Electricity Sales to Ski Resorts Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. When the sale of exempt electricity to a ski resort is not separately metered and accounted for in utility billings, the ski resort shall identify a methodology for the calculation of exempt electricity purchases, and shall submit that methodology to Internal Customer Support, Customer Service Division, of the Tax Commission for approval prior to its use.

B. When exempt electricity is not separately metered and accounted for in utility billings, a ski resort shall pay sales tax on all electricity at the time of purchase. The ski resort may then take a credit on its sales tax return for taxes paid on electricity that is determined to be exempt under this rule.

C. The provisions of this rule shall be retrospective to July 1, 1996.

R865-19S-103. Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 10-1-303, 10-1-306, and 10-1-307.

A. Definitions.

1. "Gas" means natural gas in which those hydrocarbons,

other than oil and natural gas liquids separated from natural gas, that occur naturally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir are produced and removed at the wellhead in gaseous form.

2. "Supplying taxable energy" means the selling of taxable energy to the user of the taxable energy.

B. Except as provided in C., the delivered value of taxable energy for purposes of Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, shall be the arm's length sales price for that taxable energy.

C. If the arm's length sales price does not include all components of delivered value, any component of the delivered value that is not included in the sales price shall be determined with reference to the most applicable tariffed price of the gas corporation or electrical corporation in closest proximity to the taxpayer.

D. The point of sale or use of the taxable energy shall normally be the location of the taxpayer's meter unless the taxpayer demonstrates that the use is not in a municipality imposing the municipal energy sales and use tax.

E. An energy supplier shall collect the municipal energy sales and use tax on all component parts of the delivered value of the taxable energy for which the energy supplier bills the user of the taxable energy.

F. A user of taxable energy is liable for the municipal energy sales and use tax on any component of the delivered value of the taxable energy for which the energy supplier does not collect the municipal energy sales and use tax.

G. A user of taxable energy who is required to pay the municipal energy sales and use tax on any component of the delivered value of taxable energy shall remit that tax to the Tax Commission:

1. on forms provided by the Tax Commission, and

2. at the time and in the manner sales and use tax is remitted to the Tax Commission.

H. A person that delivers taxable energy to the point of sale or use of the taxable energy shall provide the following information to the Tax Commission for each user for whom the person does not supply taxable energy, but provides only the transportation component of the taxable energy's delivered value:

1. the name and address of the user of the taxable energy;

2. the volume of taxable energy delivered to the user; and

3. the entity from which the taxable energy was purchased.

I. The information required under H. shall be provided to the Tax Commission:

1. on or before the last day of the month following each calendar quarter; and

2. for each user for whom, during the preceding calendar quarter, the person did not supply taxable energy, but provided only the transportation component of the taxable energy's delivered value.

R865-19S-104. County Option Sales Tax Distribution Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-1102.

A. The $75,000 minimum annual distribution required under Section 59-12-1102 shall be based on sales tax amounts collected by the counties from January 1 through December 31.

B. Any adjustments made to ensure the required minimum distribution shall be reflected in the February distribution immediately following the end of the calendar year.

R865-19S-105. Procedures for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes Paid on Food Donated to a Qualified Emergency Food Agency Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-902.

A. A qualified emergency food agency may apply to the Tax Commission for a refund of Utah sales and use taxes paid on food donated to that entity no more often than on a monthly basis. Refund applications should be submitted to the Tax Commission by the tenth day of the month for a timely refund.

B. Applications for refund of sales and use taxes shall be made on forms provided by the Tax Commission.

C. Original records supporting the refund claim must be maintained by the qualified emergency food agency for three years following the date of refund.

D. Failure to pay any penalties and interest assessed by the Tax Commission may subject the qualified emergency food agency to a deduction from future refunds of amounts owed.

R865-19S-107. Reporting of Exempt Sales or Purchases Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-105.

The amount of purchases or uses exempt under Sections 59-12-104(14) and 59-12-104(51) shall be reported to the commission by the person that purchases the items exempt from sales or use tax under those subsections.

R865-19S-108. User Fee Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. For purposes of administering the sales or use tax on admission or user fees provided for in Section 59-12-103, "user fees" includes charges imposed on an individual for access to the following, if that access occurs at any location other than the individual's residence:

1. video or video game;

2. television program; or

3. cable or satellite broadcast.

B. The provisions of this rule are effective for transactions occurring on or after October 1, 1999.

R865-19S-109. Sales Tax Nature of Veterinarians' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Purchases of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are exempt from sales and use tax if the property will be resold by the veterinarian.

1. Except as provided in E., a veterinarian must collect sales tax on tangible personal property that the veterinarian resells.

B. Purchases of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed in the veterinarian's practice.

C. The determination of whether a veterinarian's purchase of food, medicine, or vitamins is a sale for resale or a purchase that will be used or consumed in the veterinarian's practice shall be made by the veterinarian.

1. For food, medicine, or vitamins that the veterinarian will resell, the veterinarian shall comply with A.

2. For food, medicine, or vitamins that the veterinarian will use or consume in the veterinarian's practice, the veterinarian shall comply with B.

D. A veterinarian is not required to collect sales and use tax on:

1. medical services;

2. boarding services; or

3. grooming services required in connection with a medical procedure.

E. Sales of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are exempt from sales and use tax if:

1. the sales are exempt from sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104; and

2. the veterinarian obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in rule R865-19S-23.

F. If a sale by a veterinarian consists of items that are subject to sales and use tax as well as items or services that are not taxable, the nontaxable items or services must be separately stated on the invoice or the entire sale is subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-110. Advertisers' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Advertiser" means a person that places advertisements in a publication, broadcast, or electronic medium, regardless of the name by which that person is designated.

1. A person is an advertiser only with respect to items actually placed in a publication, broadcast, or electronic medium.

B. All purchases of tangible personal property by an advertiser are subject to sales and use tax as property used or consumed by the advertiser.

C. The tax treatment of an advertiser's purchase of graphic design services shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-19S-111.

D. An advertiser's charges for placement of advertisements are not subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-111. Graphic Design Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Graphic design services are not subject to sales and use tax:

1. if the graphic design is the object of the transaction; and

2. even though a representation of the design is incorporated into a sample or template that is itself tangible personal property.

B. Except as provided in C., if a vendor provides both graphic design services and tangible personal property that incorporates the graphic design:

1. there is a rebuttable presumption that the tangible personal property is the object of the transaction; and

2. the vendor must collect sales and use tax on the graphic design services and the tangible personal property.

C. A vendor that provides both graphic design services and tangible personal property that incorporates the graphic design is not required to collect sales tax on the graphic design services if the vendor subcontracts the production of the tangible personal property to an independent third party.

D. A vendor that provides nontaxable graphic design services and taxable tangible personal property under C. must separately state the nontaxable graphic design services or the entire sale is subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-113. Sales Tax Obligations of Jeep, Snowmobile, and Boat Tour Operators, River Runners, Outfitters, and Other Sellers Providing Similar Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-107.

A. The provisions of this rule apply to jeep, snowmobile, and boat tour operators, river runners, outfitters, and other sellers providing similar services.

B. If payment for a service provided by a seller described in A. occurs in Utah and the service originates or terminates in Utah, the seller shall collect Utah sales and use tax on the entire amount of the transaction.

C. If payment for a service provided by a seller described in A. occurs outside Utah and the entire service occurs in Utah, the seller shall collect Utah sales and use tax on the entire amount of the transaction.

D. If payment for a service provided by a seller described in A. occurs outside Utah and the service originates or terminates outside Utah, the seller is not required to collect Utah sales and use tax on the transaction.

E. Payment occurs in Utah if the purchaser:

1. while at a business location of the seller in the state, presents payment to the seller; or

2. does not meet the criteria under E.1. and is billed for the service at an address within the state.

F. For purposes of this rule, there is a rebuttable presumption that payment for a service provided by a seller described in A. occurs in Utah.

R865-19S-114. Items that Constitute Clothing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. "Clothing" includes:

1. aprons for use in a household or shop;
2. athletic supporters;
3. baby receiving blankets;
4. bathing suits and caps;
5. beach capes and coats;
6. belts and suspenders;
7. boots;
8. coats and jackets;
9. costumes;
10. diapers, including disposable diapers, for children and adults;
11. ear muffs;
12. footlets;
13. formal wear;
14. garters and garter belts;
15. girdles;
16. gloves and mittens for general use;
17. hats and caps;
18. hosiery;
19. insoles for shoes;
20. lab coats;
21. neckties;
22. overshoes;
23. pantyhose;
24. rainwear;
25. rubber pants;
26. sandals;
27. scarves;
28. shoes and shoe laces;
29. slippers;
30. sneakers;
31. socks and stockings;
32. steel toed shoes;
33. underwear;
34. uniforms, both athletic and non-athletic; and
35. wearing apparel.

B. "Clothing" does not include:

1. belt buckles sold separately;
2. costume masks sold separately;
3. patches and emblems sold separately;
4. sewing equipment and supplies, including:
   a) knitting needles;
   b) patterns;
   c) pins;
   d) scissors;
   e) sewing machines;
   f) sewing needles;
   g) tape measures; and
   h) thimbles; and
5. sewing materials that become part of clothing, including:
   a) buttons;
   b) fabric;
   c) lace;
   d) thread;
   e) yarn; and
   f) zippers.

R865-19S-115. Items that Constitute Protective Equipment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

"Protective equipment" includes:

A. breathing masks;
B. clean room apparel and equipment;
C. ear and hearing protectors;
D. face shields;
E. hard hats;
F. helmets;

G. paint or dust respirators;
H. protective gloves;
I. safety glasses and goggles;
J. safety belts;
K. tool belts; and
L. welders gloves and masks.

R865-19S-116. Items that Constitute Sports or Recreational Equipment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

"Sports or recreational equipment" includes:
A. ballet and tap shoes;
B. cleated or spiked athletic shoes;
C. gloves, including:
(i) baseball gloves;
(ii) bowling gloves;
(iii) boxing gloves;
(iv) hockey gloves; and
(v) golf gloves;
D. goggles;
E. hand and elbow guards;
F. life preservers and vests;
G. mouth guards;
H. roller skates and ice skates;
I. shin guards;
J. shoulder pads;
K. ski boots;
L. waders; and
M. wetsuits and fins.

R865-19S-117. Use of Rounding in Determining Sales and Use Tax Liability Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-118.

A. The computation of sales and use tax must be:
1. carried to the third place; and
2. rounded to a whole cent pursuant to B.

B. The tax shall be rounded up to the next cent whenever the third decimal place of the tax liability calculated under A. is greater than four.

C. Sellers may compute the tax due on a transaction on an:
1. item basis; or
2. invoice basis.

D. The rounding required under this rule may be applied to aggregated state and local taxes.

R865-19S-118. Collection of Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 10-1-405.

A. The commission shall transmit monies collected under Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act:
1. monthly; and
2. by electronic funds transfer to the municipality that imposes the tax.

B. The commission shall conduct audits of the municipal telecommunications license tax with the same frequency and diligence as it does with the state sales and use tax.

C. The commission shall charge a municipality for the commission's services in an amount:
1. sufficient to reimburse the commission for the commission's cost of administering, collecting, and enforcing the municipal telecommunications license tax; and
2. not to exceed an amount equal to 1.5 percent of the municipal telecommunications license tax imposed by the ordinance of the municipality.

D. The commission shall collect, enforce, and administer the municipal telecommunications license tax pursuant to the same procedures used in the administration, collection, and enforcement of the state sales and use tax as provided in Subsection 10-1-405(1)(a).

R865-19S-119. Certain Transactions Involving Food and Lodging Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. The provisions of this rule apply to a seller that:
1. is not a restaurant; and
2. provides a purchaser both food and lodging.

B. If a seller does not separately state an amount for tax applicable to food on the invoice, the seller must:
1. pay sales and use tax on the food at the time the seller purchases the food; and
2. include the food in the base that is subject to transient room tax.

C. Subject to D., if a seller separately states an amount for tax applicable to food on the invoice, the seller:
1. may purchase the food tax exempt from sales and use tax as a sale for resale; and
2. may not include the food in the base that is subject to transient room tax.

D. A seller that separately states an amount for tax applicable to food on the invoice must ensure that those amounts are accurately reflected in the seller's records.

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R912. Transportation, Motor Carrier, Ports of Entry.
R912-9. Pilot/Escort Requirements and Certification Program.
R912-9-1. Authority.

This rule is enacted under the authority of Section 72-7-406.

R912-9-2. Purpose.

This rule establishes procedures for pilot/escort driver certification and vehicle equipment requirements for pilot/escort services.

R912-9-3. Definitions.

"Department" means the Utah Department of Transportation.

"Division" means the Motor Carrier Division.

R912-9-4. Pilot/Escort Driver Requirements.

Individuals who operate a pilot/escort vehicle must meet the following requirements:

(1) Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

(2) Possess a valid drivers license for the state jurisdiction in which he/she resides.

(3) Pilot/Escort driver's will be issued a certification card by an authorized Qualified Certification Program as outlined in R912-10, and shall have it in their possession at all times while in pilot/escort operations.

(4) Initial certification will be valid for four years from the date of issue. One additional four-year certification may be obtained through a mail in or on-line recertification process provided by a Qualified Pilot/Escort Training Entity/Institution.

(5) Pilot/escort drivers must provide a current (within 30 days) Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) certification to the Qualified Certification Program at the time of the course.

(6) Current certification for pilot/escort operators will be honored through expiration date. Prior to expiration of pilot/escort certification it will be the responsibility of the operator to attend classroom instruction provided by an authorized Pilot/Escort Qualified Certification Program. A list of these providers can be obtained by calling (801) 965-4508.

R912-9-5. Driver Certification Process.

(1) Drivers domiciled in Utah must complete a pilot/escort certification course authorized by the Department. A list of authorized instructors may be obtained by contacting (801) 965-4508.

(2) Pilot/ Escort drivers domiciled outside of Utah may operate as a certified pilot/escort driver with another State's certification credential, provided the course meets the minimum requirements outlined in the Pilot/ Escort Training Manual - Best Practices Guidelines as endorsed by the Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association, Federal Highway Administration, and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance; and/or

(3) The Department may enter into a reciprocal agreement with other states provided they can demonstrate that course materials are comprehensive and meet minimum requirements outlined by the Department.

(4) Pilot/escort driver certification expires four years from the date issued. It will be the responsibility of the driver to maintain certification.

R912-9-6. Suspensions and Revocations of Pilot/Escort Driver Certification.

Pilot/escort drivers may have their certification suspended or revoked by the Department if convicted of a disqualifying offense.

(1) Drivers convicted of serious traffic violations such as excessive speed, reckless driving and driving maneuvers reserved for emergency vehicles, driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances may have their certification suspended or revoked by the Department.

(2) The Department may suspend for first offenses up to one year. Subsequent offenses may result in permanent revocation of driver certification.

R912-9-7. Steering Committee. Appeal Process.

When a driver is denied pilot/escort-driving privileges for reasons other than the conditions set forth in R912-9-6, the individual may file an appeal. The appeals shall be handled by a steering committee created by the Division. The steering committee shall have the powers granted to the Deputy Director in R907-1-3 for appeals from other Motor Carrier Division administrative actions. This committee's decision, if adopted by the Director of the Motor Carrier Division, will be considered a final agency order under the Utah Administrative Act.

R912-9-8. Pilot/Escort Vehicle Standards.

(1) Pilot/Escort vehicles may be either a passenger vehicle or a two-axle truck with a 95 inch minimum wheelbase and a maximum gross vehicle weight of 12,000 lbs and properly registered and licensed as required under Sections 41-1a-201 and 41-1a-401.

(2) Equipment and load shall not reduce visibility or mobility of pilot/escort vehicle while in operation.

(3) Trailers may not be towed at any time while in pilot/escort operations.

(4) Pilot/escort vehicles shall be equipped with a two-way radio capable of transmitting and receiving voice messages over a minimum distance of one-half mile. Radio communications must be compatible with accompanying pilot/escort vehicles, utility company vehicles, permitted vehicle operator and police escort, when necessary.

R912-9-9. Pilot/Escort Vehicle Signing Requirements.

(1) Sign requirements on pilot/escort vehicles are as follows:

(a) Pilot escort vehicles must display an "Oversize Load" sign, which shall be mounted on the top of the pilot/escort vehicle.

(b) Signs must be 5 feet by 10 inches in size, with a solid yellow background and 8 inch high by 1-inch wide black letters.

(c) The sign for the front/pilot escort vehicle shall be displayed so as to be clearly legible and readable by oncoming traffic at all times.

(d) The rear pilot/escort vehicle shall display its sign so as to be readable by traffic overtaking from the rear and clearly legible at all times.

R912-9-10. Pilot/Escort Vehicle Lighting Requirements.

(1) Two methods of lighting are authorized by the Department. Requirements are as follows:

(a) Two AAMVA approved amber flashing lights mounted on each side of the required sign. These shall be a minimum of 6 inches in diameter with a capacity of 60 flashes per minute with warning lights illuminated at all times during operation, or

(b) An AAMVA approved amber rotating, oscillating, or flashing beacon/light bar mounted on top of the pilot/escort vehicle. This beacon/light bar must be unobstructed and visible for 360 degrees with warning lights illuminated at all times during operation.

R912-9-11. Pilot/Escort Vehicle Equipment Requirements.

(1) Pilot/Escort vehicles shall be equipped with the following safety items:

(a) Standard 18 inch or 24 inch red/white "STOP" and black/orange "SLOW" paddle signs. Construction zone flagging requires the 24-inch sign.

(b) Nine reflective triangles.
(c) Eight red-burning flares, glow sticks or equivalent illumination device approved by the Department.
(d) Three orange, 18 inch high cones.
(e) Flashlight with two or more D cell batteries.
(f) Orange hardhat and Class 2 safety vest for personnel involved in pilot/escort operations.
(g) A height-measuring pole made of a non-conductive, non-destructive, flexible or frangible material, when escorting a load exceeding 16 feet in height.
(h) Fire extinguisher.
(i) First aid kit.
(j) One spare "oversize load" sign, 7 feet by 18 inches.
(k) Spare tire, tire jack and lug wrench.
(l) Handheld radio or other form of communication for operations outside pilot/escort vehicles.
(2) Vehicles shall not have unauthorized equipment on the vehicle such as those generally reserved for law enforcement personnel.

R912-9-12. Insurance.
(1) Drivers shall carry proof of current insurance as authorized under Section 31-A-22-301.
(2) Pilot/escort vehicles shall have a minimum amount of $750,000 liability.

R912-9-13. Operating Conditions Requiring Pilot/Escort Vehicles.
(1) One pilot vehicle is required for vehicles/loads, which exceed the following dimensional conditions;
(a) 12 feet in width on secondary highways (non-interstate) and 14 feet in width on divided highways (interstates).
(b) 105 feet in length on secondary highways and 120 feet in length on divided highways.
(c) Overhangs in excess of 20 feet shall have pilot/escort vehicle positioned to the front for front overhangs and to the rear for rear overhangs.
(2) Two pilot/escort vehicles are required for vehicles/loads which exceed the following dimensional conditions:
(a) 14 feet in width on secondary highways and 16 feet in width on divided highways, except for
(i) Mobile and manufactured homes with eaves 12 inches or less on either roadside or curbside shall be measured for box width only and assigned escort vehicles as specified above in R912-9-1.
(ii) Mobile and manufactured homes with eaves greater than 12 inches shall be measured for overall width including eaves and pilot/escort vehicles assigned as specified above R912-9-2; or
(b) 120 feet in length on secondary highways.
(c) 16 feet in height on all highways.
(d) When otherwise required by the Department.

R912-9-14. Convoy Allowances For Permitted Vehicles.
The movement of more than one permitted vehicle in convoy is allowed provided the following requirements are met and authorization is granted by the Division.
(1) The distance between vehicles will not be less than 500 feet nor more than 700 feet.
(2) The number of special permitted vehicles in convoy will not exceed four.
(3) The distance between multiple convoys will be a minimum of one mile.
(4) Except as authorized by the Division, no load in the convoy will exceed 12 feet in width.
(5) Guidelines for convoys of long loads:

TABLE

Overall Length	Convoy Limit	Pilot/Escort Vehicle
95 - 119 ft.	Four	Front and rear
120 - 140 ft.	Two	Front and rear
*Over 140 ft.	--	--

*Must obtain authorization from the Division by calling (801) 965-4508

R912-9-15. Pre-Trip Planning and Coordination Requirements.
(1) A coordination and planning meeting shall be held prior to load movement. The driver(s) carrying or pulling the oversize load(s), the pilot/escort vehicle driver(s), law enforcement officers (if assigned), Department personnel (if involved), and public utilities company representatives (if involved) shall attend. This meeting shall include discussion and coordination on the conduct of the move, including at least the following topics:
(a) The person designated as being in charge (usually a Department representative or a law enforcement officer).
(b) Authorized routing and permit conditions. Ensure that all documentation is distributed to all appropriate individuals involved in the move.
(c) Communication and signals coordination.
(d) Verification/measurement of load dimensions. Compare with permitted dimensions
(e) Copies of permit and routing documents shall be provided to all parties involved with the permitted load movement.

R912-9-16. Permitted Vehicle Restrictions on Certain Highways.
Certified pilot/escort operators must refer to highway restrictions specified in R912-11 prior to all load movements.

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R912. Transportation, Motor Carrier, Ports of Entry.
R912-10. Requirements for Pilot/Escort Qualified Training and Certification Programs.
R912-10-1. Purpose.

This rule establishes standards and procedures for third-party instructors to train and certify Utah pilot/escort drivers for and on behalf of the Utah Department of Transportation.

R912-10-2. Definitions.

"Department" means the Utah Department of Transportation.

"Division" means the Motor Carrier Division.

R912-10-3. Application Process.

(1) Application to become a third-party pilot/escort trainer/instructor shall be made on a form furnished by the Division, and shall include the following:

(a) Name and address of entity/institution.

(b) List of instructors.

(c) Resumes of each instructor outlining related experience in the pilot/escort, heavy haul, academia, or commercial vehicle enforcement fields.

(d) A copy of entity/institution's business license.

(e) Sample of digital image certification card that will be issued to students upon completion of the course.

(f) Sample of "Flagger" certification card that will issued to students upon completion of the course.

(g) Procedural guidelines that outlines security measures implemented to safeguard student's personal information.

(h) Copies of all course curriculum and testing materials. These materials will be reviewed and approved by the Division to ensure that all requirements are met. An overview of course curriculum requirements are outlined in R912-10-4.

(i) Entity/institution must document procedures that will be followed to verify student's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) certification and the collection of insurance forms submitted by the applicant at the time of examination.

(i) Students shall be notified either by mail prior to class or when they call in to sign up that they will need to bring the MVR and proof of insurance with them to the class.

(ii) Students will not be certified until this documentation is provided to the entity/institution.

(iii) Entity/institution shall only accept an original MVR certification that is current within 30 days of classroom instruction and proof of insurance from insurance provider.

R912-10-4. Course Curriculum Requirements.

(1) An extensive course curriculum description and requirements are outlined in the application package that can be obtain by contacting the Division at (801) 965-4508. Course curriculum to certify pilot/escort drivers to operate in Utah must cover the following topics:

(a) Department rules and regulations governing over-size load movements.

(b) Pilot/escort operations.

(c) Flagging maneuvers for over dimensional loads.

(d) Oversize/Overweight load movement, coordination, planning and communication requirements/best practices.

(e) Pilot/escort vehicle positioning and situational training.

(f) Rail grade crossing safety.

(g) Routing techniques, including pre-trip surveys.

(h) Insurance coverage requirements and liability issues.

R912-10-5. Testing Procedures.

Testing materials shall be submitted to the Division for approval. Tests should be structured in accordance with the following guidelines:

(1) Minimum of 40 question exam. A minimum of two different examinations shall be submitted and used randomly during the instruction of the course, structured as follows:

(a) 12 Fill in the blank;

(b) 12 Multiple choice;

(c) 12 True/False

(d) 1 - 6 questions dealing with safety equipment;

(e) 1 - 4 questions dealing with the duties of pilot/escort drivers;

(f) 1 - 6 questions dealing maintenance of equipment;

(g) 1 - 6 questions dealing with items that must be collected in a route survey.

(2) Grading of examinations - Provide explanation of how this will be administered.

(3) Students must pass with a 80% score to be certified.

(4) Students receiving less than 80% score will be allowed to attend one additional class without additional cost except for reimbursement of any additional materials and postage costs.

(5) It will be the responsibility of the entity/institution to provide a list of students that attended the course and the corresponding grade to the Department, or approved entity, within 72 hours of the completion of the course.

R912-10-6. Applicant Recertification Procedures.

(1) Entity/institution shall provide means in which an individual may be re-certified either mail or via Internet.

(2) Entity/institution shall submit written procedures documenting the process for the proctoring of the examination that will allow the applicant re-certification. The examination shall not be a duplicate of the examination used during the initial certification process and should be constructed as to educate student on updates pertaining to pilot/certification and legal requirements.

(3) A copy of the individual's resume proctoring the exam must be submitted to the Division. Documentation must be provided to indicate the process in which the individual proctoring the exam ability to obtain verify applicant's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) check and the collection of insurance forms submitted by the applicant at the time of re-certification.

(4) Re-certification tests shall be structured as outlined in R912-10-5 with the exception, that the entity replace R912-10-5(1)(d), (e), (f) and (g), with four essay questions.

(5) Applicant's receiving less than 80% score will be allowed to retake the certification exam one additional time at no additional class without additional cost except for reimbursement of any additional materials and postage costs.

(6) Students receiving less than 80% score will be allowed to attend one additional class or certify by mail or online without additional cost except for reimbursement of any additional materials and postage costs.

(7) It will be the responsibility of the entity/institution to provide a list of applicants that have successfully re-certified along with the corresponding grade to the Department, or approved entity, within 72 hours of the date of re-certification.

R912-10-8. Training Costs.

(1) Costs associated with providing classroom instruction, materials, testing and credentialing will be the responsibility of the authorized training entity/institution. These costs may be passed on to the students for certification in the form of tuition determined by the training entity/institution based on business model and expenses.

(2) Cost proposal and course fees must be submitted to the Department for approval as part of the application process.

R912-10-9. Suspensions and Revocations of Pilot/Escort Training Entities/Institutions.

The Department may suspend or revoke the entity/institution's ability to provide services if the entity/institution fails to meet conditions and requirements set forth under this rule. If an entity/institution has its authority to

provide services revoked or suspended, the entity/institution may appeal the decision.

R912-10-10. Steering Committee. Appeal Process.

When an entity/institution's authority is revoked or suspended, the entity/institution may file an appeal. The appeals shall be handled by a steering committee created by the Division. The steering committee shall have the powers granted to the Department's Deputy Director in R907-1-3 for appeals from other Division administrative actions. This committee's decision, if adopted by the Director of the Division, will be considered a final agency order under the Utah Administrative Act.

R912-10-11. Annual review of Rates, Fees and Certification Process.

The Division has the right to review rates, fees, procedures, and the certification process established by the entity/institution whenever the Division deems it necessary to insure compliance with this rule.

R912-10-12. Record Retention and Data Management Requirements.

(1) Authorized Pilot/Escort Qualified Training and Certification Entities/Institutions shall maintain the following certification and recertification records for a period of eight years:

(a) Student's name, address, and contact information.

(b) Driver's license number, original MVR and original proof of insurance information from insurance provider.

(c) Copy of each students written exam.

(d) Digital copy of certification/flagger card, including photo.

(e) Training and expiration dates on all students.

(f) Recertification and expiration dates.

(g) List of instructors/proctors/administrators, copy of their resumes and date of classroom instruction and/or recertification dates providing services.

(2) Records may be scanned and kept electronically provided entity/institution has necessary data backup and retrieval procedures

(3) The Division has the right to review any records retained and may observe the instruction given both in the classroom and through the re-certification process whenever the Division deems it necessary to insure compliance with this rule.

(4) The loss, mutilation or destruction of any records which an entity/institution is required to maintain, must be immediately reported by the entity/institution by affidavit stating:

(a) The date such records were lost, mutilated, or destroyed; and

(b) The circumstances involving such loss, mutilation , or destruction.

(5) All records must be retained by the entity/institution for eight years, with the exception of the computerized file there of, which is to be kept permanently, during which time they shall be subject to inspection by the Division during reasonable business hours. In the event that the entity/institution goes out-of-business, the permanent record shall be submitted by the entity/institution to the Division.

(6) Upon completion of each training course or re-certification a list of each student shall be electronically uploaded to the Division or it's authorized agent within72 hours of completion of course. Authorized entity/institution's will be provided additional information regarding upload and data set requirements.

(7) All records, including computerized records, must be provided to the Division when requested for the purpose of an audit or review of the entities/institution's records. Failure to provide all records as requested by the Division is a violation of this rule.

(8) Entity/Institution's shall maintain accurate, up to date records. Failure to do so is a violation of this rule.

R912-10-13. Consumer Protection Information.

The Division shall make consumer protection information available to the public that may use the services to obtain pilot/escort vehicle certification. To obtain such information, the public can call the Division at (801) 965-4508.

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R912. Transportation, Motor Carrier, Ports of Entry.
R912-11. Overweight and/or Oversize Permitted Vehicle Restrictions on Certain Highways Throughout the State of Utah.
R912-11-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to ensure safety for the commercial/specialized carrier industry and the general motoring public by clearly defining oversize and/or overweight permitted vehicle restrictions, including certified pilot/escort vehicle requirements, for certain highways throughout the State of Utah. These highways present hazards above and beyond the typical highway due to sight distance, curvatures, significant grades and other geometric conditions.

R912-11-2. Exceptions.

(1) The Department may grant written authorization for vehicles engaged in public works projects with an origin or destination within the restricted portion of the highways listed below.

(2) Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) are exempt from additional pilot/escort vehicle requirements.

(3) The Department may grant temporary waivers to highway prohibitions provided additional police and/or certified pilot/escort vehicles are required. Other safety measures (i.e., road closure, utility vehicle escorts, time of day limitations, etc.) may be required before a waiver is granted.

R912-11-3. State Route 6 from the Nevada/Utah State Line to Delta.

Vehicles or loads exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width must have authorization from the UDOT, Motor Carrier Division. This authorization can be obtained by calling (801) 965-4508.

R912-11-4. State Route 9 from Hurricane (Reference Post 10) to La Verkin (Reference Post 13).

Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-5. State Route 9 from the Junction of State Route 17 Eastbound to Zion National Park and from State Route 89 West to Zion National Park.

(1) Vehicles/loads exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width requires one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles/loads exceeding 10 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles/loads exceeding 14 feet in width require, in addition to certified pilot/escort vehicles, two police escorts.

(4) Commercial vehicles, regardless of dimensions, are prohibited through Zion National Park.

R912-11-6. State Route 12 Between the Junctions of State Route 89 and State Route 24 (near Torrey, Utah).

(1) Vehicles/loads exceeding 10 feet in width require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles/loads exceeding 12 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles/loads exceeding 14 feet in width require, in addition to certified pilot/escort vehicles, two police escorts.

R912-11-7. State Route 14 Between Reference Post 2 and Reference Post 19.

(1) Vehicles/loads exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles/loads exceeding 10 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles/loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited.

R912-11-8. State Route 17 Between Interstate 15 (RP 0) and La Verkin (RP6.07).

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width require on certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width require two certified pilot/escorts vehicles.

R912-11-9. State Route 20 Between Interstate 15 (RP 0) and State Route 89 (RP 21).

Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and 75 feet in length are prohibited.

R912-11-10. State Route 24 Between State Route 12 (Torrey) and State Routes 24 and 95 (Hanksville).

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-11. State Route 29 Between Orangeville and Joe's Valley Reservoir.

Vehicles or loads exceeding 95 feet in length or 10 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-12. State Route 31 West of Electric Lake Between RP 22 and RP 0.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort Vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited.

R912-11-13. State Route 39 Between State Route 203 (Harrison Blvd at RP 9) and Pineview Reservoir.

Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width are prohibited.

R912-11-14. State Route 39 Between Pineview Reservoir and State Route 16 (Woodruff at RP 67).

Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-15. State Route 43 and 44 Between Wyoming (RP 0) and State Route 191 (RP 28).

Vehicles or loads exceeding 95 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-16. State Route 46 Between the Colorado State line and RP 18.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width and/or 110 feet in length are prohibited.

R912-11-17. State Route 56 Between Cedar City (RP 61) and the Nevada State Line (RP 0).

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 14 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-18. State Route 59 Between RP 19 and RP 23 (Hurricane Hill).

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width and/or 85 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 14 feet in width and/or 95 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles or loads exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width must have authorization from the UDOT, Motor Carrier Division. This authorization can be obtained by calling (801) 965-4508.

R912-11-19. Logan Canyon Between RP 373 and RP 415.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited.

R912-11-20. State Route 89 Between Kanab and Interstate 70.

Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and 75 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

R912-11-21. State Route 92 Between Highway 189 (Provo Canyon) and the Sundance Ski Resort.

All oversize loads require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-22. State Route 128 Between Interstate 70 and State Route 191 (RP 0 - RP 42).

All oversize and vehicles or loads exceeding 55,000 pounds GVW are prohibited.

R912-11-23. State Route 143 Between RP 3 and RP 20 (Brian Head).

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width and 65 feet in length are prohibited.

R912-11-24. State Route 153 Between RP 9 to RP 20 (Elk Meadows).

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and 65 feet in length are prohibited.

R912-11-25. State Route 189 (Provo Canyon) Between RP 7 (SR-52) and RP 21 (Wallsburg Junction).

All oversize vehicles, including trailers exceeding 48 feet in length, are prohibited.

R912-11-26. State Route 190 (Big Cottonwood Canyon) Between Interstate 215 at Knudsen's Corner and the Salt Lake/Wasatch County Line.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 9 feet in width and/or 65 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicle or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1 (a).

R912-11-27. State Route 191 (Indian Canyon) Between State Routes 6 and 40.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 95 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 15 feet in width require two police escorts in addition to certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-28. State Route 191 Between Vernal, Utah and the Wyoming State Line.

Vehicles or loads exceeding 95 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-29. State Route 191 Between La Sal Junction and the Grand/San Juan County Line.

Vehicles or loads exceeding 15 feet in width require two police escorts.

R912-11-30. State Route 210 (Little Cottonwood Canyon) Between State Route 190 and Alta, Utah.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 9 feet in width and/or 65 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1(a).

R912-11-31. State Route 211 Between State Route 191 and Canyon Lands.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1(a).

R912-11-32. State Route 226 Between State Route 39 and Snow Basin (RP 8).

All oversize loads require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

R912-11-33. State Route 261 Between RP 7 and 10 (Moki Dugway).

Vehicles or loads exceeding 55,000 pounds GVW are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1(a).

R912-11-34. State Route 262.

(1) Between Montezuma Creek and Aneth, vehicles or loads exceeding 95 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(2) Between Reference Posts 15 and 17, north of Montezuma Creek, vehicles or loads exceeding 55,000 pounds GVW are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1(a).

R912-11-35. State Route 264 Between State Routes 31 and 96.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width and/or 110 feet in length are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1(a).

R912-11-36. Emigration Canyon Between the Wasatch Drive/Sunnyside Ave. Junction and State Route 65.

(1) Vehicles or loads exceeding 9 feet in width and/or 65 feet in length require one certified pilot/escort vehicle.

(2) Vehicles exceeding 10 feet in width and/or 80 feet in length require two certified pilot/escort vehicles.

(3) Vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width are prohibited unless otherwise authorized in accordance with R912-11-1(a).

R912-3-36. 6200 South, Salt Lake City, Between Redwood Road and Bangerter Highway.

All commercial vehicles are prohibited.

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R912. Transportation, Motor Carrier, Ports of Entry.
R912-14. Changes in Utah's Oversize/Overweight Permit Program - Semitrailer Exceeding 48 Feet Length.
R912-14-1. Purpose.

Semi-trailers exceeding 48 feet, and up to 53 feet in length will no longer require oversize permits when operating on or within one mile of routes designated by the Utah Department of Transportation.

R912-14-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized under Section 72-7-402.

R912-14-3. Provisions.

(1) Designated routes include: All State and US Highways.

(2) Vehicles operating more than one mile from the routes listed above will require an oversize permit. These permits will be available on a single trip, semi-annual or annual basis.

(3) The following restrictions will continue to apply to trailers exceeding 48 feet in length on all highways in Utah.

(a) Dual or super single tires (14 inches or greater) are required on all trailer axles.

(b) Rear under ride protection is required.

(c) The maximum gross vehicle weight will be determined by Bridge Table B Extended, Section 72-7- 404.

(4) Trailers exceeding 53 feet will require a single trip permit. Trailers exceeding 57 feet will require a special approval prior to entering the state. All of the restrictions in the preceding paragraphs apply also to these trailers.

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R920. Transportation, Operations, Traffic and Safety.
R920-5. Manual and Specifications on School Crossing Zones. Supplemental to Part VII of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
R920-5-1. Incorporation by Reference.

In order to implement the federal government's adoption of the Millenium Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the Department adopts by reference the Utah Traffic Controls for School Zones, Part 7 Supplement to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Millenium Edition, (2005 Edition). Copies of this document are available at the Department, Attn: Traffic and Safety, 4501 South 2700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

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R920. Transportation, Operations, Traffic and Safety.
R920-50. Ropeway Operation Safety Rules.
R920-50-1. Utah Ropeway Rules for Passenger Ropeways.

A. Introduction

These rules are issued pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Section 72-11-210 to implement the Passenger Ropeway Safety Act, Utah Code Ann., Sections 72-11-201 et seq.

B. Governing Standard

1. The governing standard in Utah is the standard entitled "ANSI B-77.1, 1999", published by the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, New York 10018, and approved by ANSI on March 11, 1999, and as modified by rule of the Committee. Use of this standard is authorized by Section 72-11-201.

2. The Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee reserves the right to modify, add, or delete provisions included in the Governing Standard.

C. Classification of Ropeways and Applicable Standards

1. Section 1.2.4.1 of the Governing Standard is modified by the following requirements:

a. Existing installations need not comply with the new or revised requirements of the Governing Standard and these rules, except as set forth in R920-50-1.D.1.b;

b. Existing ropeways, when removed and reinstalled, shall be classified as new installations (see R920-50-1-C.2);

c. Ropeway modifications shall meet the requirements of R920-50-2.F and R920-50-8.

2. Section 1.2.4.2 of the Governing Standard is modified by the following requirement: New installations and those with design review completed by the Committee after the effective date of the Governing Standard, shall comply with the new or revised requirements of the Governing Standard and with these rules.

D. Inspections of Ropeways

1. The annual general inspection requirements stated in ANSI B77.1, 2.3.4.1, 3.3.4.1, 4.3.4.1, 5.3.4.1 and 6.3.4.1, are replaced by the following requirements:

a. An annual general or pre-operational inspection of each passenger ropeway shall be made by a Ropeway Inspector prior to approval of any application for licensure. An operational inspection of each passenger ropeway may be made by a Ropeway Inspector at least once a year during the high-use season. For each passenger ropeway inspected, items found either deficient or in noncompliance shall be noted. A report signed by the Ropeway Inspector listing items found either deficient or in noncompliance shall be filed with the owner. The owner shall correct all deficiencies and noncompliance items listed in the Ropeway Inspector's report or request an exception from the Governing Standard and applicable Utah Ropeway Operations Safety Rules. In addition to the annual general, pre-operational, and operational inspections, the Committee may order other inspections in accordance with Section 72-11-211;

b. All installations shall comply with the new or revised requirements of the Governing Standard and these rules in the following areas, on or before the effective date of each paragraph, as set forth below:

1. Requirements for auxiliary drives, as set forth in ANSI B77.1, 2.1.2.1.1, 3.1.2.1.1, 4.1.2.1.1. These requirements shall be effective November 1, 1994;

2. Requirement for one device that senses the position of the rope shall be installed on each sheave unit, as set forth in ANSI B77.1, 3.1.3.3.2, paragraph 6. This requirement shall be effective November 1, 1994;

3. Requirements for audible warning devices, as specified by ANSI B77.1, 2.1.1.12, 3.1.1.12. These requirements shall be effective November 1, 2001;

4. Section 4.1.1.12 of the Governing Standard is modified by the following requirement: The aerial lift shall incorporate an audible warning device that signals an impending start of the ropeway. After the start button is pressed, the device shall sound an audible alarm for a minimum of two seconds before the ropeway begins to move. The audible device shall be heard inside and outside all terminals and machine rooms above the ambient noise level. These requirements shall be effective November 1, 2001;

5. "Qualified personnel" as used in X.1.1.11 means a qualified engineer approved by the Committee. A "aerial tramway specialist" as used in 2.3.4, "aerial lift specialist" as used in 3.3.4 and 4.3.4, "surface lift specialist" as used in 5.3.4, and a "tow specialist" as used in 6.3.4 means a ropeway inspector approved by the Committee.

c. Grips, clips, hangars, chairs, carriages and cabins shall be tested according to ANSI B77.1, X.3.4.3, except as modified in this subsection c.

1. Testing personnel shall be qualified in accordance with ASNT Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A-1992. Testing agency shall provide certification of qualification of personnel performing testing.

2. Testing agency inspector shall certify to the owner or area operator that the passenger ropeway components tested were non-destructively tested in accordance with current acceptance criteria established by the designer or manufacturer, or in case the designer or manufacturer is no longer in business, by a Qualified Engineer;

3. Sampling size and method of obtaining the sample shall comply with X.3.4.3 of the Governing Standard;

4. Rejection rate and retest procedures shall comply with current acceptance criteria established by the designer or manufacturer, or in case the designer or manufacturer is no longer in business, by a Qualified Engineer;

5. Types of inspections to be performed and the procedures to be used shall comply with current acceptance criteria established by the designer or manufacturer, or in case the designer or manufacturer is no longer in business, by a Qualified Engineer;

6. Criteria for acceptance/rejection of samples shall comply with current acceptance criteria established by the designer or manufacturer, or in case the designer or manufacturer is no longer in business, by a Qualified Engineer.

d. Wire rope inspection shall be performed according to Section 7.4.1 of the Governing Standard and shall be performed by a competent inspector defined by the Governing Standard and who is approved by the Committee. The wire rope inspector shall certify to the owner or area operator whether the wire rope in its present condition meets requirements for continued operation.

e. All installations shall comply with the Operation and Maintenance requirements of the Governing Standard. These requirements are stated in ANSI B77.1, 2.3, 3.3, 4.3, 5.3, 6.3, and 7.4.

E. Fire Detection

All machine rooms that are in an enclosed structure located adjacent to the rope of the ropeway (vaulted) shall have a fire detection system installed in accordance with the National Fire Alarm Code. This system shall initiate a visual and audible alarm monitored at the drive terminal operator station.

F. Conveyors Standards

1. Section 8 of the ANSI B77.1-1999 is modified by the following requirement:

a. Modifying the maximum conveyor speed requirements stated in 8.1.1.5, that maximum speed is 160 feet/minute.

b. Loading and unloading areas requirements of 8.1.1.9 shall also accommodate the use of adaptive devices.

c. "Qualified personnel" as used in 8.1.1.11 means a qualified engineer approved by the Committee. A "conveyor specialist" as used in 8.3.4 means a ropeway inspector approved by the Committee.

d. Power units referred to in 8.1.2.1 may not have reverse

capability.

e. "Power supply cords" referred to in 8.2.1.5.5 shall be protected from snow grooming, skiers, and other equipment and shall be ground fault protected.

f. The belt transition entry stop device referred to in 8.1.2.11.2 shall include redundant (double) sensors. Each sensor shall be part of an independent control circuit that can initiate an emergency shutdown of the conveyor. The device shall be so designed and maintained that no single point of failure can cause the entry stop device to malfunction. The device shall not be remotely resettable and shall require the operator to reset the device prior to restarting the conveyor.

g. A single operator, as referred to in 8.3.2.2 may not operate more than one conveyor.

h. No bypass of circuits, as referred to in 8.3.2.5.9 is allowed.

G. Dynamic Testing

1. Section X.3.3.1 is replaced with:

Foundations and structural, mechanical and electrical components shall be inspected regularly and kept in a state of good repair. The maintenance requirements of the designer or a Qualified Engineer (see X.1.6.2) shall be followed. Maintenance and testing logs shall be kept (see X.3.5.3).

2. Section X.3.3.1.2 is replaced with:

A written schedule for systematic dynamic testing shall be developed and followed. The schedule shall establish specific frequencies and conditions for periodic testing. The owner shall provide Experienced personnel to develop and conduct the dynamic test. The testing shall simulate or duplicate inertial loadings. The test load shall be equivalent to the design live load. Dynamic testing shall be performed at intervals not exceeding 7 years. The testing requirements shall include, but not be limited to the following:

a) braking systems;
b) auxiliary power units;
c) tension systems; and
d) electrical systems.

R920-50-2. Definition of Terms.

A. "Aerial lift" means a ropeway on which passengers are transported in cabins or on chairs and that circulate in one direction between terminals without reversing the travel path.

B. "Aerial tramway (reversible)" means a ropeway on which the passengers are transported in cable-supported carriers are not in contact with the ground or snow surface, and in which the carrier(s) reciprocate between terminals.

C. "Annual general inspection" means an inspection of a passenger ropeway made by a Ropeway Inspector to verify preservation of original design integrity and to determine that components and systems of the passenger ropeway are in proper working order and in accordance with Committee rules.

D. "Committee" means the Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee as outlined in Section 72-11-202.

E. "Conveyor" means a device used to transport skiers uphill while standing on a flexible moving element which consists of multiple tread plates or belting.

F. "Detachable grip lift" means a ropeway system on which carriers circulate around the system alternately attaching to and detaching from a moving haul rope(s). The ropeway system may be monocable or bicable.

G. "Experienced personnel" means an individual who has acquired knowledge and skills through study, training, or experience in ropeway maintenance, operation, or testing.

H. "Funicular" means a ropeway in which carrier(s) are supported and guided by a guideway and are propelled by means of a haul rope system and operates as a single reversible or as a double reversible.

I. "Incident inspection" means an inspection of a passenger ropeway incident made by an approved Ropeway Inspector or a qualified engineer at the request of the Committee.

J. "Modification" means any change as defined in the Governing Standard, ANSI B77.1 Standard 1.2.4.3 and the replacement of a ropeway component by one that alters the certified design or construction provided by the passenger ropeway manufacturer or designer.

K. "Operational inspection" means an inspection of a passenger ropeway made by a Ropeway Inspector to determine compliance with the operation and maintenance requirements of the Governing Standard and with Committee rules.

L. "Operating personnel" means persons employed by the operator for the purpose of supervising the operation, or engaged in servicing, checking, inspecting or maintaining the machinery or structures of a ropeway and when specifically on duty for such purpose on that ropeway.

M. "Operator" means a person, including any political subdivision or instrumentality of the political subdivision, who owns, manages, or directs the operation of a passenger ropeway.

N. "Passenger" means any person riding a ropeway, other than "operating personnel".

O. "Passenger ropeway" means all devices that carry, pull, or push passengers along a level or inclined path(excluding elevators) by means of a haul rope or other flexible element that is driven by a power unit remaining essentially at a single location. Passenger ropeways include the following:

(1) aerial tramway (reversible);
(2) aerial lifts (detachable lifts, chair lifts and similar equipment);
(3) conveyor;
(4) funicular;
(5) rope tow (wire rope and fiber rope tows);and
(6) surface lifts (J-bar, T-bar, or platter pull and similar equipment).

P. "Passenger Ropeway Incident" means:

1. Any structural, mechanical, or electrical malfunction or failure of a passenger ropeway component that results in bodily injury to any person on, or inside the load or unload zone of, a passenger ropeway;

2. Any deropement regardless of whether or not the passenger ropeway is evacuated;

3. Any evacuation of the passenger ropeway other than by prime mover or auxiliary power unit, regardless of cause;

4. Any fire involving a passenger ropeway component or adjacent structure;

5. Any structural, mechanical, or electrical malfunction or failure of a passenger ropeway component that results in a loss of control of the passenger ropeway as defined in the Governing Standard, ANSI B77.1 Standard X.2.1.7.2;

6. Any wire rope damage which exceeds the requirement in the Governing Standard, ANSI B77.1 Standard 7.4.1.1; or

7. Any structural, mechanical, or electrical malfunction or failure of a passenger ropeway component or its primary connection that has the apparent potential for causing bodily injury to any person, including but not limited to, the following;

a. Terminal Structure
b. Bullwheel
c. Brake System
d. Tower Structure
e. Sheave, Axle, or Sheave Assembly
f. Carrier
g. Grip.

Q. "Pre-operational inspection" means an inspection made by a Ropeway Inspector prior to the operation of any new or modified passenger ropeway requiring an Acceptance Inspection and Test.

R. "Qualified engineer" means, notwithstanding any different definition in the ANSI B77.1 Standard, any engineer who is licensed to practice engineering in the state of Utah and who has been approved by the Committee.

S. "Responsible charge" means effective control and direction of projects of the type discussed in these rules.

T. "Rope tow" means a ropeway wherein passengers grasp a circulating fiber hauling rope or a towing device attached to a circulating wire rope or fiber rope and are propelled uphill. Passenger riding on recreational devices are also propelled uphill.

U. "Ropeway inspector" means an engineer licensed to practice engineering in the state of Utah, independent of the ropeway owner, and approved by the Committee to inspect passenger ropeways.

V. "Surface lift" ("J bar," "T bar," or "platter pull," and similar equipment) means a ropeway wherein passengers or passengers on recreational devices are transported on the surface by means of towing devices propelled by a main overhead traveling wire rope supported by trestles or towers with one or more spans.

R920-50-3. Registration of Ropeways.

A. General

1. Purpose - In order to ensure that all passenger Ropeways conform with the requirements set forth by the Passenger Ropeway Act and these rules, all passenger Ropeways operating in the state of Utah shall be registered annually with the committee, and no passenger Ropeway shall be operated for passengers without a valid certificate of registration.

2. Term - Passenger Ropeways shall be registered annually starting November 1st of each year, and each registration expires on October 31st next following date of issue.

3. New ropeways - Any passenger ropeway which shall be opened for the first time for passenger operation shall, during its first calendar year of operation, be construed to be a new ropeway for purposes stated in these rules.

4. Existing ropeways - Any passenger ropeway which shall have been operated for passengers in excess of one calendar year, shall be construed to be an existing ropeway for purposes stated in these rules.

5. Relocated ropeways - Any passenger ropeway moved to a new location shall be construed to be a new ropeway for purposes stipulated in these rules, with the exception that ropeways expressly designed to be portable, operated without a permanent foundation, and that have a design range of maximum grade, shall not be considered new ropeways when moved to different locations but remaining under the jurisdiction of the same operator.

6. Identification number - For each ropeway, upon receipt of the first application for a certificate of registration, the committee shall assign an identification number to the ropeway, which shall remain as a permanent identification number for the life of the ropeway. All correspondence with the committee pertaining to any ropeway shall refer to the identification number assigned to that ropeway.

7. All ropeway operators shall be covered by a liability insurance of a minimum of $300,000. The Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee shall be notified of a lapse or termination of insurance coverage pursuant to the terms of the policy.

8. Submittal of application for registration of ropeways - All applications for registration of new or existing ropeways shall be submitted in accordance with requirements of these rules and shall be made in writing and addressed to:

Utah Department of Transportation
Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee
Division of Safety
4501 South 2700 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-5998

9. "As Built" drawings for each passenger ropeway shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the project is completed and the Acceptance Test and Inspection is finished.

B. Attachments

In addition to supporting documents indicated in R920-50-4 or R920-50-7, each application is to include as attachments:

1. Certificate of insurance
2. Annual registration fee.

R920-50-4. Registration of New Ropeways.

A. Application for Certification of Registration

Prior to the operation of any new passenger ropeway, the operator shall apply to the Committee for a Certificate of Registration in such form as the Committee shall designate.

B. The Application must include the name, address and telephone number of operator of the ropeway, and operator's designation of the ropeway. The application and certifications must be in accordance with R920-50-3.A and submitted as follows:

1. A Pre-Operational Inspection Report must be submitted by an approved Ropeway Inspector, and must include the name and address of the Inspector and date of his or her inspection.

2. Any Request for Exception from Standards for Passenger Ropeway shall be submitted in accordance with R920-50-10. Any known items that require a Request for Exception from Standards for Passenger Ropeways must be submitted to the Committee before work begins.

3. A Certification of Ropeway Design for New or Modified Passenger Ropeways, must be submitted. The Qualified Engineer in responsible charge of the design shall certify to the Committee on the top drawing of the design drawing packet that the design, plans and specifications conform to the Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Act, the Governing Standard and the Utah Ropeway Operations Safety Rules. This Certification must be submitted prior to the performance of the Acceptance Inspection and Test and must state the following:

"I hereby certify that the design for this ropeway or ropeway modification is in complete compliance with the Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Act, Governing Standard and the Utah Ropeway Operations Safety Rules." This statement shall be placed on the top drawing of the drawing packet and signed and sealed by the Qualified Engineer. Each additional sheet of this drawing packet shall be sealed by the Qualified Engineer. Any variation from the design drawings shall be noted in the drawings and approved by the Qualified Design Engineer. The drawings and specifications shall include the Quality Assurance methods used for the evaluation of the re-used components and shall be submitted for review a minimum of 30 days prior to installation. Any component on the Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee Lift Data Form must be addressed.

4. A Certification of Compliance for Passenger Ropeway shall be made on the Application for Certificate of Registration for New or Modified Ropeway. This Certification shall include the following statement, signed and dated by the ropeway owner or area operator: "I certify that the reports, requests and certificates attached hereto were provided and signed by the persons required by law to provide them, and the deficiencies noted in the inspection report have been corrected with the exception of those listed in the Request for Exception from Standards for Passenger Ropeway."

5. A Certification of Manufacture for Passenger Ropeway must be submitted by a Qualified Engineer of the manufacturing concern or concerns directly responsible for the supply of equipment for this ropeway. This Certification must be submitted prior to the performance of the Acceptance Inspection and Test. This Certification must include the following information:

a. Name, address and telephone number of operator of the ropeway, name of ropeway supervisor, operator's designation of the ropeway.

b. Name and address of manufacturing concern, and name, seal and Utah license number of the qualified engineer making

certification.

c. A certifying statement signed by the Qualified Engineer, to read as follows: "I hereby certify that the newly manufactured parts used in this ropeway, or ropeway modification, conform with the Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Act, Governing Standard, the Utah Ropeway Operations Safety Rules and the drawings and specifications issued for this ropeway or ropeway modification by the Qualified Design Engineer."

6. A Certification of Construction for Passenger Ropeways must be submitted by a Qualified Engineer directly responsible for the construction for the ropeway. This Certification must be submitted prior to the performance of the Acceptance Inspection and Test. This Certification shall include the following information:

a. Name, address and telephone number of operator of the ropeway name of ropeway supervisor, operator's designation of the ropeway identification number, as assigned by the committee for the ropeway;

b. Name, Utah license number and seal of the Qualified Engineer making the certification.

c. A certifying statement signed by the Qualified Engineer, to read as follows: "I hereby certify that the construction and installation has been completed in accordance with the drawings and specifications issued for this ropeway or ropeway modification by the Qualified Design Engineer."

7. A final Acceptance Test report must be submitted to the Committee. A copy of the acceptance test procedure proposed and submitted by the designer or manufacturer must be provided to the Committee for review at least fourteen (14) days before acceptance testing begins. Acceptance inspection and tests will be scheduled by the Committee or Committee's representative as the acceptance test procedures are received. The owner or area operator shall notify the Committee in writing before the scheduled date that the passenger ropeway has been operated in accordance with the Governing Standard, section X.1.1.11.2.

8. A Certification of "As-Built" Profile for Passenger Ropeway must be submitted by a Land Surveyor or Civil Engineer licensed in the state of Utah. This Certification must be submitted prior to the performance of the Acceptance Inspection and Test, and shall be signed by the Civil Engineer or Land Surveyor, and shall read as follows: "I hereby certify that the attached "as-built" profile of the herein-identified ropeway is as represented on the attached profile drawing and that the completed ropeway conforms to the profile as identified in the plans and specifications prepared by the Qualified Design Engineer."

9. A Utah Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee Lift Data Form must be submitted along with other requested supporting documents. This form must be submitted prior to the performance of the Acceptance Inspection and Test.

R920-50-5. Certificate of Registration.

If the application for certificate of registration and supporting documentation attest that the ropeway complies with the Governing Standard and these rules, the Committee, if satisfied with the facts stated in the application, shall issue a certificate of registration to the operator.

R920-50-6. Registration of Existing Ropeways.

A. Before November 1st, of each year, every operator of an Existing Passenger Ropeway who intends to operate the ropeway during the ensuing 12-month period shall apply to the Committee, in such form as the Committee shall designate, for a Certificate of Registration. In the event a new operator is assigned, the operator shall notify the Committee of such action and shall apply for a Certificate of Registration.

B. The Application shall include the following;

1. An Annual General Inspection Report by an approved Ropeway Inspector, including the name and address of the Inspector and date of inspection.

2. Approved Request for Exception from Standards for Passenger Ropeways which meets the requirements of R920-50-10, if applicable.

3. A Certification of Compliance for Passenger Ropeway shall be made on the Application for Certificate of Registration for Existing Ropeway. This Certification shall include the following statement, dated and signed by the ropeway owner or area operator:"I certify that the reports, requests and certificates attached hereto were provided and signed by the persons required by law to provide them, and the deficiencies noted in the inspection report have been corrected with the exception of those listed in the Request for Exception from Standards for Passenger Ropeway."

4. The Annual Registration Fee in accordance with R920-50-11.A.

R920-50-7. Modifications.

If a modification, as defined in R920-50-2(E) has been made to an existing ropeway, the data as required by R920-50-7 shall also be accompanied by a design certification, fabrication and materials certification, and a construction certification, and also a survey profile certification if applicable, submitted by a qualified engineer to cover the modification. Depending on the nature and extent of the modification, the Committee, or the Committee's appointed representative, may require an Acceptance Inspection and Test.

R920-50-8. Certificate of Registration.

If the application for certificate of registration and documentation required by R920-50-7 and R920-50-8, if applicable, attest that the existing ropeway complies with the governing standard and these rules, the committee, if satisfied with facts stated in the application, shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner.

R920-50-9. Exception.

A. In the event that the ropeway does not conform with the requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C, the Committee may issue a certificate of registration with an exception. Two types of exceptions may be granted after a Request for Exception from Standards is submitted. The first type is an Annual Exception. It continues indefinitely, but this type of exception must be reviewed annually by the Committee. This type of exception is subject to cancellation at any time pursuant to a determination by the committee that a change is necessary. The second type of exception is a Limited Exception. This type of exception is granted only for a fixed time period to be determined by the Committee. The nature of the exception shall be stated in the Request for Exception from Standards. The Committee shall, as expeditiously as possible, and within thirty (30) days of receipt of a Request for Exception from Standards, notify the owner or area operator in writing of its action on the Request.

B. The Request for Exception from Standards shall include the following information:

1. Reasons for requesting an exception from requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C.

2. Specification of the ways in which the ropeway does not conform to requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C.

3. Procedures, with estimated time and cost, which would be required to bring the ropeway into conformance with the requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C.

C. Except as required in R920-50-10-F, the Committee shall issue a certification of registration with an exception if the operator satisfies the requirements stated in R920-50-10-B and also supplies the following for new or existing ropeways:

New Ropeways - A design certification by a qualified engineer attesting that the ropeway is so designed and equipped that its devices or methods provide features that are comparable

in performance and safety to those that meet requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C;

Existing Ropeways - A design certification by a qualified engineer attesting that the ropeway is so designed and equipped that its devices or methods provide features that are comparable in performance and safety to those that meet requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C and a statement of the operator certifying that the ropeway has been operated safely and without any passenger ropeway incident, as defined in R920-50-2-J-1 or -7, related to the feature for which the exception is requested, for any period of time the ropeway has been operated up to 2 years prior to the date of the Request for Exception from Standards.

D. In exceptional circumstances, the Committee may issue a certificate of registration with an exception even if the operator does not satisfy the requirements defined in R920-50-10-C if the Committee determines that the ropeway is so designed and equipped that its devices or methods provide features that are comparable in performance and safety to those that meet requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C.

E. The issuance of a certificate of registration with an annual exception shall not bind the committee to issue such a certificate for the ropeway involved in subsequent years, nor to issue such a certificate for another ropeway of same or similar design.

F. In special cases where doubt exists as to the safety of a ropeway, the committee may require a special inspection to ascertain that the ropeway is so designed and equipped that its devices or methods provide features that are comparable in performance and safety to those that meet requirements set forth in R920-50-1-C.

R920-50-10. Violations.

The terms in this rule are outlined in Sections 72-11-212 and 72-11-213.

R920-50-11. Operation of Ropeways.

A. Operation and maintenance

Operators shall comply with the Governing Standard.

B. Reporting of Incidents

1. Every passenger ropeway incident, as defined in R920-50-2J shall be verbally reported to the Committee, or the Committee's appointed representative, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the time of the incident. A written report shall be delivered to the Committee within five (5) days of the incident.

2. Every passenger ropeway incident shall be reported to the Committee regardless of the time of year in which it occurs and regardless of whether or not the ropeway was open to the public at the time of the incident.

3. The reports required by this section are to be maintained for administrative enforcement, licensing and certification purposes only. The reports are "protected" records under the Government Records Management Act, Utah Code Annotated, Section 63-2-304 and are also governed by the provisions of Utah Code Annotated, Section 63-2-207.

4. When a passenger ropeway incident, as defined in R920-50-2J(1) or (7), occurs, the owner or area operator of the ropeway shall suspend operation of the ropeway and shall notify the Committee through the Committee's appointed representative. The owner or area operator of the ropeway, with the Committee or the Committee's appointed representative, shall perform a joint incident inspection of the ropeway. The inspection shall precede any authorization to resume public operation of the passenger ropeway.

C. Revocation of certificate of registration - Section 72-11-213.

R920-50-12. Ropeway Inspector and Qualified Engineer.

A. General

1. In order to promulgate the uniformity and reliability of the inspections required by law and these rules, and of ropeway designs, any person performing inspection services must be a "ropeway inspector" as required by these rules, and any person performing design services must be a "qualified engineer", as required by these rules.

2. The committee shall maintain up-to-date lists of qualified engineers and ropeway inspectors, which lists shall be open to inspection by the public.

3. Any person desiring to be approved by the committee as a ropeway inspector or qualified engineer shall submit a written request to the committee enumerating his or her professional experience and attesting as far as possible to meeting the requirements stated in R920-50-14(B).

B. Requirements

1. Applicant shall satisfy the Ropeway committee that by his or her education, training and experience gained by participation in Ropeway inspections or designs as a principal or an assistant to a recognized Ropeway inspector or Ropeway designer, he or she is qualified to be, respectively, an approved inspector or Ropeway designer or both.

2. Applicant shall satisfy the committee that he has a working familiarity and understanding of drawings and design data such as are furnished to design, construct, test, and inspect passenger ropeways, and that he or she has an understanding and working knowledge of the governing standard and these rules.

3. The committee may approve qualifications based on experience gained by an applicant through work under direct supervision of a qualified ropeway inspector or qualified ropeway designer.

4. The committee may approve employees of the state or individuals retained by the state as qualified ropeway inspectors. Such engineers may be given certain assignments where time is of the essence or a private engineer is not available or willing to undertake the inspection or investigation. It shall be the policy of the committee to use the services and talents of qualified private engineers wherever possible.

C. Revocation or suspension of approval as ropeway inspector or qualified engineer.

The committee may revoke or suspend the approval of any qualified engineer or ropeway inspector who is found by the committee to have:

1. Practiced any fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit in applying for approval; or,

2. Caused damage to another by gross negligence in the practice of passenger ropeway designing, construction, or inspection; or

3. Been engaged in acts of unlawful or unprofessional conduct.

R920-50-13. Inspection Requirements.

1. The ropeway inspector shall verify that the intent of the design and operational requirements imposed by the Governing Standard and these rules are met.

2. Ropeway inspectors may inspect ropeways at any time during the operation of the ropeway (spot check). All reports, logs, etc. shall be made available to them upon request.

R920-50-14. Administrative Procedures.

Appeals from orders issued pursuant to any provision of R920-50 shall be handled pursuant to R907-1.

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R986. Workforce Services, Employment Development.
R986-200. Family Employment Program.
R986-200-201. Authority for Family Employment Program (FEP) and Family Employment Program Two Parent (FEPTP) and Other Applicable Rules.

(1) The Department provides services to eligible families under FEP and FEPTP under the authority granted in the Employment Support Act, UCA 35A-3-301 et seq. Funding is provided by the federal government through Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) as authorized by PRWORA. Utah is required to file a "State Plan" to obtain the funding. A copy of the State Plan is available at Department administrative offices. The regulations contained in 45 CFR 260 through 45 CFR 265 (1999) are also applicable and incorporated herein by reference.

(2) Rule R986-100 applies to FEP and FEPTP unless expressly noted otherwise.

R986-200-202. Family Employment Program (FEP).

(1) The goal of FEP is to increase family income through employment, and where appropriate, child support and/or disability payments.

(2) FEP is for families with only one able bodied parent in the household. If the family has two able bodied parents in the household, the family is not eligible for FEP but may be eligible for FEPTP. Able bodied means capable of earning at least $500 per month.

(3) If a household has two parents, and at least one parent is incapacitated, the parent claiming incapacity must verify that incapacity in one of the following ways:

(a) receipt of disability benefits from SSA;

(b) 100 percent disabled by VA; or

(c) by submitting a written statement from:

(i) a licensed medical doctor;

(ii) a doctor of osteopathy;

(iii) a licensed Mental Health Therapist as defined in UCA 58-60-102;

(iv) a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; or

(v) a licensed Physician's Assistant,

(4) Incapacity means not capable of earning $500 per month. The incapacity must be expected to last 30 days or longer.

(5) An applicant or client must cooperate in the obtaining of a second opinion regarding incapacity if requested by the Department. Only the costs associated with a second opinion requested by the Department will be paid for by the Department. The Department will not pay the costs associated with obtaining a second opinion if the client requests the second opinion.

(6) An incapacitated parent is included in the FEP household assistance unit and the parent's income and assets are counted toward establishing eligibility unless the parent is a SSI recipient. If the parent is a SSI recipient, none of the income or assets of the SSI recipient is counted.

(7) An incapacitated parent must still negotiate, sign and agree to participate in an employment plan. If the incapacity is such that employment is not feasible now or in the future, participation may be limited to cooperating with ORS and filing for any assistance or benefits to which the parent may be entitled. If it is believed the incapacity might not be permanent, the parent will also be required to seek assistance in overcoming the incapacity.

(8) If a household unit is eligible under both FEP and FEPTP, payment will be made under FEP.

R986-200-203. Citizenship and Alienage Requirements.

(1) All persons in the household assistance unit who are included in the financial assistance payment, including children, must be a citizen of the United States or meet alienage criteria.

(2) An alien is not eligible for financial assistance unless the alien meets the definition of qualified alien. A qualified alien is an alien:

(a) who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the INA for at least one year; or

(b) who is admitted as a refugee under section 207 of the INA; or

(c) who is granted asylum under section 208 of the INA; or

(d) who is a Cuban or Haitian entrant in accordance with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 401; or

(e) who is an Amerasian from Vietnam and was admitted to the United States as an immigrant pursuant to Public Law 100-202 and Public Law 100-461; or

(f) whose deportation is being withheld under sections 243(h) or 241(b)(3) of the INA; or

(g) who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the INA, or

(h) who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the INA; or

(i) who meets the definition of certain battered aliens under Section 8 U.S.C. 1641(c).

(3) All aliens granted lawful temporary or permanent resident status under Sections 210, 302, or 303 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, are disqualified from receiving financial assistance for a period of five years from the date lawful temporary resident status is granted.

(4) Aliens are required to provide proof, in the form of documentation issued by the INS, of immigration status.

R986-200-204. Eligibility Requirements.

(1) To be eligible for financial assistance under the FEP or FEPTP a household assistance unit must include:

(a) a pregnant woman when it has been medically verified that she is in the third calendar month prior to the expected month of delivery, or later, and who, if the child were born and living with her in the month of payment, would be eligible. The unborn child is not included in the financial assistance payment; or

(b) at least one minor dependent child who is a citizen or meets the alienage criteria. All minor children age 6 to 16 must attend school, or be exempt under 53A-11-102, to be included in the household assistance unit for a financial assistance payment for that child.

(i) A minor child is defined as being under the age of 18 years and not emancipated by marriage or by court order; or

(ii) an unemancipated child, at least 18 years old but under 19 years old, with no high school diploma or its equivalent, who is a full-time student in a secondary school, or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training, and the school has verified a reasonable expectation the 18 year old will complete the program before reaching age 19.

(2) Households must meet other eligibility requirements in R986-100 and of income, assets, and participation.

(3) Persons who are fleeing to avoid prosecution of a felony are ineligible for financial assistance.

R986-200-205. How to Determine Who Is Included in the Household Assistance Unit.

The amount of financial assistance for an eligible household is based on the size of the household assistance unit and the income and assets of all people in the household assistance unit.

(1) The income and assets of the following individuals living in the same household must be counted in determining eligibility of the household assistance unit:

(a) all natural parents, adoptive parents and stepparents, unless expressly excluded below, who are related to and residing in the same household as an eligible dependent child. Natural parentage is determined as follows:

(i) A woman is the natural parent if her name appears on

the birth record of the child.

(ii) For a man to be determined to be the natural parent, that relationship must be established or acknowledged. If the parents have a solemnized marriage at the time of birth, relationship is established;

(b) household members who would otherwise be included but who are absent solely by reason of employment, school or training, or who will return home to live within 30 days;

(c) all minor siblings, half-siblings, and adopted siblings living in the same household as an eligible dependent child; and

(d) all spouses living in the household.

(2) The following individuals in the household are not counted in determining the household size for determining payment amount nor are the assets or income of the individuals counted in determining household eligibility:

(a) a recipient of SSI benefits. If the SSI recipient is the parent and is receiving FEP assistance for the child(ren) residing in the household, the SSI parent must cooperate with establishing paternity and child support enforcement for the household to be eligible. If the only dependent child is a SSI recipient, the parent or specified relative may receive a FEP assistance payment which does not include that child, provided the parent or specified relative is not on SSI and can meet all other requirements;

(b) a child during any month in which a foster care maintenance payment is being provided to meet the child's needs. If the only dependent child in the household is receiving a foster care maintenance payment, the parent or specified relative may still receive a FEP assistance payment which does not include the child, provided all other eligibility, income and asset requirements are met;

(c) an absent household member who is expected to be gone from the household for 180 days or more unless the absence is due to employment, school or training. If the absence is due to employment, school or training the household member must be included.

(3) The household assistance unit can choose whether to include or exclude the following individuals living in the household. If included, all income and assets of that person are counted:

(a) all absent household members who are expected to be temporarily absent from the home for more than 30 but not more than 180 consecutive days unless the absence is due to employment, school or training. If the absence is due to employment, school or training the household member must be included;

(b) Native American children, or deaf or blind children, who are temporarily absent while in boarding school, even if the temporary absence is expected to last more than 180 days;

(c) an adopted child who receives a federal, state or local government special needs adoption payment. If the adopted child receiving this type of payment is the only dependent child in the household and excluded, the parent(s) or specified relative may still receive a FEP or FEPTP assistance payment which does not include the child, provided all other eligibility requirements are met. If the household chooses to include the adopted child in the household assistance unit under this paragraph, the special needs adoption payment is counted as income;

(d) former stepchildren who have no blood relationship to a dependent child in the household. If assistance is requested for the former stepchildren, the rules for specified relative apply;

(e) a specified relative. If a household requests that a specified relative be included in the household assistance unit, only one specified relative can be included in the financial assistance payment regardless of how many specified relatives are living in the household. The income and assets of all household members are counted according to the provisions of R986-200-241.

(4) In situations where there are children in the home for which there is court ordered joint custody, the Department will determine if the children should be included in the household assistance unit based on the actual circumstances and not on the order. If financial assistance is allowed, the joint custody order might be modified by the court under the provisions of 30-3-10.2(4) and 30-3-10.4.

(5) The income and assets of the following individuals are counted in determining eligibility even though the individual is not included in the assistance payment:

(a) a household member who has been disqualified from the receipt of assistance because of an IPV, (fraud determination);

(b) a household member who does not meet the citizenship and alienage requirements; or

(c) a minor child who is not in school full time or participating in self sufficiency activities.

R986-200-206. Participation Requirements.

(1) Payment of any and all financial assistance is contingent upon all parents in the household, including adoptive and stepparents, participating, to the maximum extent possible, in:

(a) assessment and evaluation;

(b) the completion of a negotiated employment plan; and

(c) assisting ORS in good faith to:

(i) establish the paternity of all minor children; and

(ii) establish and enforce child support obligations.

(d) obtaining any and all other sources of income. If any household member is or appears to be eligible for UI or SSA benefits, Workers Compensation, VA benefits or any other benefits or forms of assistance, the Department will refer the client to the appropriate agency and the individual must apply for and pursue obtaining those benefits. If an individual refuses to apply for and pursue these benefits or assistance, the individual is ineligible for financial assistance. If the client is otherwise eligible for FEP or FEPTP, financial assistance will be provided until eligibility for other benefits or assistance has been determined.

(2) Parents who have been determined to be ineligible to be included in the financial assistance payment are still required to participate.

(3) Children at least 16 years old but under 18 years old, unless they are in school full-time or in school part-time and working less than 100 hours per month are required to participate.

R986-200-207. Participation in Child Support Enforcement.

(1) Receipt of child support is an important element in increasing a family's income.

(2) Every natural, legal or adoptive parent has a duty to support his or her children and step children even if the children do not live in the parental home.

(3) A parent's duty to support continues until the child:

(a) reaches age 18; or

(b) is 18 years old and enrolled in high school during the normal and expected year of graduation; or

(c) is emancipated by marriage or court order; or

(d) is a member of the armed forces of the United States; or

(e) is self supporting.

(4) A client receiving financial assistance automatically assigns to the state any and all rights to child support for all children who are included in the household assistance unit while receiving financial assistance. The assignment of rights occurs even if the client claims or establishes "good cause or other exception" for refusal to cooperate. The assignment of rights to support, cooperation in establishing paternity, and establishing and enforcing child support is a condition of eligibility for the

receipt of financial assistance.

(5) For each child included in the financial assistance payment, the client must also assign any and all rights to alimony or spousal support from the noncustodial parent while the client receives public assistance.

(6) The client must cooperate with the Department and ORS in establishing and enforcing the spousal and child support obligation from any and all natural, legal, or adoptive non-custodial parents.

(7) If a parent is absent from the home, the client must identify and help locate the non-custodial parent.

(a) If a child is conceived or born during a marriage, the husband is considered the legal father, even if the wife states he is not the natural father.

(b) If the child is born out of wedlock, the client must also cooperate in the establishment of paternity.

(8) ORS is solely responsible for determining if the client is cooperating in identifying the noncustodial parent and with child support establishment and enforcement efforts for the purposes of receipt of financial assistance. The Department cannot review, modify, or reject a decision made by ORS.

(9) Unless good cause is shown, financial assistance will terminate if a parent or specified relative does not cooperate with ORS in establishing paternity or enforcing child support obligations.

(10) Upon notification from ORS that the client is not cooperating, the Department will commence conciliation procedures as outlined in R986-200-212. If the client continues to refuse to cooperate with ORS at the end of the conciliation process, financial assistance will be terminated.

(11) Termination of financial assistance for non cooperation is immediate, without a two month reduction period outlined in conciliation, if:

(a) the client is a specified relative who is not included in the household assistance unit; or

(b) the client is a parent receiving SSI benefits; or

(c) the client is participating in FEPTP.

(12) Once the financial assistance has been terminated due to the client's failure to cooperate with child support enforcement, the client must then reapply for financial assistance. This time, the client must cooperate with child support collection prior to receiving any financial assistance.

(13) A specified relative, illegal alien, SSI recipient, or disqualified parent in a household receiving FEP assistance must assign rights to support of any kind and cooperate with all establishment and enforcement efforts even if the parent or relative is not included in the financial assistance payment.

R986-200-208. Good Cause for Not Cooperating With ORS.

(1) The Department is responsible for determining if the client has good cause or other exception for not cooperating with ORS.

(2) To establish good cause for not cooperating, the client must file a written request for a good cause determination and provide proof of good cause within 20 days of the request.

(3) A client has the right to request a good cause determination at any time, even if ORS or court proceedings have begun.

(4) Good cause for not cooperating with ORS can be shown if one of following circumstances exists:

(a) The child, for whom support is sought, was conceived as a result of incest or rape. To prove good cause under this paragraph, the client must provide:

(i) birth certificates;

(ii) medical records;

(iii) Department records;

(iv) records from another state or federal agency;

(v) court records; or

(vi) law enforcement records.

(b) Legal proceedings for the adoption of the child are pending before a court. Proof is established if the client provides copies of documents filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) A public or licensed private social agency is helping the client resolve the issue of whether to keep or relinquish the child for adoption and the discussions between the agency and client have not gone on for more than three months. The client is required to provide written notice from the agency concerned.

(d) The client's cooperation in establishing paternity or securing support is reasonably expected to result in physical or emotional harm to the child or to the parent or specified relative. If harm to the parent or specified relative is claimed, it must be significant enough to reduce that individual's capacity to adequately care for the child.

(i) Physical or emotional harm is considered to exist when it results in, or is likely to result in, an impairment that has a substantial effect on the individual's ability to perform daily life activities.

(ii) The source of physical or emotional harm may be from individuals other than the noncustodial parent.

(iii) The client must provide proof that the individual is likely to inflict such harm or has done so in the past. Proof must be from an independent source such as:

(A) medical records or written statements from a mental health professional evidencing a history of abuse or current health concern. The record or statement must contain a diagnosis and prognosis where appropriate;

(B) court records;

(C) records from the Department or other state or federal agency; or

(D) law enforcement records.

(5) If a claim of good cause is denied because the client is unable to provide proof as required under Subsection (4) (a) or (d) the client can request a hearing and present other evidence of good cause at the hearing. If the ALJ finds that evidence credible and convincing, the ALJ can make a finding of good cause under Subsections (4) (a) or (d) based on the evidence presented by the client at the hearing. A finding of good cause by the ALJ can be based solely on the sworn testimony of the client.

(6) When the claim of good cause for not cooperating is based in whole or in part on anticipated physical or emotional harm, the Department must consider:

(a) the client's present emotional health and history;

(b) the intensity and probable duration of the resulting impairment;

(c) the degree of cooperation required; and

(d) the extent of involvement of the child in the action to be taken by ORS.

(7) The Department recognizes no other exceptions, apart from those recognized by ORS, to the requirement that a client cooperate in good faith with ORS in the establishment of paternity and establishment and enforcement of child support.

(8) If the client has exercised his or her right to an agency review or adjudicative proceeding under Utah Administrative Procedures Act on the question of non-cooperation as determined by ORS, the Department will not review, modify, or reverse the decision of ORS on the question of non-cooperation. If the client did not have an opportunity for a review with ORS, the Department will refer the request for review to ORS for determination.

(9) Once a request for a good cause determination has been made, all collection efforts by ORS will be suspended until the Department has made a decision on good cause.

(10) A client has the right to appeal a Department decision on good cause to an ALJ by following the procedures for appeal found in R986-100.

(11) If a parent requests a hearing on the basis of good

cause for not cooperating, the resulting decision cannot change or modify the determination made by ORS on the question of good faith.

(12) Even if the client establishes good cause not to cooperate with ORS, if the Department supervisor determines that support enforcement can safely proceed without the client's cooperation, ORS may elect to do so. Before proceeding without the client's cooperation, ORS will give the client advance notice that it intends to commence enforcement proceedings and give the client an opportunity to object. The client must file his or her objections with ORS within 10 days.

(13) A determination that a client has good cause for non-cooperation may be reviewed and reversed by the Department upon a finding of new, or newly discovered evidence, or a change in circumstances.

R986-200-209. Participation in Obtaining an Assessment.

(1) Within 20 business days of the date the application for financial assistance has been completed and approved, the client will be assigned to an employment counselor and must complete an assessment.

(2) The assessment evaluates a client's needs and is used to develop an employment plan.

(3) Completion of the assessment requires that the client provide information about:

(a) family circumstances including health, needs of the children, support systems, and relationships;

(b) personal needs or potential barriers to employment;

(c) education;

(d) work history;

(e) skills;

(f) financial resources and needs; and

(g) any other information relevant to the client's ability to become self-sufficient.

(4) The client may be required to participate in testing or completion of other assessment tools and may be referred to another person within the Department, another agency, or to a company or individual under contract with the Department to complete testing, assessment, and evaluation.

R986-200-210. Requirements of an Employment Plan.

(1) Within 15 business days of completion of the assessment, the following individuals in the household assistance unit are required to sign and make a good faith effort to participate to the maximum extent possible in a negotiated employment plan:

(a) All parents, including parents whose income and assets are included in determining eligibility of the household but have been determined to be ineligible or disqualified from being included in the financial assistance payment.

(b) Dependent minor children who are at least 16 years old, who are not parents, unless they are full-time students or are employed an average of 30 hours a week or more.

(2) The goal of the employment plan is obtaining marketable employment and it must contain the soonest possible target date for entry into employment consistent with the employability of the individual.

(3) An employment plan consists of activities designed to help an individual become employed. For each activity there will be:

(a) an expected outcome;

(b) an anticipated completion date;

(c) the number of participation hours agreed upon per week; and

(d) a definition of what will constitute satisfactory progress for the activity.

(4) Each activity must be directed toward the goal of increasing the household's income.

(5) Activities may require that the client:

(a) obtain immediate employment. If so, the parent client shall:

(i) promptly register for work and commence a search for employment for a specified number of hours each week; and

(ii) regularly submit a report to the Department on:

(A) how much time was spent in job search activities;

(B) the number of job applications completed;

(C) the interviews attended;

(D) the offers of employment extended; and

(E) other related information required by the Department.

(b) participate in an educational program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent, if the parent client does not have a high school diploma;

(c) obtain education or training necessary to obtain employment;

(d) obtain medical, mental health, or substance abuse treatment;

(e) resolve transportation and child care needs;

(f) relocate from a rural area which would require a round trip commute in excess of two hours in order to find employment;

(g) resolve any other barriers identified as preventing or limiting the ability of the client to obtain employment, and/or

(h) participate in rehabilitative services as prescribed by the State Office of Rehabilitation.

(6) The client must meet the performance expectations of each activity in the employment plan in order to stay eligible for financial assistance.

(7) The client must cooperate with the Department's efforts to monitor and evaluate the client's activities and progress under the employment plan, which includes providing the Department with a release of information, if necessary to facilitate the Department's monitoring of compliance.

(8) Where available, supportive services will be provided as needed for each activity.

(9) The client agrees, as part of the employment plan, to cooperate with other agencies, or with individuals or companies under contract with the Department, as outlined in the employment plan.

(10) An employment plan may, at the discretion of the Department, be amended to reflect new information or changed circumstances.

(11) The number of hours of participation in subsection (3)(c) of this section will not be lower than 34 hours per week. 24 of those 34 hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority activities is available at each employment center.

(12) In the event a client has barriers which prevent the client from 34 hours of participation per week, or 24 hours in priority activities, a lower number of hours of participation can be approved if:

(a) the Department identifies and documents the barriers which prevent the client from full participation; and

(b) the client agrees to participate to the maximum extent possible to resolve the barriers which prevent the client from participating.

R986-200-211. Education and Training As Part of an Employment Plan.

(1) A parent client's participation in education or training beyond that required to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent is limited to the lesser of:

(a) 24 months which need not be continuous; or

(b) the completion of the education and training requirements of the employment plan.

(2) Post high school education or training will only be approved if all of the following are met:

(a) The client can demonstrate that the education or training would substantially increase the income level that the

client would be able to achieve without the education and training, and would offset the loss of income the household incurs while the education or training is being completed.

(b) The client does not already have a degree or skills training certificate in a currently marketable occupation.

(c) An assessment specific to the client's education and training aptitude has been completed showing the client has the ability to be successful in the education or training.

(d) The mental and physical health of the client indicates the education or training could be completed successfully and the client could perform the job once the schooling is completed.

(e) The specific employment goal that requires the education or training is marketable in the area where the client resides or the client has agreed to relocate for the purpose of employment once the education/training is completed.

(f) The client, when determined appropriate, is willing to complete the education/training as quickly as possible, such as attending school full time which may include attending school during the summer.

(g) The client can realistically complete the requirements of the education or training program within the required time frames or time limits of the financial assistance program, including the 36 month lifetime limit for FEP and FEPTP, for which the client is eligible.

(3) A parent client may participate in education or training for up to six months beyond the 24-month limit if:

(a) the parent client is employed for 80 or more hours per month during each month of the extension; and

(b) circumstances beyond the control of the client prevented completion within 24 months; and

(c) the Department director or designee determines that extending the 24 month limit is prudent because other employment, education, or training options do not enable the family to meet the objective of the program.

(4) A parent client with a high school diploma or equivalent who has received 24 months of education or training while receiving financial assistance must participate in full time work activities. Full time work activities is defined as at least part time education or training and 80 hours or more of work per month with a combined minimum of 30 hours work, education, training, and/or job search of 30 hours per week.

(5) Graduate work can never be approved or supported as part of an employment plan.

R986-200-212. Conciliation and Termination of Financial Assistance for Failure to Comply.

If a client who is required to participate in an employment plan consistently fails to show good faith in complying with the employment plan, the Department will terminate all or part of the financial assistance. This will apply if the Department is notified that the client has failed to cooperate with ORS as provided in R986-200-207. A termination for the reasons mentioned in this paragraph will occur only after the Department attempts conciliation through the following three-step process:

(1) In step one, the employment counselor will attempt to discuss compliance with the client and explore solutions. If compliance is not resolved the counselor will move to the second step.

(2) In step two, the employment counselor will request a meeting with the client, the employment counselor, the counselor's supervisor and any other Department or allied entity representatives, if appropriate, who might assist in encouraging participation. If a resolution cannot be reached, the household assistance unit's financial assistance payment will be reduced by $100 per month. If the client does not attend the meeting, the meeting will be held in the client's absence. As soon as the client makes a good faith effort to comply, the $100 reduction will cease.

(3) In step three, the employment counselor will continue to attempt a face to face meeting between the client and appropriate Department and allied entity representatives, if appropriate, to prevent the termination of financial assistance. If after two months the client continues to show a failure to make a good faith effort to participate, financial assistance will terminate.

(a) The two month reduction in assistance must be consecutive. If a client's assistance is reduced for one month and then the client agrees and demonstrates a willingness to participate to the maximum extent possible, assistance is restored at the full amount. If the client later stops participating to the maximum extent possible, the client's assistance must be reduced for two additional consecutive months before a termination can occur.

(b) The two month reduction must immediately precede the termination. If the client's assistance was reduced during months other than the two months immediately prior to the termination, those months do not satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(c) If a client's assistance has been reduced for failure to participate, and the client then agrees to participate within the same month, the Department may restore the $100. Any month in which the $100 was restored will not count toward the two month reduction period necessary to terminate assistance.

(d) If a client has demonstrated a pattern and practice of having assistance reduced, agreeing to participate and having the reduction restored, but failing to follow through so that another period of reduction results, the Department may continue the reduction even if the client agrees to participate until such time as the client demonstrates a genuine willingness to participate.

(4) Termination of assistance for non-participation is immediate without a two month reduction of assistance for:

(a) a dependent child age 16 or older if that child is not attending school; or

(b) a parent on FEPTP.

(5) If financial assistance has been terminated for failure to participate and the client reapplies for financial assistance, the client must successfully complete a trial participation period of no longer than two weeks before the client is eligible for financial assistance. The trial participation period may be waived only if the client has cured all previous participation issues prior to re-application.

R986-200-213. Financial Assistance for a Minor Parent.

(1) Financial assistance may be provided to a single minor parent who resides in a place of residence maintained by a parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative of the single minor parent, unless the minor parent is exempt.

(2) The single minor parent may be exempt when:

(a) The minor parent has no living parent or legal guardian whose whereabouts is known; or

(b) No living parent or legal guardian of the minor parent allows the minor parent to live in his or her home; or

(c) The minor parent lived apart from his or her own parent or legal guardian for a period of at least one year before either the birth of the dependent child or the parent's having made application for FEP and the minor parent was self supporting during this same period of time; or

(d) The physical or emotional health or safety of the minor parent or dependent child would be jeopardized if they resided in the same residence with the minor parent's parent or legal guardian. A referral will be made to DCFS if allegations are made under this paragraph.

(3) Prior to authorizing financial assistance, the Department must approve the living arrangement of all single minor parents exempt under section (2) above. Approval of the

living arrangement is not a certification or guarantee of the safety, quality, or condition of the living arrangements of the single minor parent.

(4) All minor parents regardless of the living arrangement must participate in education for parenting and life skills in infant and child wellness programs operated by the Department of Health and, for not less than 20 hours per week:

(a) attend high school or an alternative to high school, if the minor parent does not have a high school diploma;

(b) participate in education and training; and/or

(c) participate in employment.

(5) If a single minor parent resides with a parent, the Department shall include the income of the parent of the single minor parent in determining the single minor parent's eligibility for financial assistance.

(6) If a single minor parent resides with a parent who is receiving financial assistance, the single minor parent is included in the parent's household assistance unit.

(7) If a single minor parent receives financial assistance but does not reside with a parent, the Department shall seek an order requiring that the parent of the single minor parent financially support the single minor parent.

R986-200-214. Assistance for Specified Relatives.

(1) Specified relatives include:

(a) grandparents;

(b) brothers and sisters;

(c) stepbrothers and stepsisters;

(d) aunts and uncles;

(e) first cousins;

(f) first cousins once removed;

(g) nephews and nieces;

(h) people of prior generations as designated by the prefix grand, great, great-great, or great- great-great;

(i) a natural parent whose parental rights were terminated by court order;

(j) brothers and sisters by legal adoption;

(k) the spouse of any person listed above;

(l) the former spouse of any person listed above; and

(m) individuals who can prove they met one of the above mentioned relationships via a blood relationship even though the legal relationship has been terminated.

(2) The Department shall require compliance with Section 30-1-4.5

(3) A specified relative may apply for financial assistance for the child. If the child is otherwise eligible, the FEP rules apply with the following exceptions:

(a) The child must have a blood or a legal relationship to the specified relative even if the legal relationship has been terminated,

(b) Both parents must be absent from the home where the child lives; and

(c) The child must be currently living with, and not just visiting, the specified relative; and

(d) The parents' obligation to financially support their child will be enforced and the specified relative must cooperate with child support enforcement; and

(e) If the parent(s) state they are willing to support the child if the child would return to live with the parent(s), the child is ineligible unless there is a court order removing the child from the parent(s)' home.

(4) If the specified relative is currently receiving FEP or FEPTP, the child must be included in that household assistance unit.

(5) The income and resources of the specified relative are not counted unless the specified relative requests inclusion in the household assistance unit.

(6) If the specified relative is not currently receiving FEP or FEPTP, and the specified relative does not want to be included in the financial assistance payment, the specified relative shall be paid, on behalf of the child, the full standard financial assistance payment for one person. The size of the financial assistance payment shall be increased accordingly for each additional eligible child in the household assistance unit excluding the dependent child(ren) of the specified relative. Since the specified relative is not included in the household assistance unit, the income and assets of the specified relative, or the relative's spouse, are not counted.

(7) The specified relative may request to be included in the household assistance unit. If the specified relative is included in the household assistance unit, the household must meet all FEP eligibility requirements including participation requirements and asset limits.

(8) Income eligibility for a specified relative who wants to be included in the household assistance unit is calculated according to R986-200-241.

R986-200-215. Family Employment Program Two Parent Household (FEPTP).

(1) FEPTP is for households otherwise eligible for FEP but with two able-bodied parents in the household.

(2) Families may only participate in this program for seven months out of any 13-month period. Months of participation count toward the 36-month time limit in Sections 35A-3-306 and R986-200-217.

(3) One parent must participate 40 hours per week, as defined in the employment plan. That parent is referred to as the primary parent. The primary parent does not need to be the primary wage earner of the household. The primary parent must spend:

(a) 32 hours a week in paid employment and/or work experience and training. At least 16 hours of those 32 hours must be spent at a community work site or in paid employment. If the primary parent is under age 25 and has not completed high school or an equivalent course of education, time spent in educational activities to obtain a high school degree or its equivalent can count toward the minimum 16-hour work requirement. Training is limited to short term skills training, job search training, or adult education; and

(b) eight hours a week participating in job search activities. The Department may reduce the number of hours spent in job search activities if it is determined the parent has explored all local employment options. This would not reduce the total requirement of 40 hours of participation.

(4) The other parent is required to participate 20 hours per week as defined in the employment plan, unless there is good cause for not participating. Participation consists of a combination of paid employment, community work, job search, adult education, and skills training.

(5) Participation requirements for refugee parents can include English language instruction (English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL aka ESL) or refugee social adjustment services or targeted assistance activities or all three. English language instruction must be provided concurrently with, and not sequential to employment or employment related services.

(6) Participation may be excused only for the following reasons:

(a) Illness. Verification of illness will be required for an illness of more than three days, and may be required for periods of three days or less; or

(b) good cause as determined by the Department. Good cause may include such things as death or grave illness in the immediate family, unusual child care problems, or transportation problems.

(7) The parents cannot share the participation requirements, but the Department may agree to change the assignments at the end of a participation period.

(8) Payment is made twice per month and only after proof

of participation. Payment is based on the number of hours of participation by the primary parent. The base amount of assistance is equal to the FEP payment for the household size. The base FEP payment is then prorated based on the number of hours which the primary parent participated up to a maximum of 40 hours of participation per week. In no event can the financial assistance payment per month for a FEPTP household be more than for the same size household participating in FEP.

(9) If it is determinated by the employment counselor that one of the parents has failed to participate to the maximum extent possible:

(a) if it is the primary parent, assistance for the entire household unit will terminate immediately. There is no two month period of reduction of assistance; or

(b) if it is the other parent, that parent will be disqualified from the assistance unit. The disqualified parent's income and assets will still be counted for eligibility, but that parent will not be counted for determining the financial assistance payment.

(10) Because payment is made after performance, advance notice is not required to terminate or reduce assistance payments for households participating in FEPTP. However, if the client requests a hearing within 10 days of the termination, payment of financial assistance based on participation can continue during the hearing process as provided in R986-100-134.

(11) The parents must meet all other requirements of FEP including but not limited to, income and asset limits, cooperation with ORS if there are legally responsible persons outside of the household assistance unit, signing a participation agreement and employment plan and applying for other assistance or benefits to which they might be entitled.

R986-200-216. Diversion.

(1) Diversion is a one-time financial assistance payment provided to help a client avoid receiving extended cash assistance.

(2) In determining whether a client should receive diversion assistance, the Department will consider the following:

(a) the applicant's employment history;

(b) the likelihood that the applicant will obtain immediate full-time employment;

(c) the applicant's housing stability; and

(d) the applicant's child care needs, if applicable.

(3) To be eligible for diversion the applicant must;

(a) have a need for financial assistance to pay for housing or substantial and unforseen expenses or work related expenses which cannot be met with current or anticipated resources;

(b) show that within the diversion period, the applicant will be employed or have other specific means of self support, and

(c) meet all eligibility criteria for a FEP financial assistance payment except the applicant does not need to cooperate with ORS in obtaining support. If the client is applying for other assistance such as medical or child care, the client will have to follow the eligibility rules for that type of assistance which may require cooperation with ORS.

(4) If the Department and the client agree diversion is appropriate, the client must sign a diversion agreement listing conditions, expectations and participation requirements.

(5) The diversion payment may not exceed three times the monthly financial assistance payment for the household size. All income expected to be received during the three-month period including wages and child support must be considered when negotiating the appropriate diversion payment amount.

(6) Child support will belong to the client during the three-month period, whether received by the client directly or collected by ORS. ORS will not use the child support to offset or reimburse the diversion payment.

(7) The client must agree to have the financial assistance portion of the application for assistance denied.

(8) If a diversion payment is made and the client later decides to reapply for financial assistance within three months of the date of the original application, the initial application date will be used and the amount of the diversion payment previously issued will be prorated over the three months and subtracted from the payment(s) to which the household unit is eligible.

(9) Diversion assistance is not available to clients participating in FEPTP. This is because FEPTP is based on performance and payment can only be made after performance.

R986-200-217. Time Limits.

(1) Except as provided in R986-212-218 and in Section 35A-3-306, a family cannot receive financial assistance under the FEP or FEPTP for more than 36 months.

(2) The following months count toward the 36-month time limit regardless of whether the financial assistance payment was made in this or any other state:

(a) each month when the family received financial assistance beginning with the month of January, 1997;

(b) each month beginning with January, 1997, where a parent resided in the household, the parent's income and assets were counted in determining the household's eligibility, but the parent was disqualified from being included in the financial payment. Disqualification occurs when a parent has been determined to have committed fraud in the receipt of public assistance or when the parent is an ineligible alien; and

(c) each month when financial assistance was reduced or a partial financial assistance payment was received beginning with the month of January, 1997.

(3) Months which do not count toward the 36 month time limit are:

(a) months where both parents were absent from the home and dependent children were cared for by a specified relative who elected to be excluded from the household unit;

(b) months where the client received financial assistance as a minor child and was not the head of a household or married to the head of a household;

(c) months during which the parent lived in Indian country, as defined in Title 18, Section 1151, United States Code 1999, or an Alaskan Native village, if the most reliable data available with respect to the month, or a period including the month, indicate that at least 50% of the adults living in Indian country or in the village were not employed; or

(d) months when a parent resided in the home but were excluded from the household assistance unit. A parent is excluded when they receive SSI benefits.

(e) the first diversion period in any 12 month period of time is not counted toward the 36 month time limit. A second diversion period within 12 months will count as one month toward the 36 month time limit. If a client has already used 36 months of financial assistance, the client is not eligible for diversion assistance unless the client meets one of the extension criteria in R986-200-218 in addition to all other eligibility criteria of diversion assistance.

R986-200-218. Exceptions to the Time Limit.

Exceptions to the time limit may be allowed on a month by month basis for up to 20 percent of the average monthly number of families receiving financial assistance from FEP and FEPTP during the previous Federal fiscal year for the following reasons:

(1) A hardship under Section 35A-3-306 is determined to exist when a parent:

(a) is determined to be medically unable to work. The client must provide proof of inability to work in one of the following ways:

(i) receipt of disability benefits from SSA; or

(ii) receipt of VA Disability benefits based on the parent

being 100 percent disabled; or

(iii) placement on the Division of Services to People with Disabilities' waiting list. Being on the waiting list indicates the person has met the criteria for a disability; or

(iv) is currently receiving Temporary Total or Permanent Total disability Worker's Compensation benefits; or

(v) a medical statement completed by a medical doctor, a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, a licensed Physician's Assistant, or a doctor of osteopathy, stating the parent has a medical condition supported by medical evidence, which prevents the parent from engaging in work activities capable of generating income of at least $500 a month. The statement must be completed by a professional skilled in both the diagnosis and treatment of the condition; or

(vi) a statement completed by a licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, or psychiatrist stating that the parent has been diagnosed with a mental health condition that prevents the parent from engaging in work activities capable of generating income of at least $500 a month. Substance abuse is considered the same as mental health condition; or

(b) is under age 19 through the month of their nineteenth birthday; or

(c) is currently engaged in an approved full-time job preparation, educational or training activity which the parent was expected to complete but completion within the 36 months was not possible through no fault of the parent. Additionally, if the parent has previously received, beginning with the month of January 1997, 24 months of financial assistance while attending educational or training activities, good cause for additional months must be shown and approved; or

(d) was without fault and a delay in the delivery of services provided by the Department occurred. The delay must have had an adverse effect on the parent causing a hardship and preventing the parent from obtaining employment. An extension under this section cannot be granted for more than the length of the delay; or

(e) moved to Utah after exhausting 36 months of assistance in another state or states and the parent did not receive supportive services in that state or states as required under the provisions of PRWORA. To be eligible for an extension under this section, the failure to receive supportive services must have occurred through no fault of the parent and must contribute to the parent's inability to work. An extension under this section can never be for longer than the delay in services; or

(f) completed an educational or training program at the 36th month and needs additional time to obtain employment; or

(g) is unable to work because the parent is required in the home to meet the medical needs of a dependent. Proof, consisting of a medical statement from a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, licensed clinical social worker or licensed psychologist, is required unless the dependent is on the Travis C medicaid waiver program. The medical statement must include all of the following:

(i) the diagnosis of the dependent's condition,

(ii) the recommended treatment needed or being received for the condition,

(iii) the length of time the client will be required in the home to care for the dependent, and

(iv) whether the client is required to be in the home full-time or part-time.

(2) Additional months of financial assistance may be provided if the family includes an individual who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty which is a barrier to employment and the implementation of the time limit would make it more difficult to escape the situation. Battered or subjected to extreme cruelty means:

(a) physical acts which resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury to the individual;

(b) sexual abuse;

(c) sexual activity involving a dependent child;

(d) being forced as the specified relative of a dependent child to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts or activities;

(e) threats of, or attempts at, physical or sexual abuse;

(f) mental abuse which includes stalking and harassment; or

(g) neglect or deprivation of medical care.

(3) An exception to the time limit can be granted for a maximum of an additional 24 months if:

(a) during the previous month, the parent client was employed for no less than 80 hours; and

(b) during at least six of the previous 24 months, the parent client was employed for no less than 80 hours a month.

(c) If, at the end of the 24-month extension, the parent client qualifies for an extension under Sections (1) or (2) of this rule, an additional extension can be granted under the provisions of those sections.

(4) All clients receiving an extension must continue to participate, to the maximum extent possible, in an employment plan. This includes cooperating with ORS in the collection of establishment and enforcement of child support and the establishment of paternity, if necessary.

(5) If a household filing unit contains more than one parent, and one parent has received at least 36 months of assistance as a parent, then the entire filing unit is ineligible unless both parents meet one of the exceptions listed above. Both parents need not meet the same exception.

(6) A family in which the only parent or both parents are ineligible aliens cannot be granted an extension under Section (3) above or for any of the reasons in Subsections (1)(c),(d),(e) or (f). This is because ineligible aliens are not legally able to work and supportive services for work, education and training purposes are inappropriate.

(7) A client who is no longer eligible for financial assistance may be eligible for other kinds of public assistance including Food Stamps, Child Care Assistance and medical coverage. The client must follow the appropriate application process to determine eligibility for assistance from those other programs.

R986-200-219. Emergency Assistance (EA) for Needy Families With Dependent Children.

(1) EA is provided in an effort to prevent homelessness. It is a payment which is limited to use for utilities and rent or mortgage.

(2) To be eligible for EA the family must meet all other FEP requirements except:

(a) the client need only meet the "gross income" test. Gross income which is available to the client must be equal to or less than 185 percent of the standard needs budget for the client's filing unit; and

(b) the client is not required to enter into an employment plan or cooperate with ORS in obtaining support.

(3) The client must be homeless, in danger of becoming homeless or having the utilities at the home cut off due to a crisis situation beyond the client's control. The client must show that:

(a) The family is facing eviction or foreclosure because of past due rent or mortgage payments or unpaid utility bills which result from the crisis; and

(b) A one-time EA payment will enable the family to obtain or maintain housing or prevent the utility shut off while they overcome the temporary crisis; and

(c) Assistance with one month's rent or mortgage payment is enough to prevent the eviction, foreclosure or termination of utilities; and

(d) The client has the ability to resolve past due payments and pay future months' rent or mortgage payments and utility bills after resolution of the crisis; and

(e) The client has exhausted all other resources.

(4) Emergency assistance is available for only 30 consecutive days during a year to any client or that client's household. If, for example, a client receives an EA payment of $300 for rent on April 1 and requests an additional EA payment of $200 for utilities on or before April 30 of that same year, the request for an EA payment for utilities will be considered. If the request for an additional payment for utilities is made after April 30, it cannot be considered for payment. The client will not be eligible for another EA payment until April 1 of the following year. A year is defined as 365 days following the initial date of payment of EA.

(5) Payments will not exceed $300 per family for one month's rent payment or $500 per family for one month's mortgage payment, and $200 for one month's utilities payment.

R986-200-220. Mentors.

(1) The Department will recruit and train volunteers to serve as mentors for parent clients. The Department may elect to contract for the recruitment and training of the volunteers.

(2) A mentor may advocate on behalf of a parent client and help a parent client:

(a) develop life skills;

(b) implement an employment plan; or

(c) obtain services and support from:

(i) the volunteer mentor;

(ii) the Department; or

(iii) civic organizations.

R986-200-230. Assets Counted in Determining Eligibility.

(1) All available assets, unless exempt, are counted in determining eligibility. An asset is available when the applicant or client owns it and has the ability and the legal right to sell it or dispose of it. An item is never counted as both income and an asset in the same month.

(2) The value of an asset is determined by its equity value. Equity value is the current market value less any debts still owing on the asset. Current market value is the asset's selling price on the open market as set by current standards of appraisal.

(3) Both real and personal property are considered assets. Real property is an item that is fixed, permanent, or immovable. This includes land, houses, buildings, and trailer homes. Personal property is any item other than real property.

(4) If an asset is potentially available, but a legal impediment to making it available exists, it is exempt until it can be made available. The applicant or client must take appropriate steps to make the asset available unless:

(a) Reasonable action would not be successful in making the asset available; or

(b) The probable cost of making the asset available exceeds its value.

(5) The value of countable real and personal property cannot exceed $2,000.

(6) If the household assets are below the limits on the first day of the month the household is eligible for the remainder of the month.

R986-200-231. Assets That Are Not Counted (Exempt) for Eligibility Purposes.

The following are not counted as an asset when determining eligibility for financial assistance:

(1) the home in which the family lives, and its contents, unless any single item of personal property has a value over $1,000, then only that item is counted toward the $2,000 limit. If the family owns more than one home, only the primary residence is exempt and the equity value of the other home is counted;

(2) the value of the lot on which the home stands is exempt if it does not exceed the average size of residential lots for the community in which it is located. The value of the property in excess of an average size lot is counted if marketable;

(3) Water rights attached to the home property are exempt;

(4) a maximum of $8,000 equity value of one vehicle. The entire equity value of one vehicle equipped to transport a disabled individual is exempt from the asset limit even if the vehicle has a value in excess of $8,000;

(5) with the exception of real property, the value of income producing property necessary for employment;

(6) the value of any reasonable assistance received for post-secondary education;

(7) bona fide loans, including reverse equity loans;

(8) per capita payments or any asset purchased with per capita payments made to tribal members by the Secretary of the Interior or the tribe;

(9) maintenance items essential to day-to-day living;

(10) life estates;

(11) an irrevocable trust where neither the corpus nor income can be used for basic living expenses;

(12) For refugees, as defined under R986-300-303(1), assets that remain in the refugee's country of origin are not counted;

(13) one burial plot per member of the household. A burial plot is a burial space and any item related to repositories used for the remains of the deceased. This includes caskets, concrete vaults, urns, crypts, grave markers, etc. If the individual owns a grave site, the value of which includes opening and closing, the opening and closing is also exempt;

(14) a burial/funeral fund up to a maximum of $1,500 per member of the household;

(a) The value of any irrevocable burial trust is subtracted from the $1,500 burial/funeral fund exemption. If the irrevocable burial trust is valued at $1,500 or more, it reduces the burial/funeral fund exemption to zero.

(b) After deducting any irrevocable burial trust, if there is still a balance in the burial/funeral fund exemption amount, the remaining exemption is reduced by the cash value of any burial contract, funeral plan, or funds set aside for burial up to a maximum of $1,500. Any amount over $1,500 is considered an asset;

(15) Any interest which is accrued on an exempt burial contract, funeral plan, or funds set aside for burial is exempt as income or assets. If an individual removes the principal or interest and uses the money for a purpose other than the individual's burial expenses, the amount withdrawn is countable income; and

(16) any other property exempt under federal law.

R986-200-232. Considerations in Evaluating Real Property.

(1) Any nonexempt real property that an applicant or client is making a bona fide effort to sell is exempt for a nine-month period provided the applicant or client agrees to repay, from the proceeds of the sale, the amount of financial and/or child care assistance received. Bona fide effort to sell means placing the property up for sale at a price no greater than the current market value. Additionally, to qualify for this exemption, the applicant or client must assign, to the state of Utah, a lien against the real property under consideration. If the property is not sold during the period of time the client was receiving financial and/or child care assistance or if the client loses eligibility for any reason during the nine-month period, the lien will not be released until repayment of all financial and/or child care assistance is made.

(2) Payments received on a sales contract for the sale of an exempt home are not counted if the entire proceeds are committed to replacement of the property sold within 30 days of receipt and the purchase is completed within 90 days. If more than 90 days is needed to complete the actual purchase, one 90-day extension may be granted. Proceeds are defined as all payments made on the principal of the contract. Proceeds do

not include interest earned on the principal which is counted as income.

R986-200-233. Considerations in Evaluating Household Assets.

(1) The assets of a disqualified household member are counted.

(2) The assets of a ward that are controlled by a legal guardian are considered available to the ward.

(3) The assets of an ineligible child are exempt.

(4) When an ineligible alien is a parent, the assets of that alien parent are counted in determining eligibility for other family members.

(5) Certain aliens who have been legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence must have the income and assets of their sponsors considered in determining eligibility for financial assistance under applicable federal authority in accordance with R986-200-243.

R986-200-234. Income Counted in Determining Eligibility.

(1) The amount of financial assistance is based on the household's monthly income and size.

(2) Household income means the payment or receipt of countable income from any source to any member counted in the household assistance unit including:

(a) children; and

(b) people who are disqualified from being counted because of a prior determination of fraud (IPV) or because they are an ineligible alien.

(3) The income of SSI recipients is not counted.

(4) Countable income is gross income, whether earned or unearned, less allowable exclusions listed below.

(5) Money is not counted as income and an asset in the same month.

(6) If an individual has elected to have a voluntary reduction or deduction taken from an entitlement to earned or unearned income, the voluntary reduction or deduction is counted as gross income. Voluntary reductions include insurance premiums, savings, and garnishments to pay an owed obligation.

R986-200-235. Unearned Income.

(1) Unearned income is income received by an individual for which the individual performs no service.

(2) Countable unearned income includes:

(a) pensions and annuities such as Railroad Retirement, Social Security, VA, Civil Service;

(b) disability benefits such as sick pay and workers' compensation payments unless considered as earned income;

(c) unemployment Insurance;

(d) strike or union benefits;

(e) VA allotment;

(f) income from the GI Bill;

(g) assigned support retained in violation of statute is counted when a request to do so has been generated by ORS;

(h) payments received from trusts made for basic living expenses;

(i) payments of interest from stocks, bonds, savings, loans, insurance, a sales contract, or mortgage. This applies even if the payments are from the sale of an exempt home. Payments made for the down payment or principal are counted as assets;

(j) inheritances;

(k) life insurance benefits;

(l) payments from an insurance company or other source for personal injury, interest, or destroyed, lost or stolen property unless the money is used to replace that property;

(m) cash contributions from any source including family, a church or other charitable organization;

(n) rental income if the rental property is managed by another individual or company for the owner. Income from rental property managed by someone in the household assistance unit is considered earned income;

(o) financial assistance payments received from another state or the Department from another type of financial assistance program including a diversion payment; and

(p) payments from Job Corps and Americorps living allowances.

(3) Unearned income which is not counted (exempt):

(a) cash gifts for special occasions which do not exceed $30 per quarter for each person in the household assistance unit. The gift can be divided equally among all members of the household assistance unit;

(b) bona fide loans, including reverse equity loans on an exempt property. A bona fide loan means a loan which has been contracted in good faith without fraud or deceit and genuinely endorsed in writing for repayment;

(c) the value of food stamps, food donated from any source, and the value of vouchers issued under the Women Infants and Children program;

(d) any per capita payments made to individual tribal members by either the secretary of interior or the tribe are excluded. Income to tribal members derived from privately owned land is not exempt;

(e) any payments made to household members that are declared exempt under federal law;

(f) the value of governmental rent and housing subsidies, federal relocation assistance, or EA issued by the Department;

(g) money from a trust fund to provide for or reimburse the household for a specific item NOT related to basic living expenses. This includes medical expenses and educational expenses. Money from a trust fund to provide for or reimburse a household member for basic living expenses is counted;

(h) travel and training allowances and reimbursements if they are directly related to training, education, work, or volunteer activities;

(i) all unearned income in-kind. In-kind means something, such as goods or commodities, other than money;

(j) thirty dollars of the income received from rental income unless greater expenses can be proven. Expenses in excess of $30 can be allowed for:

(i) taxes;

(ii) attorney fees expended to make the rental income available;

(iii) upkeep and repair costs necessary to maintain the current value of the property; and

(iv) interest paid on a loan or mortgage made for upkeep or repair. Payment on the principal of the loan or mortgage cannot be excluded;

(k) if meals are provided to a roomer/boarder, the value of a one-person food stamp allotment for each roomer/boarder;

(l) payments for energy assistance including H.E.A.T payments, assistance given by a supplier of home energy, and in-kind assistance given by a private non-profit agency;

(m) federal and state income tax refunds and earned income tax credit payments;

(n) payments made by the Department to reimburse the client for education or work expenses, or a CC subsidy;

(o) income of an SSI recipient. Neither the payment from SSI nor any other income, including earned income, of an SSI recipient is included;

(p) payments from a person living in the household who is not included in the household assistance unit, as defined in R986-200-205, when the payment is intended and used for that person's share of the living expenses;

(q) educational assistance and college work study except Veterans Education Assistance intended for family members of the student; and

(r) for a refugee, as defined in R986-300-303(1), any grant

or assistance, whether cash or in-kind, received directly or indirectly under the Reception and Placement Programs of Department of State or Department of Justice.

R986-200-236. Earned Income.

(1) All earned income is counted when it is received even if it is an advance on wages, salaries or commissions.

(2) Countable earned income includes:

(a) wages, except Americorps*Vista living allowances are not counted;

(b) salaries;

(c) commissions;

(d) tips;

(e) sick pay which is paid by the employer;

(f) temporary disability insurance or temporary workers' compensation payments which are employer funded and made to an individual who remains employed during recuperation from a temporary illness or injury pending the employee's return to the job;

(g) rental income only if managerial duties are performed by the owner to receive the income. The number of hours spent performing those duties is not a factor. If the property is managed by someone other than the individual, the income is counted as unearned income;

(h) net income from self-employment less allowable expenses, including income over a period of time for which settlement is made at one given time. The periodic payment is annualized prospectively. Examples include the sale of farm crops, livestock, and poultry;

(i) training incentive payments and work allowances; and

(j) earned income of dependent children.

(3) Income that is not counted as earned income:

(a) income for an SSI recipient;

(b) reimbursements from an employer for any bona fide work expense;

(c) allowances from an employer for travel and training if the allowance is directly related to the travel or training and identifiable and separate from other countable income; or

(d) Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) payments.

R986-200-237. Lump Sum Payments.

(1) Lump sum payments are one-time windfalls or retroactive payments of earned or unearned income. Lump sums include but are not limited to, inheritances, insurance settlements, awards, winnings, gifts, and severance pay, including when a client cashes out vacation, holiday, and sick pay. They also include lump sum payments from Social Security, VA, UI, Worker's Compensation, and other one-time payments. Payments from SSA that are paid out in installments are not considered lump sum payments but as income, even if paid less often than monthly.

(2) The following lump sum payments are not counted as income or assets:

(a) any kind of lump sum payment of excluded earned or unearned income. If the income would have been excluded, the lump sum payment is also excluded. This includes SSI payments and any EITC; and

(b) insurance settlements for destroyed exempt property when used to replace that property.

(3) The net lump sum payment is counted as income for the month it is received. Any amount remaining after the end of that month is considered an asset.

(4) The net lump sum is the portion of the lump sum that is remaining after deducting:

(a) legal fees expended in the effort to make the lump sum available;

(b) payments for past medical bills if the lump sum was intended to cover those expenses; and

(c) funeral or burial expenses, if the lump sum was intended to cover funeral or burial expenses.

(5) A lump sum paid to an SSI recipient is not counted as income or an asset except for those recipients receiving financial assistance from GA or WTE.

R986-200-238. How to Calculate Income.

(1) To determine if a client is eligible for, and the amount of, a financial assistance payment, the Department estimates the anticipated income, assets and household size for each month in the certification period.

(2) The methods used for estimating income are:

(a) income averaging or annualizing which means using a history of past income that is representative of future income and averaging it to determine anticipated future monthly income. It may be necessary to evaluate the history of past income for a full year or more; and

(b) income anticipating which means using current facts such as rate of pay and hourly wage to anticipate future monthly income when no reliable history is available.

(3) Monthly income is calculated by multiplying the average weekly income by 4.3 weeks. If a client is paid every two weeks, the income for those two weeks is multiplied by 2.15 weeks to determine monthly income.

(4) The Department's estimate of income, when based on the best available information at the time it was made, will be determined to be an accurate reflection of the client's income. If it is later determined the actual income was different than the estimate, no adjustment will be made. If the client notifies the Department of a change in circumstances affecting income, the estimated income can be adjusted prospectively but not retrospectively.

R986-200-239. How to Determine the Amount of the Financial Assistance Payment.

(1) Once the household's size and income have been determined, the gross countable income must be less than or equal to 185 percent of the Standard Needs Budget (SNB) for the size of the household. This is referred to as the "gross test".

(2) If the gross countable income is less than or equal to 185 percent of the SNB, the following deductions are allowed:

(a) a work expense allowance of $100 for each person in the household unit who is employed;

(b) a dependent care deduction as described in (3) below;

(c) child support paid by a household member if legally owed to someone not included in the household; and

(d) fifty percent of the remaining earned income, after the deductions in (a), (b) and (c) above, if the individual has received a financial assistance payment from the Department for one or more of the immediately preceding four months.

(3) The amount of the dependant care deduction is set by the Department and based on the number of hours worked by the parent and the age of the dependant needing care. It can only be deducted if the dependant care:

(a) is paid for the care of a child or adult member of the household assistance unit, or a child or adult who would be a member of the household assistance unit except that this person receives SSI. An adult's need for care must be verified by a doctor; and

(b) is not subsidized, in whole or in part, by a CC payment from the Department; and

(c) is not paid to an individual who is in the household assistance unit.

(4) After deducting the amounts allowed under paragraph (2) above, the resulting net income must be less than 100 percent of SNB for size of the household assistance unit. If the net income is equal to or greater than the SNB, the household is not eligible.

(5) If the net income is less than 100 percent of the SNB the following amounts are deducted:

(a) Fifty percent of earned countable income for all employed household assistance unit members if the household was not eligible for the 50 percent deduction under paragraph (2)(d) above; and/or

(b) All of the earned income of all children in the household assistance unit, if not previously deducted, who are:

(i) in school or training full-time, or

(ii) in part-time education or training if they are employed less than 100 hours per month. "Part-time education or training" means enrolled for at least one-half the number of hours or periods considered by the institution to be customary to complete the course of study within the minimum time period. If no schedule is set by the school, the course of study must be no less than an average of two class periods or two hours per day, whichever is less.

(6) The resulting net countable income is compared to the full financial assistance payment for the household size. If the net countable income is more than the financial assistance payment, the household is not eligible. If it is less, the net countable income is deducted from the financial assistance payment and the household is paid the difference.

(7) The amount of the standard financial assistance payment is set by the State Legislature and available at all Department offices.

R986-200-240. Additional Payments Available Under Certain Circumstances.

(1) Each parent eligible for financial assistance in the FEP or FEPTP programs who takes part in at least one enhanced participation activity may be eligible to receive $40 each month in addition to the standard financial assistance payment. Enhanced participation activities are limited to:

(a) work experience sites of at least 24 hours a week and other priority activities that together total 34 hours per week;

(b) full-time attendance in an education or employment training program; or

(c) employment of 24 hours or more a week and other priority activities that together total 34 hours per week.

(2) An additional payment of $15 per month for a pregnant woman in the third month prior to the expected month of delivery. Eligibility for the allowance begins in the month the woman provides medical proof that she is in the third month prior to the expected month of delivery. The pregnancy allowance ends at the end of the month the pregnancy ends.

(3) A limited number of funds are available to individuals for work and training expenses. The funds can only be used to alleviate circumstances which impede the individual's ability to begin or continue employment, job search, training, or education. The payment of these funds is completely discretionary by the Department. The individual does not need to meet any eligibility requirements to request or receive these funds.

(4) Limited funds are available, up to a maximum of $300, to pay for burial costs if the individual is not entitled to a burial paid for by the county.

R986-200-241. Income Eligibility Calculation for a Specified Relative Who Wants to be Included in the Assistance Payment.

(1) The income calculation for a specified relative who wants to be included in the financial assistance payment is as follows:

(a) All earned and unearned countable income is counted, as determined by FEP rules, for the specified relative and his or her spouse, less the following allowable deductions:

(i) one hundred dollars for each employed person in the household. This deduction is only allowed for the specified relative and/or spouse and not anyone else in the household even if working; and

(ii) the child care expenses paid by the specified relative and necessary for employment up to the maximum allowable deduction as set by the Department.

(2) The household size is determined by counting the specified relative, his or her spouse if living in the home, and their dependent children living in the home who are not in the household assistance unit.

(3) If the income less deductions exceeds 100 percent of the SNB for a household of that size, the specified relative cannot be included in the financial assistance payment. If the income is less than 100 percent of the SNB, the total household income is divided by the household size calculated under paragraph (2) above. This amount is deemed available to the specified relative as countable unearned income. If that amount is less than the maximum financial assistance payment for the household assistance unit size, the specified relative may be included in the financial assistance payment.

R986-200-242. Income Calculation for a Minor Parent Living with His or Her Parent or Stepparent.

(1) All earned and unearned countable income of all parents, including stepparents living in the home, is counted when determining the eligibility of a minor parent residing in the home of the parent(s).

(2) From that income, the following deductions are allowed:

(a) one hundred dollars from income earned by each parent or stepparent living in the home, and

(b) an amount equal to 100 percent of the SNB for a group with the following members:

(i) the parents or stepparents living in the home;

(ii) any other person in the home who is not included in the financial assistance payment of the minor parent and who is a dependent of the parents or stepparents;

(c) amounts paid by the parents or stepparents living in the home to individuals not living at home but who could be claimed as dependents for Federal income tax purposes; and

(d) alimony and child support paid to someone outside the home by the parents or stepparents living in the home.

(3) The resulting amount is counted as unearned income to the minor parent.

(4) If a minor parent lives in a household already receiving financial assistance, the child of the minor parent is included in the larger household assistance unit.

R986-200-243. Counting the Income of Sponsors of Eligible Aliens.

(1) Certain aliens who have been legally admitted into the United States for permanent residence must have a portion of the earned and unearned countable income of their sponsors counted as unearned income in determining eligibility and financial assistance payment amounts for the alien.

(2) The following aliens are not subject to having the income of their sponsor counted:

(a) paroled or admitted into the United States as a refugee or asylee;

(b) granted political asylum;

(c) admitted as a Cuban or Haitian entrant;

(d) other conditional or paroled entrants;

(e) not sponsored or who have sponsors that are organizations or institutions;

(f) sponsored by persons who receive public assistance or SSI;

(g) permanent resident aliens who were admitted as refugees and have been in the United States for eight months or less.

(3) The income of the sponsor of an alien who applies for financial assistance after April 1, 1983 and who has been legally admitted into the United States for permanent residence must be

counted for five years after the entry date into the United States. The entry date is the date the alien was admitted for permanent residence. The time spent, if any, in the United States other than as a permanent resident is not considered as part of the five year period.

(4) The amount of income deemed available for the alien is calculated by:

(a) deducting 20 percent from the total earned income of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse up to a maximum of $175 per month; then,

(b) adding to that figure all of the monthly unearned countable income of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse; then the following deductions are allowed:

(i) an amount equal to 100 percent of the SNB amount for the number of people living in the sponsor's household who are or could be claimed as dependents under federal income tax policy; then,

(ii) actual payments made to people not living in the sponsor's household whom the sponsor claims or could claim as dependents under federal income tax policy; then,

(iii) actual payments of alimony and/or child support the sponsor makes to individuals not living in the sponsor's household.

(c) The remaining amount is counted as unearned income against the alien whether or not the income is actually made available to the alien.

(5) Actual payments by the sponsor to aliens will be counted as income only to the extent that the payment amount exceeds the amount of the sponsor's income already determined as countable.

(6) A sponsor can be held liable for an overpayment made to a sponsored alien if the sponsor was responsible for, or signed the documents which contained, the misinformation that resulted in the overpayment. The sponsor is not held liable for an overpayment if the alien fails to give accurate information to the Department or the sponsor is deceased, in prison, or can prove the request for information was incomplete or vague.

(7) In the case where the alien entered the United States after December 19, 1997, the sponsor's income does not count if:

(a) the alien becomes a United States citizen through naturalization;

(b) the alien has worked 40 qualifying quarters as determined by Social Security Administration; or

(c) the alien or the sponsor dies.

R986-200-244. TANF Needy Family (TNF).

(1) TNF is not a program but describes a population that can be served using TANF Surplus Funds.

(2) Eligible families must have a dependent child under the age of 18 residing in the home, and the total household income must not exceed 200% of the Federal poverty level. Income is determined as gross income without allowance for disregards.

(3) Services available vary throughout the state. Information on what is available in each region is available at each Employment Center. The Department may elect to contract out services.

(4) If TANF funded payments are made for basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, shelter, or utilities, each month a payment is received under TNF, counts as one month of assistance toward the 36 month lifetime limit. Basic needs also include transportation and child care if all adults in the household are unemployed and will count toward the 36 month lifetime limit.

(5) If a member of the household has used all 36 months of FEP assistance the household is not eligible for basic needs assistance under TNF but may be eligible for other TANF funded services.

(6) Assets are not counted when determining eligibility for TNF services.

R986-200-245. TANF Non-FEP Training (TNT).

(1) TNT is to provide skills and training to parents to help them become suitably employed and self-sufficient.

(2) The client must be unable to obtain suitable employment without training.

(3) Eligible families must have a dependent child under the age of 18 residing in the home and the total household income must not exceed 200% of the Federal poverty level. If the only dependent child is 18 and expected to graduate from High School before their 19th birthday the family is eligible up through the month of graduation. Income is counted and calculated the same as for WIA as found in rule R986-600.

(4) Assets are not counted when determining eligibility for TNT services.

(5) The client must show need and appropriateness of training.

(6) The client must negotiate an employment plan with the Department and participate to the maximum extent possible.

(7) The Department will not pay for supportive services such as child care, transportation or living expenses under TNT. The Department can pay for books, tools, work clothes and other needs associated with training.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-102. Employment Security Act, Public Policy and Authority.
R994-102-101. Authority and Statement of the Rules.

(1) One of the purposes of the Employment Security Act, Utah Code Section 35A-4-101 et seq., the Act, is to lighten the burdens of persons unemployed through no fault of their own by maintaining their purchasing power in the economy. The legislature, in establishing this program, recognized the substantial social ills associated with unemployment and sought to ameliorate these problems with a program to pay workers for a limited time while they seek other employment.

(2) The Department of Workforce Services (Department) is responsible for protecting the investment of employers who contributed to the unemployment insurance fund, the interests of the unemployed workers who may be eligible for the dollars provided by the fund, and the community which benefits from a stable workforce through the maintenance of purchasing power.

(3) The legal authority for these rules and for the Department to carry out its responsibilities is found in Utah Code Sections 34A-1-104 and 35A-4-101 et seq.

(4) These rules are to be liberally construed and administered and doubts should be resolved in favor of finding coverage of the employee and assisting those who are attached to the work force.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-106. Combined Wage Claims.
R994-106-101. General Definition.

(1) An unemployed individual who has covered employment and wages in more than one state has the right to combine such wages and employment in the base period of one state if the combination will provide benefits for which he could not otherwise qualify or will increase the benefits for which he qualifies in a single state. He must file a combined wage claim if he is eligible to do so rather than claim extended benefits. If he wishes, he has the right to reject a combined-wage claim and file against a state in which he is separately eligible or to cancel the combined wage claim and file no claim.

(2) Section 35A-4-106 provides for the wages earned in other states to be used to qualify for unemployment insurance benefits. Many of the restrictions and guidelines contained in this Rule are required by federal regulations which govern the establishment and payment of unemployment benefits when a claimant uses wages earned outside the state or his residence at the time the claim is filed. If there is a conflict between this Rule and federal regulations, the federal regulations will be followed.

R994-106-102. Definition of Terms.

(1) Agent State.

Agent state means any state in which an individual files a claim for benefits from another state or states.

(2) Combined-Wage Claim.

A combined-wage claim is a claim using wage credits from more than one state.

(3) Combined-Wage Claimant.

A claimant who uses wages from more than one state to establish monetary entitlement to benefits.

(4) Commuter.

Commuter applies to each individual who, immediately before becoming unemployed, customarily commuted from his residence in the agent state to his work in the liable state.

(5) Employment and Wages.

"Employment" refers to all services which are covered under the unemployment compensation law of a state, whether expressed in terms of weeks of work or otherwise. "Wages" refers to all remuneration for such employment.

(6) Interstate Benefit Payment Plan.

This is the plan approved by the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies under which benefits are payable to unemployed individuals absent from the state (or states) in which benefit credits have been accumulated.

(7) Liable State.

The liable state is the same as the paying state.

(8) Paying State.

The paying state is the state against which the claimant is filing that actually issues the benefit checks.

(9) State.

State includes the states of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

(10) State Agency.

The agency which administers the unemployment compensation law of a state.

(11) Transferring State.

A transferring state is one in which the claimant had covered employment and wages within the base period of the paying state that can be transferred to establish a claim. Wages from more than one transferring state can be used to establish a combined wage claim.

R994-106-103. Restrictions on Combined Wage Claims.

(1) Any unemployed individual who has had covered employment in two or more states may file a combined wage claim unless:

(a) he has established a claim under any other state;

(b) the benefit year has not ended;

(c) and there are still unused benefit rights.

(2) Unused Benefit Rights.

A claimant will not be considered to have unused benefit rights on a prior claim if:

(a) all benefits have been exhausted, or

(b) benefits have been denied by a seasonal restriction, or

(c) benefits have been postponed for an indefinite period or for the remainder of the benefit year. A disqualification imposed because a claimant is not able to work or available for work is not considered a denial of a claimant's benefit rights.

(3) Use of Wages in Paying State.

If an individual files a combined wage claim, all wages and employment in all states during the base period of the paying state must be included. He may not select a paying state but must accept that state which is determined under Subsection 35A-4-106(1)(b) and R994-106-103.

(4) Base Period for a Combined Wage Claim.

The base period for a combined wage claim means the "base period" as established in the paying state.

(5) Benefit Year for a Combined Wage Claim.

The benefit year for a combined wage claim is the "benefit year" of the paying state.

R994-106-104. Determining the Paying State.

(1) The paying state is determined in order of the following priorities:

(a) the state in which the combined wage claim is filed if the claimant qualifies for unemployment benefits in that state on the basis of combined employment and wages; then

(b) if the claimant is not monetarily eligible for benefits in the state of filing, a combined wage claim must be considered against the state of last employment. If the claimant is not eligible under the law of this state, the state of next-to-last employment must be considered and so on through the order in which the work was performed; or

(c) if the combined wage claim is filed in Canada, the paying state will be that state where the combined wage claimant was last employed in covered employment among the states with wages used in determining the claim.

(2) The claimant has the right to claim against another state or states if he receives an ineligible monetary determination. If such request is made in accordance with instructions from the local office or within the appeal period of the monetary determination, a claim may be taken against another state(s) with the effective date of the original claim.

R994-106-105. Responsibilities of Utah when Transferring Wages.

(1) Transfer of Employment and Wages.

Wages earned in Utah in covered employment during the base period of the combined wage claim filed by a claimant will be promptly transferred to the paying state. Such wages will be transferred without restriction as to their use for determination and benefit payments under the provisions of the Paying state's law.

(2) Employment and Wages Not Transferrable.

Wages earned in Utah will not be transferred if the employment and wages have been:

(a) transferred to any other paying state and have not been returned unused, or which have been previously used as the basis of a monetary determination which establishes a benefit year; or

(b) canceled or are otherwise unavailable to the claimant as a result of a monetary determination made prior to its receipt of the request for transfer, if such determination has become final or is subject to a pending appeal. If the appeal is finally

decided in favor of the combined wage claimant, any employment and wages determined eligible for use as wages in establishing monetary eligibility will be transferred to the paying state and any necessary redetermination will be made by the paying state.

R994-106-106. Non-Monetary Eligibility Determination.

When a combined wage claim is filed, the law and eligibility requirements of the paying state apply even if an issue has been previously adjudicated by a transferring state.

R994-106-107. Conditions for Withdrawing a Combined Wage Claim.

(1) Because of the complexities of combining wages, disadvantages to the claimant may not be apparent until after the monetary determination has been received. Therefore, the claimant has the right to withdraw from a combined wage claim anytime before the monetary determination of the paying state becomes final. The claimant's right to withdraw is inherent and need not be supported by reasons, provided that he either:

(a) repays in full any benefits paid to him, or

(b) authorizes the state against which he will claim benefits to withhold and forward to the former paying state a full repayment of benefits.

R994-106-108. Notification and Appeals.

(1) Notification.

A combined wage claimant will receive a monetary determination notice from the paying state once the wage information from all states is received. If a transferring state refuses to transfer wages because the wage credits were canceled under a disqualification or because the work was not covered, the claimant will be sent an appealable determination by the transferring state.

(2) Protests and Appeals.

A protest of a monetary determination from a transferring state or from a paying state other than Utah may be made. If the paying state or any transferring state makes any decision, monetary or nonmonetary, adverse to a combined-wage claimant's interest, the claimant is entitled to a written determination and the right to request reconsideration or an appeal in accordance with the law of the state making the determination.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-201. Definition of Terms in Employment Security Act.
R994-201-101. General Definitions and Acronyms.

These definitions are in addition to those defined in Section 35A-4-201.

(1) "Act" means the Utah Employment Security Act, and amendments thereto.

(2) "ALJ" means Administrative Law Judge.

(3) "Appeals Unit" means the Division of Adjudication.

(4) "Board" means the Workforce Appeals Board.

(5) Bona Fide Employment.

"Bona fide employment" is work that was an authentic employer-employee relationship entered into in good faith without fraud or deceit rather than an arrangement or report of non-existent work calculated to overcome a disqualification.

(6) Burden of Proof.

The person or party with the burden of proof has the initial responsibility to show that the fact at issue is worthy of belief. Burden of proof requires proof by a preponderance of the evidence.

(7) Calendar Quarter.

"Calendar quarter" means the period of three consecutive calendar months ending on March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31.

(8) Claimant.

"Claimant" is an individual who has filed the necessary documents to apply for unemployment insurance benefits.

(9) Covered Employment.

"Covered employment" is employment subject to a state or federal unemployment insurance laws, including laws pertaining to railroad unemployment and active military duty, which can be used to establish monetary eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. Active military duty in a full time branch of the US military service can be used, even if the duty was for less than 90 days, if the claimant was released under honorable conditions. National Guard or Reserve wages may be used only if the claimant has completed 90 consecutive days of active duty and if the claimant was released under honorable conditions.

(10) Department.

"Department" means the Department of Workforce Services.

(11) Employment Center.

"Employment Center" means an office operated by the Department of Workforce Services.

(12) Itinerant Service.

"Itinerant service" means a service maintained by the Department of Workforce Services at specified intervals and at designated outlying points within the jurisdiction of an Employment Center.

(13) Local Office.

"Local office" means the Employment Center of any geographical area.

(14) MBA means maximum benefit amount.

(15) Person.

"Person" includes any governmental entity, individual, corporation, partnership, or association.

(16) Preponderance of Evidence.

A "preponderance of evidence" is evidence which is of greater weight or more convincing than the evidence which is offered in opposition to it, more convincing to the mind, evidence that best accords with reason or probability. Preponderance means more than weight; it denotes a superiority of reliability. Opportunity for knowledge, information possessed and manner of testifying determines the weight of testimony.

(17) Separation.

"Separation" means curtailment of employment to the extent that the individual meets the definition of "unemployed" as stated in Subsection 35A-4-207(1) with respect to any week.

(18) Transitional Claim.

A claim that is filed effective the day after the prior claim ends provided an eligible weekly claim was filed for the last week of the prior claim.

(19) WBA means weekly benefit amount.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-202. Employing Units.
R994-202-101. General Definition.

The objective of this rule is to define when a legal entity is the employing unit and define wages specific to the employing unit. When the legal status of an employing unit is in question, the Department may use various sources to determine the status of the employing unit based upon Section 35A-4-313. These sources may include, but are not limited to income tax returns, financial and business records, regulatory licenses, legal documents, and information from the parties involved.

(1) Proprietorship.

A business which is owned by a person who has either the legal right and exclusive title, or dominion, or the ownership of that business is a proprietorship. The individual proprietor is the employing unit. The proprietor's services and the services of the proprietor's spouse, minor children under age 21, and parents are exempt from coverage and they are not entitled to receive unemployment benefits based upon proprietorship compensation (see also rule on wages 35A-4-208).

(2) Partnership.

The partners are the employing unit. The partners' services are exempt from unemployment coverage and they are not entitled to receive unemployment benefits based upon partnership compensation. If the partnership changes because partners are added or one or more of the partners leaves the partnership, that legal entity ceases to exist at the point the change occurs, and any remaining entity becomes a different employing unit. (For rule on limited partnerships, see 35A-4-208(11). For rule on family employment, see 35A-4-205(1)(h).)

(3) Corporation.

The corporation is the employing unit. Corporations must be registered with the Utah Division of Corporations or similar agency in another state. In the absence of such registration or a dissolution, the department will determine the employing unit based upon the best available information. A change of ownership occurs when substantially all of the corporate assets are sold or transferred. The sale, transfer, or exchange of corporate stock is not a change of ownership. All individuals employed by the corporation, including officers, are employees. Compensation to officers who perform services necessary to the corporation is deemed to be wages. Payments to corporate employees such as dividends, loans and expenses in lieu of compensation for services may be reclassified as wages by the department. Reclassification will be based upon the extent and significance of the work performed and the documentation supporting such payments. This applies to all corporations regardless of income tax reporting status. The following payments to officers are generally not wages:

(a) directors fees which are uniform and reasonable;

(b) reimbursement for expenses which are reasonable and/or documented by receipts;

(c) loans supported by notes and reasonable repayment schedules. Non-interest bearing notes which are payable upon demand, no payment schedule, are considered wages if the officer is performing necessary services for the corporation;

(d) documented returns of investment where the officer has loaned or invested money in the corporation.

(4) Limited Liability Company (LLC).

A LLC is the employing unit if it is registered and in good standing with the Utah Department of Commerce. The department will consider a LLC that is not registered or in a canceled status to be a proprietorship or partnership, based upon the best information available.

(a) Members of a LLC are not employees of the LLC and their remuneration is exempt from coverage provided both of the following criteria are met:

(i) the Limited Liability Company is registered and in good standing with the Department of Commerce as a LLC and,

(ii) the member has a bona fide ownership interest in the LLC and is listed in the articles of organization or the operating agreement.

(b) The department may look beyond the articles of organization or the operating agreement to the actual working relationship to determine the employment status of individuals in the LLC.

(c) A nonmember manager is an employee of the LLC.

(d) Legal actions, subpoenas, and court orders will be issued to the ownership of record.

(e) Assessments and liens will be issued in the name of the LLC, and not against the ownership of record.

(5) Trust.

The trust is the employing unit. A trust instrument or document must exist in order for the entity to be recognized. In the absence of such document, the department will determine the employing unit based upon the best available information. A trustee is generally not an employee of the trust unless there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the trustee does not control the trust with respect to fiduciary and management responsibilities. A trustee controlled and directed by another party is an employee of the trust. A bankruptcy trustee is not an employee of the bankrupt entity. The trustee is an independent contractor selected by the creditors and approved by the court. Corporate trustees are employees of the corporation. Their compensation, as that of corporate officers, is subject to unemployment contributions.

(6) Association.

An association is a collection or organization of persons or other legal entities who have joined together for a certain common objective.

(7) Joint Venture.

A joint venture is a one-time grouping of two or more persons or corporations in a business undertaking. Unlike a partnership, a joint venture does not entail a continuing relationship among the parties. The exempt or employment status of proprietors, partners or corporate officers is not lost in the formation of the joint venture. Services of proprietors or partners are exempt. The services of a corporation's officers are subject.

(8) Estate.

An estate established to manage the business activities of a deceased proprietor or partner is the employing unit. The services of the executor or administrator of the estate are not subject to unemployment contributions.

(9) Temporary Help Company.

(a)(i) A temporary help company is the employing unit for those workers placed with a client company to fill assignments with a finite ending date in special, unusual, seasonal, or temporary skill shortage situations.

(ii) A company that provides all or substantially all of the regular, full-time workers of a client company, with no restrictions or limitation on the duration of employment, is not the employing unit for those workers and, therefore, the client company may be considered the employing unit subject to all of the provisions of the Employment Security Act as an employer, unless the company is licensed pursuant to the Employee Leasing Company Licensing Act, Section 58-59-101 et seq.

(b) If the temporary help company implements an action taken by the client to remove a worker from employment, the temporary help company is responsible for that action, whether or not the action is authorized by a written contract, unless the worker continues to be paid by the temporary help company;

(c) Rule R994-202-103, paragraphs 5(d), Exempt Employment, and 5(e), Benefit Charges, pertaining to employee leasing companies also apply to temporary help companies.

(10) Common Paymaster.

(a) A common paymaster situation exists when two or more related corporations concurrently employ the same

individual and one of the corporations compensates the individual for the concurrent employment. Internal Revenue Service rules and determinations related to a common paymaster situation are not controlling but serve as guidelines in the department's determination as to which entity is the employing unit.

(b) The department will recognize a common paymaster if the closely related corporations satisfy all of the following criteria:

(i) each related company is a corporation;

(ii) there must be at least 50 percent common ownership of stock or interest, or there must be at least 50 percent common officers in the related companies, or 30 percent of the employees work for all of the related companies;

(iii) the reporting for any calendar year must be consistent with FUTA annual 940 reporting; and

(iv) the employee(s) must be performing concurrent service for some or all of the related companies.

(c) Employers who wish to report under a common paymaster will need to petition the department in writing for authorization. That authorization will stipulate to the requirements for reporting under a common paymaster, indicating that if at any time, the above criteria are not met, the department authorization is void.

(d) Employers who have not received department authorization to report as a common paymaster and are reporting as such, may be granted such status for past and future application if the four criteria noted above are satisfied.

(11) Payrolling.

(a) Payrolling is defined as the practice of an employing unit paying wages to the employees of another employer or reporting those wages on its payroll tax reports. Generally an employee is reportable by the employer:

(i) who has the right to hire and fire the employee;

(ii) who has the responsibility to control and direct the employee;

(iii) for whom the employee performs the service.

(b) For unemployment contributions purposes, payrolling is not allowed. Exceptions to this provision are noted in the rules pertaining to leasing and temporary service companies and common paymasters.

R994-202-102. Constructive Knowledge of Work Performed.

(1) General Definition.

The purpose of Subsection 35A-4-202(1)(d) is to establish who is liable for the employment of an individual hired to assist in performing the work of an employee. In a situation where an individual is employed to perform or assist in performing the work of an employee, the individual is deemed to be employed by the employer provided the employer had actual or constructive knowledge of the work performed by the individual. This is the case even when the individual who is hired to assist the employee is hired or paid by that employee.

(2) Constructive Knowledge.

An employer is deemed to have constructive knowledge if he should have reasonably known or expected that his employee would engage another individual to assist in performing the work.

(3) Examples of Actual or Constructive Knowledge.

(a) The employer who operates a trucking business, employs A to drive a truck to a certain location, unload the truck and return. A hires B to help unload the truck. The following examples show whether the employer is considered to have actual or constructive knowledge of the work performed by B.

(i) If the employer knows that B is helping A, the employer has actual knowledge of the work performed by B and therefore, B is considered to be employed by the employer.

(ii) If the employer does not know about B but knows that the unloading A is engaged to perform requires more than one person, the employer has constructive knowledge of the work performed by B and therefore, B is considered to be employed by the employer.

(iii) The employer tells A to do the work himself, however, A still hires B and the employer finds out but takes no action to prevent B from helping A in the future. In this case the employer has actual knowledge of the work performed by B and therefore, B is considered to be employed by the employer both for past and future work performed. However, if the employer takes action to prevent A from hiring help in the future, then B would not be considered to be employed by the employer even for the work already performed.

(iv) The employer tells A that he may do the work himself or hire someone to help him. A hires B but the employer is not told and does not know about B. The employer is considered to have constructive knowledge because he knows A might hire B.

(4) Reporting Requirement.

The employer has a responsibility to report all employment for which he is liable, therefore, the employer in the examples above should require that A report B's employment to him in those situations where the employer had actual or constructive knowledge of B's employment. However, A's failure to report B to the employer does not relieve the employer of the liability for the employment.

R994-202-103. Employee Leasing Companies.

(1) General Definition.

Subsection 35A-4-202(1) outlines the procedures for determining when an employee leasing company will be an employer for purposes of the unemployment compensation program. Since all employee leasing companies provide workers to client companies, the following rules establish the criteria set forth for determining an employee leasing company's status as an employer. The rules also establish standards for assessment and collection of unemployment compensation contributions, security bonds to insure payment of contributions, and issues of liability for benefit charges.

(2) Criteria for Determination of Status as an Employer.

(a) Before the employer may be defined by the Employment Security Act as a leasing employer, it must comply with the requirements of Sections 58-59-101 through 58-59-503 of the Utah Code. In the absence of such compliance, the department may choose to hold the "client employer" as the employing unit.

(3) Those workers who are not covered by a contract between the client company and leasing company remain the employees of the client company.

(4) If the employee leasing company implements an action taken by the client to remove a worker from employment, the leasing company is responsible for that action, whether or not the action is authorized by a written contract, unless the worker continues to be paid by the leasing company.

(5) Effect of Determination that Leasing Company is an Employer.

(a) When an employee leasing company qualifies as an employer under Subsection 35A-4-202(1), it will be subject to all provisions of the Act.

(b) Individuals excluded from coverage under Sections 35A-4-204 through 35A-4-206 of the Act will continue to be excluded from coverage even though they become "employees" of an employee leasing company. The following are some examples of those who are excluded:

(i) the proprietor, spouse, minor children, or parents of the proprietor;

(ii) partners in a business;

(iii) a patient of a hospital;

(iv) a student or student spouse at a school, college or university;

(v) a student as part of a school, college, or university certified training program; and

(vi) those participating in rehabilitation programs for governmental and non-profit organizations.

(c) If an employee leasing company does not otherwise qualify for treatment as a reimbursable employer or exempt employer, because it is not a governmental entity, nonprofit entity, or religious entity, it will be considered to be a contributing employer even if the client company could independently qualify for reimbursable or exempt status.

(d) Services otherwise exempt under the Act based on the nature of service or due to a specific exemption under Section 35A-4-204 through 35A-4-305 would continue to be exempt if such service is rendered by an employee leasing company. The following are examples of such services:

(i) real estate agents, insurance agents and securities brokers but only if they are paid solely by way of commission;

(ii) certain outside sales people paid solely by way of commission;

(iii) news carriers;

(iv) domestic services until $1000 in cash wages in a calendar quarter are paid to domestic employees supplied to any and all clients;

(v) agricultural services until $20,000 in cash wages in a calendar quarter are paid to agricultural employees supplied to any and all clients or 10 or more agricultural employees are supplied in 20 weeks to any and all clients.

(e) Liability for benefit ratio charges:

(i) When a client company contracts with a leasing company and the leasing company becomes the employer pursuant to Sections 58-59-101 through 58-59-503 of the Utah Code, the separation of employees from the client company is considered a reduction of force. The client company is not eligible for relief of charges.

(ii) For purposes of the Utah Employment Security Act, when the contract between a leasing company and a client company ends, a separation occurs. Regardless of the circumstances or which entity is the moving party, the affected employees are considered separated due to a reduction of force, and the leasing company is not eligible for relief of charges. Any offers of work extended to affected employees subsequent to the termination of the contract shall be considered offers of new work and shall be adjudicated in accordance with 35A-4-405(3) and R994-405-301 et seq.

(6) An employee leasing company which fails to qualify as an employer under Sections 58-59-101 through 58-59-501 and Subsection 35A-4-202(1) will be considered to be the AGENT of the client company. The client company remains the employer of its workers for all purposes of the Employment Security Act.

(7) Reporting Requirements.

(a) Any entity which begins to conduct a business as an employee leasing company must register with the department. For general requirements for reporting, see Section R994-312-304. Licensing penalties for failure to file the following forms timely or in the manner prescribed are outlined in Section 58-59-501 et. seq. of the Employee Leasing Company Licensing Act:

(i) Form 1, Status Report;

(ii) Form 3, Employer's Contribution Report;

(iii) Form 3H, Employer's Quarterly Wage List;

(iv) Form BLS 3020, Multiple Worksite Report.

(b) Employee leasing companies must, within 30 days of the effective date of a contract with a client, advise the Department of the following information:

(i) the effective date of the contract; and

(ii) the client's name, address and employer registration number, if the client is registered with this Department;

(iii) the client's type of business activity.

(c) An employee leasing company must, within 30 days following the termination of a contract with a client, advise the Department of the following information:

(i) the effective date of contract termination;

(ii) the legal name, address and, if available, the prior employer registration number of the client.

(d) Each client of an employee leasing company will be assigned a work site account number which is part of the employee leasing company's account number. The employee leasing company is required to file an addendum with each quarterly "Employer's Contribution Report." The addendum must include:

(i) the client's name, site location address and work site account numbers;

(ii) the total amount of payroll paid during the quarter for each site location; and

(iii) the total number of employees working at each site location during the quarter.

(8) The Department may directly contact employee leasing companies or their clients in order to conduct investigations, audits and otherwise obtain information necessary for the administration of the Employment Security Act as permitted by Section 35A-4-312.

(9) Bonding/Contribution Payment Requirements.

(a) A licensed leasing company may be required to post a bond or make monthly contribution payments pursuant to R994-308-103.

(b) A leasing company which is not properly licensed under Section 58-59-101 through 58-59-501 of the Employee Leasing Company Licensing Act but continues to operate as such will be required to post a bond or make monthly contribution payments until the Utah Department of Commerce issues a cease and desist order, at which time the leasing company will no longer be considered an employer.

(c) The bond amount will be as prescribed by R994-308-104.

(d) Monthly contribution payments will be due by the 6th day of the following month.

(e) If an employer fails to post a bond or make monthly contribution payments, the department will petition the court to enjoin the leasing company from hiring employees.

(10) The rules pertaining to "common paymaster," Section R994-202-101(10) and "payrolling," R994-202-101(11) do not apply to leasing companies who are in compliance with the Employee Leasing Company Licensing Act, Sections 58-59-101 through 58-59-501.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-204. Included Employment.
R994-204-201. General Definition.

The objective of Subsection 35A-4-204(2) is to explain when employment is covered under Utah law if an individual worked for one employer in more than one state. Unemployment insurance programs in all states use the parameters established in Section 35A-4-204.

R994-204-202. Service Is Localized in this State.

The service is considered to be localized in Utah if it is performed entirely within Utah. The service is also considered to be localized in Utah if performed both inside and outside of Utah, but the service outside of Utah is incidental to the service in Utah. The service is incidental if it is temporary or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions. The intent of the employer and employee will be used to determine whether the service is incidental to the service performed in Utah.

R994-204-203. Service Is Not Localized in Any State.

(1) If the service is not localized in any state but some of the service is performed by the individual in Utah, the entire service is covered in Utah if one of the following conditions apply:

(a) The Base of Operations is in Utah.

The individual's base of operations is in Utah. The "base of operations" is the place from which the employee starts work and to which he customarily returns for instructions from his employer, communications from customers, to replenish stocks or materials, to repair equipment or to perform any other function necessary in his trade or profession. The base of operations may be an individual's residence.

(b) The Place from Which Service is Controlled or Directed is in Utah.

If the individual has no base of operations or he does not perform any service in the state in which the base of operations is located, it is necessary to determine if any service is performed in the state from which the service is controlled or directed. The place from which the service is controlled or directed is the place at which the basic authority exists rather than the place at which a manager or foreman supervises the service.

(c) The Place of Residence is in Utah.

If the conditions in paragraphs a or b do not apply, it is necessary to apply the test of residence. Under this test, the service is covered in Utah provided the individual lives in Utah and performs some of his services in Utah.

(2) If the conditions listed above do not apply, the employer may elect to cover all of the individual's service in one state. This election must be made under the provisions for reciprocal coverage arrangements Section 35A-4-106.

R994-204-204. Outside Commissioned Salesmen Included.

(1) General Definition.

Under certain conditions described in Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(a)(i), services performed by an individual are in covered employment, even though they would otherwise be excluded under Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(i)(i)(B), the "outside commissioned salesman exclusion."

(2) Traveling or City Salesmen.

Services performed by salesmen excluded under Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(i)(i)(B) are considered to be in covered employment if ALL of the following conditions apply:

(a) The Salesman is Engaged on a Full-Time Basis.

A traveling or city salesman will be presumed to be engaged on a full-time basis in any quarter in which he devotes 80 percent or more of his working time and attention to the solicitation of orders for one principal. For example, an individual who works only 20 hours a week and spends 80 percent or more of that time working for one principal is engaged on a full time basis.

(b) The Salesman Solicits Orders From Wholesalers, Retailers, Contractors or Operators of Hotels and Restaurants.

The salesman must solicit orders from certain types of customers. Generally, the following types of customers are not included: manufacturers, schools, hospitals, churches, institutions, municipalities and state and federal governments. However, a clearly identifiable and separate business carried on through a unit of the school's or hospital's organization such as a bookstore or gift shop WOULD BE included as a "retailer." The salesman must solicit orders from the following types of customers:

(i) Wholesalers. Those who buy merchandise in comparatively large quantities and sell such merchandise in smaller quantities to jobbers, retailers, for the purpose of resale.

(ii) Retailers. Those who sell merchandise to the ultimate consumers.

(iii) Contractors. Those who, for a fixed price, undertake the performance of work on an independent basis, such as construction contractors and certain service organizations. These include, among others, electrical, plumbing, painting, building, window washing and delivery service contractors.

(iv) Operators of hotels, restaurants or other similar establishments. The phrase "other similar establishments" refers solely to establishments similar to hotels and restaurants and usually is limited to establishments whose primary function is the furnishing of food and/or lodging.

(c) The Salesman Takes Orders for Merchandise for Resale or Supplies Used in Business.

The orders the salesman is soliciting must be for merchandise for resale or supplies for use in the customer's business.

(i) Merchandise for resale. This includes goods, wares and commodities which ordinarily are the objects of trade and commerce and which are purchased for resale. This term refers specifically to tangible materials which do not lose their identities between the time of purchase and the time of resale.

(ii) Supplies for use in the customer's business operations. This means principally articles consumed in conducting or promoting the customers' businesses. Generally the term "supplies" includes all tangible items which are not "merchandise for resale" or capital items. Services such as radio time, advertising space, etc., are intangible items and not within the definition. However, calendars, advertising novelties, etc., used by the advertiser in his business constitute "supplies."

(d) The Salesman Meets the Following Additional Requirements.

(i) The contract of service contemplates that substantially all of the services are to be performed personally by the individual. This means that the services to which the contract relates will not be delegated to any other person by the individual who undertakes under the contract to perform such services; and

(ii) The individual does not have a substantial investment in facilities used in connection with the performance of his services. The facilities include equipment and premises available for the work but does not include such tools and equipment or clothing as are commonly provided by employees; and

(iii) The services are part of a continuing relationship with the person for whom the services are performed.

R994-204-205. Domestic Service Included in Employment.

(1) General Definition.

Section 35A-4-204(2)(k) shows when domestic services, which are exempt under Subsection 35A-4-205(1)(f), become subject employment.

(2) $1000 in a Calendar Quarter.

Domestic service is in employment if performed after December 31, 1977, in a private home, local college club or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority for a person who paid cash remuneration of $1000 or more in a calendar quarter in the current calendar year or the preceding calendar year.

(3) All Remuneration is Reportable.

Once the $1000 cash test is met, all remuneration including cash and noncash payments such as board and room are reportable as wages.

R994-204-301. Independent Contractor - General Definition.

In order for a personal service to be excluded under Section 35A-4-204(3) of the Act, the service must be performed by an individual who is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business of the same nature as the services performed, and the individual providing the services must be free from the control and direction of the employer with respect to that service. Those individuals who wish to be classified as independent contractors must clearly establish their status as independent contractors by taking affirmative steps that indicate an informed business decision has been made.

R994-204-302. Procedure.

(1) Section 35A-4-204(3) of the Act requires the employer to establish the excluded nature of the services "to the satisfaction of the Division".

(2) If the issue of an individual's status arises out of a claim for benefits, and there has been no prior status determination or declaratory order, a determination will be made on the basis of the best information available.

(3) If the issue of the status of an individual or class of workers arises out of an audit or request for declaratory order and there is no claim for benefits, the Department shall determine the status on the basis of the information presented by the employer, the individual, or such other information as the Department may gather through audit or investigation. An individual who is found to be an independent contractor by reason of an audit or declaratory order is not permitted to waive any right to unemployment benefits by filing a written consent to the determination pursuant to Section 63-46b-21(3)(b) while the service relationship with the employer continues. Such written consent is in violation of Section 35A-4-103(1)(c)(ii) of the Employment Security Act.

(4) If the issue of an individual's status arises out of a claim for benefits and there has been a prior audit determination or declaratory order determining that the individual or class of workers to which the individual belongs to be independent contractors, the Department will issue a monetary determination excluding the claimant's earnings as an independent contractor. The claimant has ten (10) days to protest the determination.

R994-204-303. Factors for Determining Independent Contractor Status.

(1) Services will be excluded under Section 35A-4-312 if the service arrangement meets the requirements of that section of the Act and this rule. Special scrutiny of the facts is required to assure that the form of a service arrangement does not obscure the substance of the arrangement; that is, whether the individual is independently established in a like trade, occupation, profession or business and is free from control and direction. The factors listed in subsections 303(2)b) and 303(3)(b) of this section are exclusive, but are intended only as aids in the analysis of the facts of each case. The degree of importance of each factor varies depending on the occupation and the factual context in which the service is performed. Some factors do not apply to certain occupations and, therefore, should not be given any weight.

(2) Independently Established.

(a) An individual will be considered customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business if the individual is, at the time the service is performed, regularly engaged in a trade, occupation, profession, or business of the same nature as the service performed, and the trade, occupation, profession, or business is established independently of the alleged employer. In other words, an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business is created and exists apart from a relationship with a particular employer and does not depend on a relationship with any one employer for its continued existence.

(b) The following factors, if applicable, will be used as aids in determining whether an individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade or business:

(i) Separate Place of Business. The individual has his own place of business separate from that of the employer.

(ii) Tools and Equipment. The individual has a substantial investment in the tools, equipment, or facilities customarily required to perform the services. "Tools of the trade" such as those used by carpenters, mechanics, and other trades or crafts, do not necessarily demonstrate independence.

(iii) Other Clients. The individual regularly performs services of the same nature for other customers or clients and is not required to work full time for the employer.

(iv) PROFIT OR LOSS. The individual is in a position to realize a profit or loss through his independently established business activity.

(v) Advertising. The individual advertises his services in telephone directories, newspapers, magazines, or by other methods clearly demonstrating that he holds himself out to the public to perform the services.

(vi) Licenses. The individual has obtained any required and customary business and trade or professional licenses.

(vii) Business Tax Forms. The individual files self-employment and other business tax forms required by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax agencies.

(c) If an employer proves to the satisfaction of the department that the individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business of the same nature as the service in question, there will be a rebuttable presumption that the employer did not have the right of or exercise direction or control over the service.

(3) Control and Direction.

(a) When an employer retains the right to control and direct the performance of a service, or actually exercises control and direction over the individual who performs the service, not only as to the result to be accomplished by the work but also as to the manner and means by which that result is to be accomplished, the individual is an employee of the employer for the purposes of the Act.

(b) The following factors, if applicable, will be used as aids in determining whether an employer has the right of or exercises control and direction over the service of an individual:

(i) Instructions. An individual who is required to comply with other persons' instructions about how the service is to be performed is ordinarily an employee. This factor is present if the employer for whom the service is performed has the right to require compliance with the instructions.

(ii) Training. Training an individual by requiring an experienced person to work with the individual, by corresponding with the individual, by requiring the individual to attend meetings, or by using other methods, indicates that the employer for whom the service is performed expects the service to be performed in a particular method or manner.

(iii) Pace or Sequence. A requirement that the service must be provided at a pace or ordered sequence of duties imposed by the employer indicates control or direction, but the coordinating and scheduling of the services of more than one

service provider does not.

(iv) Work on Employer's Premises. A requirement that the service be performed on the employer's premises generally indicates that the employer for whom the service is performed has retained a right to supervise and oversee the manner in which the service is performed, especially if the service could be performed elsewhere.

(v) Personal Service. A requirement that the service must be performed personally and may not be assigned to others generally indicates the right to control or direct the manner in which the work is performed.

(vi) Continuous Relationship. A continuous service relationship between the individual and the employer indicates that an employer-employee relationship exists. A continuous relationship may exist where work is performed regularly or at frequently recurring although irregular intervals. A continuous relationship generally does not exist where the individual is contracted to complete specifically identified projects, even though the service relationship may extend over a significant period of time.

(vii) Set Hours of Work. The establishment of set hours of work by the employer, or a requirement that the individual must work full-time, indicates control.

(viii) Method of Payment. Payment by the hour, week, or month generally points to an employer-employee relationship, provided that this method of payment is not just a convenient way of paying progress billings as part of a fixed price agreed upon as the cost of a job.

R994-204-401. Safe Haven - General Definition.

The Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63-46B-21, permits any person to request that the Department issue a declaratory order determining the applicability of the Employment Security Act, a Commission rule, or order, to specific circumstances. Specifically, an employer may request a declaratory order determining the status of workers; that is, are they employees or independent contractors. Declaratory orders and audit findings determine only whether the employer is liable to pay contributions on wages paid to the workers in question. The "safe haven" provision provides a means by which the employer may rely on official determination of the Department pertaining to the applicability of Section 35A-4-204(3) of the Act. The provision allows the employer to obtain an official determination for contributions purposes, while preserving the worker's right to challenge that determination at a more appropriate time, when the work relationship has ended and a claim for benefits has been filed.

R994-204-402. Procedure.

(1) If the issue of the status of an individual or class of workers arises out of an audit or request for declaratory order and there is no claim for benefits pending at the time, the Department shall determine the status on the basis of the information presented by the employer, the individual, or such other information as the Department may gather through audit or investigation.

(2) An individual whose status is determined as a result of an audit or declaratory order shall not be permitted to file a written consent to the determination pursuant to Section 63-46B-21(3)(b) while the service relationship with the employer continues, and the Department will consider such a consent to be in violation of Section 35A-4-103(1)(c)(ii) of the Employment Security Act.

(3)(i) If the issue of an individual's status arises out of a claim for benefits and there has been a prior audit determination or declaratory order determining the status of the individual or a class of workers to which the individual belonged, the Department will issue a notice as part of the monetary determination, denying use of the individual's independent contractor earnings as wage credits for the base period, on the basis of the prior status determination. The individual may file a written protest of the determination within 10 days after the local office has notified him of the determination. Any protest will be referred to Central Office Claims for review.

(ii) Upon receipt of a protest filed under Section 402(3)(i), the Department will review the status of the individual. On the basis of its review, the Department may affirm the original determination or issue a new determination if there has been a change of facts in the work relationship. Either the individual or the employer may appeal the Department's decision.

R994-204-403. Employer Reliance on Official Determination.

When an employer receives a declaratory order or other official determination concluding that a worker or class of workers appears to be customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business of the same nature as that involved in the contract of hire, and is free from the control and direction of the employer, the employer shall have no liability to pay unemployment contributions on compensation paid to the worker, except as provided in Section 404 of this rule.

R994-204-404. Effect of New Determination on Employer.

If a new determination by the Department, an Administrative Law Judge, or the Workforce Appeals Board holds that the status of an individual or class of workers to which the individual belonged is that of employee for purposes of the Employment Security Act, the employer shall be liable to pay unemployment contributions on all wages paid to workers in the class to which the individual belonged, from the beginning of the calendar quarter in which the new determination is made. In addition, the employer shall also be liable to pay contributions on any wages used by a claimant for purposes of establishing any claim for benefits affected by the new determination.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-205. Exempt Employment.
R994-205-101f. Domestic Service Excluded.

(1) General Definition.

Subsection R994-205-101f defines domestic services which are exempt under the Act, provided they are not included under Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(k).

(2) Domestic Service.

(a) Services Which Are Domestic Services.

Domestic services include services of a household nature in or about a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority, performed by individuals including: cooks, maids, baby-sitters, handymen, gardeners, and chauffeurs of automobiles for family use. In order to be exempted, the domestic services must be performed by an individual in or about the private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority of the person employing him.

(b) Services Which are Not Domestic Services.

Some examples of services which are not domestic services are secretarial services performed in a private home and services in relation to remodeling or building a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority.

(3) Private Home.

A private home is a fixed place of abode of an individual or family; this may include a dwelling unit in an apartment building or hotel.

(4) Local College Club or Local Chapter of a College Fraternity or Sorority.

A local college club does not include an alumni club or chapter.

(5) Services Not Exempt.

Services of a household nature if performed in or about rooming or boarding houses, hotels, hospitals, commercial offices or for home-owner's associations are not exempt. Services not of a household nature, regardless of where performed, are not exempt.

R994-205-102h. Exempted Service: Family Service.

(1) General Definition.

Family service is exempt under the Act only if a required family relationship exists between the employee and all partners. Services performed in the employ of a corporation are not exempt.

(2) Family Relationship Requirement.

(a) One of the following relationships must exist for family service to be exempt:

(i) an individual employed by his or her spouse,

(ii) a parent employed by his or her son or daughter,

(iii) a child under the age of 21 employed by his or her parent regardless of his marital status.

(b) In the parent-child employment situation, the exempt family relationship is met even if the child is an adopted child, stepchild, or foster child; the foster child, however, must be living with the foster parent.

(3) Examples of Family Relationships Which Are or Are Not Exempt.

A required family relationship, not necessarily the same relationship, must exist between the employee and each member of the employing unit. Examples are:

(a) A woman who is employed by a partnership composed of her husband and her son is exempt from "employment."

(b) A woman who is employed by a partnership composed of her husband and his brother is not exempt from "employment" because the required family relationship between the woman and her brother-in-law does not exist.

(c) A man who is employed by a partnership composed of his wife and his son-in-law is not exempt from "employment" because the required family relationship between the man and his son-in-law does not exist.

R994-205-103j. Exempted Service: Casual Labor.

(1) General Definition.

Casual labor is exempt under the Act only if it is not in the course of the employing unit's trade or business. Casual labor does not apply to domestic service exempt under Subsection 35A-4-205(1)(f).

(2) Casual Labor.

Services performed by an individual for an employing unit is casual labor unless:

(a) cash remuneration for such service is $50 or more in a calendar quarter; and

(b) the individual performs such service on each of 24 days during the calendar quarter or 24 days during the preceding calendar quarter.

(3) Not in the Course of the Employing Unit's Trade or Business.

Services "not in the course of the employing unit's trade or business" include services that do not promote or advance the trade or business; for example, services performed in connection with the employer's hobby or repairs to the employer's private home. Casual labor performed by an individual for a property owner in regard to building or remodeling the owner's home is exempt under Subsection 35A-4-205(1)(j). Services for a corporation will always be in the course of business.

R994-205-104n. Exempted Service: Commission Insurance Agents.

(1) General Definition.

"Employment" does not include services performed as an insurance agent if remuneration for such services is solely by way of commission.

(2) Services Performed as an Insurance Agent.

Services performed by an individual as an insurance agent are exempt if ALL SUCH services are paid solely by way of commission. For example, if this individual works for an insurance company both as an insurance agent and an accountant, is paid for services as an insurance agent by way of commission and paid a salary for the accounting services, the commissions are excluded from employment and the salary for the accounting services is included. If the payment for all services including commissions and salary, is for the same pay period, the "included and excluded service" provision of Subsection 35A-4-205(2) must be applied.

(3) Solely by Way of Commission.

(a) If any part of the remuneration for services as an insurance agent is a salary, all of these services are considered to be employment and the total remuneration (salary and commission) is included.

(b) If the individual performing services as an insurance agent is guaranteed a minimum salary for any pay period in which his commissions are less than the guaranteed minimum, his earnings are included when he is paid the guaranteed salary. In any pay period in which his commissions equal or exceed the guaranteed salary, his earnings are considered to be solely by way of commission and are excluded.

(c) If the individual performing services as an insurance agent is given advances against future commissions and he is required to repay any advances which exceed the commissions, the advances against future commissions are considered to be remuneration solely by way of commission and are excluded.

R994-205-105r. Exempted Service: Real Estate Agents.

(1) General Definition.

"Employment" does not include services as a licensed real estate agent if remuneration for such services is solely by way of commission.

(2) Services Performed as a Licensed Real Estate Agent.

Services performed by an individual as a licensed real estate agent are exempt if ALL services performed are paid solely by way of commission. For example, if this individual works for a real estate company both as a real estate agent and an accountant, is paid for services as a real estate agent by way of commission and paid a salary for the accounting services, the commissions are excluded from employment and the salary for the accounting services is included. If the payment for all services including commissions and salary, is for the same pay period, the "included and excluded service" provision of Subsection 35A-4-205(2) must be applied.

(3) Solely by Way of Commission.

(a) If any part of the remuneration for services as a real estate agent is a salary, all of these services are considered to be employment and the total remuneration including salary and commission is included.

(b) If the individual performing services as a real estate agent is guaranteed a minimum salary for any pay period in which his commissions are less than the guaranteed minimum, his earnings are included when he is paid the guaranteed salary. In any pay period in which his commissions equal or exceed the guaranteed salary, his earnings are considered to be solely by way of commission and are excluded.

(c) If the individual performing services as a real estate agent is given advances against future commissions and he is required to repay any advances which exceed the commissions, the advances against future commissions are considered to be remuneration solely by way of commission and are excluded.

R994-205-201. Included and Excluded Service.

(1) General Definition.

When some of an individual's services performed for the person employing him during a pay period are included and some excluded from employment, all the services are considered to be included or excluded for that pay period. Whether all the services are considered to be included or excluded depends on the time spent in each activity.

(2) Time Spent in a Pay Period.

(a) If 50% or more of an individual's time in the employ of a particular person is spent in performing services which constitute employment, all the services are considered to be employment.

(b) This 50% test must be applied to each pay period. An individual could have all services performed by him included in one period and excluded in another.

(3) Employer Must Verify Time Spent.

In order to have all services performed by an individual excluded, the employer must show to the satisfaction of the Department that less than 50% of the time spent in any pay period is for services which constitute employment.

(4) Pay Period.

Subsection 35A-4-205(2) does not apply if there is no regular pay period, the pay period covers more than 31 consecutive days or there are separate pay periods for the included and excluded services.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-206. Agricultural Labor.
R994-206-101. General Definition.

(1) Subsection 35A-4-206 defines the term "agricultural labor." Generally, agricultural labor is exempt under Subsection 35A-4-205(1)(e) of the Act unless it is covered under Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(j). Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(j) covers larger agricultural employers based on wages paid or number of individuals employed.

(2) Definition of Terms.

The terms used in Section R994-206-101 are defined as follows:

(a) Agricultural Commodities.

Agricultural commodities include livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, wildlife and all crops such as fruits, nuts, vegetables, grains and other commodities grown in the soil or other growth mediums for use or profit.

(b) Horticultural Commodities.

Horticultural commodities are flowers and nursery products such as sod, fruit trees, shade trees, Christmas trees, ornamental plants and shrubs.

(c) Raising and Harvesting.

Raising includes: planting the seeds, watering or irrigating, applying insecticide or fertilizer and otherwise caring for the commodity prior to harvesting. In regard to livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and wildlife, raising includes: caring for, feeding, shearing, breeding, training and management. Harvesting includes: picking, cutting, threshing, shucking corn, baling hay, and hulling nuts. Horticultural commodities are harvested when they are made available for sale.

(d) Farm.

A farm is any place used mainly for raising agricultural or horticultural commodities such as a ranch, orchard, nursery, greenhouse or other similar structure.

(3) Agricultural Labor.

"Agricultural labor" means any service performed in any one of the following:

(a) On a farm, in the employ of any person in connection with:

(i) cultivating the soil, which includes plowing, dragging and fertilizing, or

(ii) raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity.

(b) In the employ of the owner or operation of a farm, if the major part of the service is performed on a farm, in connection with:

(i) the operation, management, conservation, improvement, or maintenance of the farm and its tools and equipment (this includes clearing land, leveling land, selling agricultural commodities raised by the operator and services performed by painters, mechanics, farm supervisors and bookkeepers, provided the individual is not an employee of another firm hired by the farm operator.); or

(ii) salvaging timber or clearing land of brush or other debris left by a hurricane, storm, flood or other natural disaster.

(c) In the employ of any person in connection with:

(i) the production or harvesting of agricultural commodities defined in the Federal Agricultural Marketing Act, Title 7 USC Section 1621 et seq. (These commodities are limited to crude gum also known as oleoresin, from a living tree and gum spirits of turpentine and gum rosin processed from crude gum by the original producer of the crude gum.); or

(ii) the ginning of cotton; or

(iii) the operation or maintenance of ditches, canals, reservoirs or water ways if not owned or operated for profit and used primarily for farming purposes.

(d) In the employ of the operator of a farm or group of operators of farms who produce more than one-half of the commodity and perform services with respect to such commodity in its unmanufactured state in:

(i) handling, planting, drying, packing, packaging, processing, freezing, grading, or storing the commodity; however, services performed in connection with commercial canning or commercial freezing do not constitute agricultural labor; or

(ii) delivery to storage or to market or to a carrier for transportation to market of the commodity. However, services performed in connection with any agricultural or horticultural commodity after its delivery to a terminal market for distribution for consumption or in connection with the wholesaling and retailing of the commodity do not constitute agricultural labor. The selling activity, however, is agricultural when it is performed on the farm.

(4) Examples of the Application of the Definition of Agricultural Labor.

(a) Raising and Selling.

Services in connection with raising agricultural or horticultural commodities are agricultural labor. However, if this business also sells the commodity, the selling activity is not agricultural labor unless performed on the farm.

(b) Agricultural Labor Included and Excluded Services.

If the same individual performs both agricultural and nonagricultural labor, his entire service will be considered to be agricultural labor if 50% or more of his time in a pay period was spent in agricultural labor. For reference see Subsection 35A-4-205(2).

(c) Poultry Hatchery.

Poultry hatchery services are agricultural labor provided they are performed on the farm or in the employ of a farm operator or group of operators who produced more than one-half the eggs. Services for a commercial hatchery that is not part of a farm that raises poultry are not agricultural labor.

(d) Raising Livestock.

Raising livestock and related activities performed on a farm are agricultural labor. Services in connection with livestock held, cared for and fed in a feed lot over an extended period of time to make an appreciable weight increase are agricultural labor. However, operating a stable or stud farm where no animals are raised is not agricultural labor. Services in connection with racing horses, using livestock in rodeos, exhibiting livestock and training livestock for these purposes are not agricultural labor when not performed on the farm where the animals were raised.

(e) Forestry, Lumbering and Landscaping.

Services performed in forestry, lumbering and landscaping are not agricultural labor.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-207. Unemployment.
R994-207-101. General Definition.

(1) The objective of Sections 35A-4-401 and 35A-4-207 of the Utah Employment Security Act is to provide the means by which it may be determined when or if a claimant, who is not totally unemployed, may be allowed unemployment insurance benefits. It is not the intent of the fund to subsidize a claimant who is devoting substantially all his time and efforts to starting up a new business or expanding an existing business even though he receives no income.

(2) There are generally four types of potentially employed claimants who need to have their claims examined under Section 35A-4-207. They are:

(a) corporate officers,
(b) self-employed individuals,
(c) commission salesmen, and
(d) volunteer workers.

R994-207-102. General Requirements for Eligibility.

(1) A claimant is unemployed and eligible for benefits if all of the following conditions are shown to exist:

(a) Less Than Full-Time Work.

The claimant worked all the hours that were reasonable for him to work and the total number of hours was less than full-time. He must not regulate the type or amount of duties or number of hours spent in a remunerative enterprise for the purpose of qualifying for benefits. Full-time work will generally be considered to be 40 hours a week, but may be the number of hours established by schedule, custom, or otherwise as constituting a week of full-time work for the kind of service the claimant performs.

(b) Income Less Than WBA.

The claimant earned less than the weekly benefit amount (WBA) established for his claim.

(c) Available for and Seeking Other Full-time Work.

The claimant in addition to the subject work, must be available for and actively seeking full-time suitable work for another employer as defined by the suitable work test, Subsection 35A-4-405(3) and Section R994-405-309. A failure to make an active search for work will evidence a contentment with his current status and a conclusion that he is "not unemployed" shall be made. The efforts of a claimant to seek work should be distinguished from those directed towards obtaining work for himself as an individual and those directed toward obtaining work or customers for his corporation or business. Efforts to obtain work for the business or corporation are evidence of continuing responsibilities but are not evidence of an individual's active search for other employment as required for eligibility. A claimant who has marketable skills including: bricklaying, plumbing, and office manager, must be willing to seek and accept such work. He may not restrict himself to availability for the type of work he is currently performing on a less than full-time basis. The claimant's past work history is evidence of the effect of such employment on his attachment to the labor force. If he is unable or unwilling to accept any, but short term or casual labor because of continuing or pending responsibilities, he is "not unemployed".

R994-207-103. Corporate Officer.

The performance of some service is presumed where the corporate officer is receiving wages or other compensation including a car, house or other benefits of a determinable value. However, the payment of dividends, bonuses, and stock payments based on the percent of ownership of the claimant are not compensation for service and therefore are not considered wages.

R994-207-104. Self-Employment.

(1) Self-employment includes services which are performed for the direct or indirect purpose of obtaining a livelihood or a part of such livelihood. Self-employment is generally established as a sole proprietorship or partnership. An individual is not self-employed when a farm is operated only to supplement the family food supply or as a place on which to raise the family, but is not operated for the purpose of selling produce. Individuals in self-employment must report time spent engaged in self-employment activities such as time spent about the place of business either working or awaiting calls for goods or services and time spent seeking customers or business for the self-employment venture.

(a) Income from Self-Employment.

Some claimants are engaged in part-time, self-employment which produces an immediate, readily determined weekly income. Claimants must report the amounts received for goods bought, supplies purchased, services, rent, etc. These are reasonable business expenses which can be deducted from gross income for goods and services. Payment of loans for buildings or equipment used in the business are not a deductible expense. Claimants engaged in this type of self-employment must maintain detailed records describing each item of income and expense. The Department may audit those records without prior notice.

(b) Income Not Readily Determinable.

(i) When an individual is engaged in an enterprise that on a year-round basis is less than full-time and the income cannot be clearly determined for each week, the weekly earnings will be determined on the basis of all available information concerning past income and expenses of the enterprise, from which a weekly amount will be computed to represent the potential net income. The amount determined must be reported on the weekly claim. Evidence of changes in the enterprise that would affect the potential income for the present must be reported to the Department and the reportable income will be re-evaluated. Furnishing evidence of past income and expenses is the claimant's responsibility and may be obtained from personal or business records, income tax returns, etc. for the past three years. It will then be averaged to determine a potential weekly amount to be reported each week by the claimant. A claimant may earn up to 30% of his weekly benefit amount in total self-employment plus work for wages before a reduction is made in the unemployment insurance payment for that week. When the estimated income amount equals or exceeds the weekly benefit amount, the claimant is "not unemployed" and benefits will not be allowed.

(ii) When a claimant has just entered into a new business or is expanding and has no actual income experience which may be used as evidence of potential income for the current period, he must make a reasonable estimate. This may be based on any available evidence such as a general knowledge of current prices of products bought and marketed, estimated yields, estimated expense, etc. Any estimated amounts should be so identified.

(c) Over Estimates of Income.

If the Department or claimant has over estimated the amount reportable in self-employment, the claimant may make a claim for the amount owed. The claim must be made within 30 days of when the correct earnings were determinable.

R994-207-105. Bartered or Exchanged Goods and Services.

(1) A claimant must report when he has entered into an agreement to barter or exchange goods or services. The amount of time working to pay for the goods is reportable. In determining the value derived from bartering or exchanging goods or services, the claimant will consider only the portion of the goods or services that he provides. The payment for these goods or services that is received in kind must be valued at current market values.

R994-207-106. Commission Selling.

(1) Time.

If the time spent on commission selling is part-time because of limits imposed by the limited geographical area, limited clientele, or limited products, the claimant could, upon meeting all other provisions of the Act, be allowed benefits.

(2) Income.

It is necessary to distribute the income from commission sales over the period of time it took to earn the commission. The income should be reported during the week in which the sale is made and not when the payment is received. If it is not possible to determine the exact amount of the commission, an estimate should be made and if the estimate is later determined to be wrong, the claimant should immediately report to the Department to receive assistance in making adjustments. Failure to report under estimates may result in claimant fault overpayments and a disqualification under the fraud provisions of the Act.

R994-207-107. Volunteer Work.

(1) Time.

Donated work does not render a claimant ineligible for benefits, even though the number of hours involved may be full-time. Claimants donating 40 hours or more to churches, charities, civic or other non-profit organizations have serious availability restrictions. The claimant may provide evidence of availability by demonstrating a willingness to seek and accept other permanent, full-time work. A diligent work search during any specific week in question, in addition to a positive mental attitude towards seeking and accepting work would provide adequate proof of attachment to the labor force. A failure to make an active search for work would evidence a contentment with the unpaid status of a volunteer worker, and would require a denial of benefits. To be eligible for benefits at a later date, a substantial change in circumstances should be shown.

(2) Remuneration.

If a claimant who receives assistance from a church or civic organization is asked to spend time working for that organization, but the value of the assistance is not determined by the amount of time spent working, the assistance is not reportable income. Normally, money is not involved with donated work. If money is involved, it need not be reported unless it is subject to withholding taxes, which indicates an employer/employee relationship. If the organization provides money for out-of-pocket expenses, such as gas, equipment, clothes, etc., it would not be wages and would not be reportable on the weekly claim.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-208. Definition of Wages.
R994-208-101. General Definition.

Section 35A-4-208 defines "wages." Remuneration is wages only if it is for the performance of personal services. Wages are subject to the Act only if they are for services which are in "employment" as defined in Subsection 35A-4-204. Wages subject to the Act are taxable only to the extent of the yearly taxable wage base; wages in excess of the taxable wage base are reportable but not taxable. This taxable wage base applies to wages paid to an individual in any calendar year and is established pursuant to Subsection 35A-4-208(2)(a). The employer must report all wages subject to the Act and pay contributions on the taxable wages quarterly. To determine in which quarter wages are reportable, see the definition of "wages paid" in Section 994-401-204. A definition of the "wages" the claimant must report on his weekly claim is found in Subsection 35A-4-401(3) and Subsections R994-401-201 through R994-401-207.

R994-208-102. "Wages" Include.

(1) Wages include all remuneration for personal services and the following:

(a) Payments by the hour, by the job, piece rate, salary, commission; and

(b) Meals, lodging and other payments in kind.

(i) Meals, lodging and other payments in kind which are furnished to promote good will, to attract prospective employees or as part of remuneration for services are wages except as noted in Subsection R994-208-103. The value of these payments in kind shall be determined as follows:

(A) If a cash value for payments in kind is agreed upon in any contract, the amount agreed upon shall be deemed to be the value of such payments in kind provided such value equals or exceeds the cash value prevailing under similar conditions in the locality.

(ii) If a cash value for payments in kind is not agreed upon, the Department will determine the value on the basis of the cash value prevailing under similar conditions in the locality.

(c) Tips and Gratuities.

Tips or gratuities accounted for by the employee to the employer are wages whether paid directly to the employee by the customer or his employer. If an employee's only remuneration for services is tips or tips are used to supplement the employee's regular wages in order to meet the applicable federal or state minimum wage laws, the Department will determine the employee's wages. However, such wages will not be less than the applicable federal or state minimum wage.

(d) Remuneration for Services of Employee with Equipment.

Where an employee is hired with equipment, the fair value of the remuneration for the employee's services, as distinguished from an allowance for use of his equipment, if specified in the contract of hire, will be considered "wages." The Department will determine the employee's wages based on the prevailing wages for similar work under comparable conditions if the contract of hire does not specify the employee's wages, or the value of wages agreed upon in the contract of hire is not a fair value.

(e) Vacation Pay and Sick Pay Included as Wages.

Vacation and sick payments made by the employer during the employment relationship or upon termination of employment are wages. However, sick pay is not wages if paid after the end of six calendar months following the calendar month the employee last worked for the employer. Sick pay, if paid by a third party such as an insurance company, is not wages reportable by the employer unless the third party notifies the employer of the sick pay payments. If the third party does not notify the employer of the sick pay payments, the third party is liable for the unemployment contributions due on these payments. These provisions regarding sick pay are established to comply with the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) provisions. For reference, see Internal Revenue Code Section 3306(b).

(f) Bonuses and Gifts.

Bonuses and gifts to employees are wages unless they are of a nonmonetary nature and of nominal value which is less than $25 per quarter.

(g) Stock Payments.

Payments of stock for services performed are wages. The value of the stock is its cash value at the time of transfer to the employee.

(h) Contributions to Deferred Compensation Plans.

Contributions by either the employer or the employee to deferred compensation plans including 401(k) plans are wages. For reference, see Section 3306(r) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(i) Residual Payments.

Performers in the television, radio and motion picture industry may receive additional payments, termed "residuals" by the industry as a result of the re-use of a recording or the re-showing of a film or taped television production. Residuals are deferred compensation and are wages if the performer, at the time of the original performance, was an employee.

(i) Residual payments are reportable by the employer in the quarter they are paid.

(ii) Residual payments are reportable by the claimant only for the weeks in which the service was originally performed.

(iii) Since residual payments are reportable as wages by the employer and the claimant, they can be used for the purpose of establishing a monetary base for future unemployment benefits. These wages can be used to purge a disqualification made under the Utah Employment Security Act only if the original work was performed subsequent to the disqualification.

R994-208-103. "Wages" Do Not Include.

(1) "Wages" do not include the following:

(a) Meals and Lodging Furnished for Employer's Convenience.

Meals and Lodging provided by an employer to an employee shall not be considered wages if excluded from the definition of wages by the Internal Revenue Service as under the following conditions:

(i) they are provided at the employer's place of business; and

(ii) in the case of lodging, the employee must accept the lodging as a condition of his employment; and

(iii) they are provided for the employer's convenience. Meals and lodging will be considered to be for the convenience of the employer if there is a good business reason for providing them including:

(A) To have employees available at all times or for emergency calls.

(B) Employees have a short meal period.

(C) Adequate eating and lodging facilities are not otherwise available.

(b) Expense Reimbursement.

Reimbursement and advances for bona fide, ordinary and necessary employment related expenses are not wages. The Department may require an accounting of the actual expenses or may determine whether the expenses are reasonable and necessary.

(c) Insurance Premiums Paid by the Employer.

Insurance premiums for health or life insurance paid by the employer for his employees generally or a class of his employees are not wages under Subsection 35A-4-208(2)(b).

(d) Sick Pay Excluded as Wages.

Sick pay is not wages if paid after the end of six months

following the calendar month the employee last worked for the employer. Sick pay, if paid by a third party such as an insurance company, is not wages reportable by the employer unless the third party notifies the employer of such sick pay payments. If the third party does not notify the employer of the sick pay payments, the third party will be liable for the unemployment contributions due on these payments. Payments made to an employee which are received under a worker's compensation law are not wages. These provisions regarding sick pay are established to comply with the FUTA provisions. For reference, see Internal Revenue Code Section 3306(b).

(e) The Employer's Share of the Social Security Tax.

(f) Retirement Plan Payments Made by the Employer.

Payments made by the employer to certain retirement plans are NOT included as wages. The retirement plans which are excluded are described in Section 3306(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) Training Allowances.

Employment related training allowances such as payments for expenses necessary for school including tuition, fees, books and travel expenses are not wages. However, payments for services performed as part of the training, such as on-the-job training, are wages.

(h) Director's Fees.

Remuneration paid to directors of a corporation for director services are not wages. Director services include attending Board of Director's meetings, reviewing and studying reports, establishing general company policies, etc. Director services DO NOT include managerial services or other services which are part of the routine activities of a corporation.

(i) Finder or Referral Fees.

A fee paid to an individual for the referral of a potential customer, provided that the transaction is in the nature of a single or infrequent occurrence and does not involve a continuing relationship with the person paying the fee, is not wages.

(j) "S Corporation" Payments to Shareholders.

Distributions made to bona fide shareholders based solely on stock ownership and without regard to services performed are not wages.

(k) Remuneration to Sole Proprietors or Partners.

Payments to sole proprietors or partners whether draws or remuneration for services are not wages. Sole proprietors or partners are the employing unit rather than employees. Limited partners, however, do not have the same rights and responsibilities as general partners and remuneration for services paid to limited partners is wages.

(l) Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB).

Supplemental Unemployment Benefits are not wages if they meet the requirements specified in Revenue Rulings 56-249, 58-128 and 60-330. Because of the complexity of the factors involved, employers should request a declaratory ruling from the Department on their specific SUB plan. The factors required are as follows:

(i) the benefits are paid only to unemployed former employees of the employer who is providing the SUB Plan;

(ii) eligibility for benefits depends on the meeting of prescribed conditions subsequent to the termination of the employment relationship with the employer;

(iii) eligibility for benefits is contingent upon the former employee's maintaining eligibility for state unemployment insurance benefits;

(iv) the benefits ultimately paid are not attributable to the performance of any service by the recipient for the employer during the period of unemployment;

(v) no employee has any vested right, title, or interest in or to the funds from which the SUB benefits will be paid; and

(vi) the funds for the payment of SUB benefits is either established as an independent trust fund administered by trustees, or as a separate account on the employer's general accounting records.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-302. Payment by Employer.
R994-302-101. General Definition.

An employer is responsible to advise the Department that he has entered into a business, to report wages paid and to make payments of contributions based on those wages and to comply with instructions on report forms issued by the Department. This rule establishes when contributions are due, how contributions are paid, and when contribution reports are due. Information regarding interest and penalties related to contribution reports are provided for in Section 35A-4-305. An employer is responsible to notify the Department of changes in the business which might affect filing reports or paying contributions.

R994-302-102. Due Dates for Contribution Payments.

(1) Contributions are payable quarterly. The payment is due on the last day of the month that follows the end of each calendar quarter; unless the Department, after giving written notice, changes the due date. Interest and penalties for late payments begin to accrue the day after the due date. Contribution payments postmarked on or before the due date are considered paid timely.

(a) The Department may establish a separate due date for the payment of contributions when:

(i) The employing unit can show a reasonable basis for contending that the status of the employing unit as an employer, the status of any service performed for the employer or the status of any contribution liability is doubtful. Appealing or disagreeing with the Department's decision regarding the employer's status or status of the liability does not in itself show the status is doubtful. Some examples of when a separate due date may be established by the Department are when an employer can show a reasonable basis for erroneously:

(A) reporting wages to another state;

(B) not reporting wages he considered to be exempt as agricultural labor; or

(C) not reporting wages for individuals he considered exempt from employment; or

(ii) An employer discontinues business by retirement therefrom, or by sale, merger, consolidation or reorganization involving the transfer of assets. The employer must give written notice to the Department when:

(A) the terms of the discontinuance are known or finalized; and

(B) again when the status change is accomplished unless both events occur at the same time; or

(iii) The possible collection of any contribution will be jeopardized by delaying the collection thereof until the regular due date.

(2) An extension of up to 90 days for making quarterly payments will be granted if the employer makes a written request within ten days after the date the written demand for payment is mailed by the Department. Further extensions may be granted if in the judgement of the Department an extension would preserve the possibility of collecting payments due. Interest will accrue on the outstanding balance from the original due date.

R994-302-103. Contribution Payments.

The contributions due will be based on wages paid during the quarter for subject employment, as defined by Subsection R994-401-205.

(1) All contributions or other payments should be made payable to the Utah Unemployment Compensation Fund.

(2) Contribution payments made by check or other order will constitute payment on the day received only if initially honored by the bank. In the event that the Department incurs necessary expense in the collection of any such check or other order for payment of money, the amount of such expense shall be paid by the person who tendered said check or order to the Department.

(3) After a check has been given in payment and has been returned by the depository bank unpaid, the Department reserves the right thereafter to accept from the employer only cash, certified cashier's check, or money order.

(4) Contributions, interest or penalty payments received without a report or billing will be applied to the oldest quarter in which an amount is due and will be applied first to the contributions, then to the interest and finally to the penalties due in that quarter. Payments will be applied in this manner unless, at the time the payment is made, the employer specifies otherwise; or at a later date by mutual agreement between the Department and the employer, the payment is applied differently. Payments accompanied by a contribution report or a billing will be applied to the quarters shown on that report or billing.

R994-302-104. Due Dates for Filing Contribution Reports.

(1) Contribution reports and any equivalent reports required of those employers liable for payments in lieu of contributions are due quarterly on the last day of the month that follows the end of each calendar quarter; unless the Department, after giving written notice, changes the due date. Reports postmarked on or before the due date are considered filed timely.

(a) Extension for Filing Reports.

The Department may, for good cause, grant an extension of time for filing a report if the employer makes a written request not later than the due date of the report.

R994-302-105. Other Responsibilities of the Employer.

(1) The executor or administrator of an employer's estate must give written notice of the employer's death to the Department as soon as practicable.

(2) An employer must immediately notify the Department of commencement of any receivership or similar proceeding, or of any assignment for the benefit of creditors, and of any court order with respect to the foregoing. An employer must immediately notify the Department of the filing of any voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy or other proceeding under the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

(3) An employer, receiver, trustee, executor or administrator, or other person appointed under the laws of the State of Utah who is in control of the assets of an employer, must file timely with the Department all reports that are required.

R994-302-106. Adjustments and Refunds.

Adjustments or refunds for contributions overpaid will be made as provided by Subsection 35A-4-306(5). Adjustments for reports not filed or for reports and contributions filed incorrectly will be made as provided by Section 35A-4-305(2).

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-303. Contribution Rates and Relief of Charges.
R994-303-101. General Definition.

(1) This rule explains some terms used in relation to employer contribution rates and how rates may be affected by delinquent contributions, delinquent reports and acquiring a business of another employer, as these terms are used in Sections 35A-4-301, 35A-4-303, 35A-4-306, and 35A-4-307. It explains when an employer is notified of his contribution rate, his appeal rights if he wants to protest that rate, what a qualified employer is and the conditions under which a qualified employer will receive a rate less than the maximum rate. This rule also defines successor and explains succession and some terms used in relation to successorship such as acquiring a business and assets. The successor's responsibility for the predecessor's liability is discussed in Subsection 35A-4-305(6) of the Act.

(2) The objective of the benefit ratio method of taxation is to employ an experience rating system that:

(a) provides for equitable allocation of costs;

(b) increases incentives for employer participation;

(c) makes building and maintaining a solvent reserve fund the responsibility of those employers who use the system.

R994-303-102. Computation Date.

"Computation date" means July 1st of any year. The computation date is not the date contribution rates are computed but merely serves as a reference point to identify the period of time used to compute rates.

R994-303-103. Notification of Contribution Rate and Appeal Rights.

The Department will notify the employer of his contribution rate prior to the beginning of the calendar year to which the rate applies. If the employer protests this rate, the protest must be filed within 30 days after the date the "Contribution Rate Notice" is issued by filing a written appeal stating the grounds upon which the appeal is based. This right to appeal the contribution rate does not, however, give new rights of appeal to protest the benefit costs used in computing the rate. The appeal rights for protesting the payment of benefits to former employees, charges to the employer, or the correctness of benefit charges are established in Section 35A-4-306 of the Act.

R994-303-104. Qualified Employer.

A "qualified employer" is an employer that paid wages during all four quarters of the fiscal year immediately preceding the computation date. Generally "employer" means any employing unit that paid wages during a calendar quarter. An employer becomes subject to the Act on the first day of the quarter in which the employer paid wages. Coverage will be terminated if there is no payroll in each of the four calendar quarters of a calendar year.

R994-303-105. Rates Assigned to Qualified Employers.

(1) On or after January 1, 1988, a qualified employer who fails to pay all contributions due for the "applicable fiscal year" which is the four consecutive calendar quarters in the fiscal year immediately preceding the computation date, will be assigned a contribution rate equal to the overall contribution rate or the assigned contribution rate, plus an additional one percent surcharge. Unpaid contributions for fiscal years prior to the applicable fiscal year have no effect on the employer's rate, as provided in Section 35A-4-303(10).

(2) Contributions assessed for the applicable fiscal year after the rates are computed will not cause the one percent surcharge to be added to the rate for the following year.

(3) A qualified employer who has been assigned the 1 percent surcharge in addition to his overall contribution rate because of delinquent contributions for the applicable fiscal year shall be reassigned a rate based upon his own experience, as provided under the experience rating provisions of the Act, effective the first day of the quarter in which full payment of contributions due is made. Example: If the employer in the example given in the paragraph above paid the contributions due for the second quarter of 1988 during June 1989, he would be reassigned a rate, effective April 1, 1989, based on his own experience. His experience would include taxable wages reported on the late second quarter report. The Department will reassign a rate effective January 1st of the year if the Department determines that the party liable for the delinquent contributions was not properly notified of the liability.

(4) Delinquent Reports - Effect on Rate.

A delinquent report is one that is not properly filed when due. The Department will notify the employer that the failure to file the delinquent report by the time the contribution rates are computed may be treated as if a report had been filed showing no payroll for that quarter. This will usually result in a higher contribution rate. A delinquent report that still has not been filed by the end of the calendar year will not result in adding the one percent surcharge to an employer's overall contribution rate as a penalty. Other penalties and interest assessed due to delinquent reports are discussed in Section 35A-4-305 of the Act.

R994-303-106. Successorship and Its Effect on Contribution Rates.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Successor" is the employing unit which acquires the business or acquires substantially all of the assets of a business.

(b) "Predecessor" is the employing unit which last operated the business.

(c) "Acquired" means to come in possession of, obtain control of, or obtain the right to use the assets of a business by any legal means including a gift, lease, repossession or purchase. For purposes of succession, a purchase through bankruptcy court proceedings where assets are being liquidated, is NOT considered an acquisition, if the court places restrictions on transfer of liabilities to the purchaser. It is not necessary to purchase the assets in order to have acquired the right to their use, nor is it necessary for the predecessor to have actually owned the assets for the successor to have acquired them. The right to the use of the asset is the determining factor.

(d) "Assets" are commonly defined to include any property, tangible or intangible, which has value. Therefore, acquiring use of assets is defined to mean that the successor obtains the physical assets, for example; cash, inventories, equipment, or buildings. Use of assets may also include the acquisition of the name of the business, customers, accounts receivable, patent rights, goodwill, employees, an agreement by the predecessor not to compete.

(e) "Business" is an employing unit which pursues an activity or enterprise for gain, benefit, advantage or livelihood.

(f) "Substantially all" means acquisition of 90 percent or more of all of the predecessor's assets.

(g) "Discontinued operations" means that immediately at the point of acquisition, the preceding employer has no continuing business activity, for example, no concurrently operating business at another location. Liquidation of accounts receivable or "wind-down payroll" is not considered to be a continued business activity. In determining whether an employer is a successor, the phrases "substantially all" and "discontinued operations" are applied conjunctively. If less than 90 percent of all the assets are acquired, then there is no successorship and the "discontinued operations" test need not be applied.

(h) "Like part or character" will be defined by using all

four digits from the most current Standard Industrial Code (SIC) Manual, published by the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget. There is no succession unless it is determined that a like part or character of the business acquired is retained. For example: A new owner acquires a business or substantially all of its assets. The business formerly operated as an automotive service station and the predecessor employer has ceased to operate. If the new owner opens as an automotive repair shop and not a service station, there is no successorship.

(2) If the acquired business was closed for 30 or more consecutive calendar days during its normal operating period immediately prior to the acquisition, there is no successorship.

(3) Succession.

In the case of succession, effective on the first day of the year following the year in which the business is acquired, a successor will pay a contribution rate newly computed on the basis of the combined experience of the predecessor and the successor unless the date of acquisition is January 1, in which case the new rate takes effect immediately. The successor's rate during the year of acquisition will be as follows:

(a) Successor Was a Qualified Employer.

If the successor was a "qualified employer" immediately prior to the time of the acquisition, it shall continue to pay the rate assigned prior to the acquisition.

(b) Successor Was Not a Qualified Employer.

If the successor was an employer but not a "qualified employer" immediately prior to the time of the acquisition and acquires one or more businesses simultaneously, it shall pay a rate newly computed based on the combined experience of the predecessor(s) and the successor. This rate shall be effective on the first day of the next calendar quarter. The successor pays its previously assigned rate for the balance of the quarter in which the acquisition occurs unless the acquisition occurs on the first day of that quarter, in which case the newly computed rate takes effect on that day.

(c) Successor Was Not an Employer.

If the successor was not an employer immediately prior to the time of the acquisition it shall pay the predecessor's rate for the current calendar year. If the successor simultaneously acquires two or more businesses it shall pay a rate newly computed based on the combined experience of the predecessors. This newly computed rate shall be effective on the day of acquisition.

(4) Effect of Contributions Owed by the Predecessor on the Successor's Rate.

A successor will be assigned a 1 percent surcharge in addition to his overall contribution rate if there are unpaid contributions owed by the predecessor in the prior fiscal year. The one percent surcharge applies in the years that the successor's rate is affected by the predecessor's payroll and benefit costs.

(5) Successorship Determination and Burden of Proof.

The Department will determine whether the predecessor's payroll and benefit costs will be transferred to the successor. Either the predecessor or successor may appeal the determination within 10 days of the date the determination is issued. Once the determination has been made, the burden of proof is on the predecessor or the successor to show that the determination was made in error.

R994-303-107. Fiscal Year.

Fiscal year shall be defined as in Section 35A-4-301(6), to mean the year beginning with the 1st day of July of one year and ending the 30th day of June of the next year.

R994-303-108. Benefit Costs.

(1) Net benefit costs are defined as those benefits actually paid during the fiscal year without regard to the week ending date for which the payment is made. The benefit is considered paid on the date the unemployment check is written regardless of when the check is received or cashed by the claimant. Net benefit costs do not include those benefits established as an overpayment during the same fiscal year in which the benefits were paid. Benefit costs from a prior fiscal year subsequently established as an overpayment will be deducted from cumulative benefit costs beginning with the fiscal year in which the overpayment is established, but will not be deducted from benefit costs attributable to prior fiscal years except in cases where failure to make the deduction would result in a gross inequity and provided the employer has made a written request within 30 days of when he knew or should have known of the establishment of the overpayment. Once the fiscal year ends, any benefit costs from a prior fiscal year which are subsequently identified as an overpayment will be deducted from the cumulative benefit costs beginning with the year in which the overpayment is established and subsequent years.

(2) If the benefit costs used to compute the basic tax rate are less than zero, they will be treated as if they were zero. In this case, the minimum overall tax rate an employer can be assigned will be the social tax rate.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-304. Special Provisions Regarding Transfers of Unemployment Experience and Assigning Rates.
R994-304-101. Transfer of a Trade or Business, or Portion Thereof, with Common Ownership, Management, or Control.

(1) The term "person" includes an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, limited liability company, corporation, government entity, or Indian tribe. The "predecessor employer" is the employer that transfers its trade or business, or a portion of its trade of business, to another employer. The "successor employer" is the employer that acquires the trade or business, or a portion of the trade or business.

(2) Common ownership exists if an employer transfers a trade or business, or a portion of a trade or business, to another employer and at the time of the transfer:

(a) the predecessor employer owns 50% or more of the trade or business of the successor employer. For entities that issue shares of stock ownership, 50% or more of the "voting shares" of stock interest must be common to both; or

(b) an individual with a controlling interest in the predecessor trade or business, transfers that controlling interest to an individual in the successor trade or business and the parties are related in one of the following ways:

(i) spouse;
(ii) parent;
(iii) step parent;
(iv) child;
(v) step child;
(vi) sibling; or
(vii) step sibling.

(3) The Department will determine common management or control using the best available evidence.

(a) Common management will be found if the predecessor and successor employers have the same or similar:

(i) managers, officers, board of directors;
(ii) personnel and human resource policies;
(iii) operating procedures;
(iv) sales and pricing policies;
(v) collection procedures;
(vi) financing policies;
(vii) accounting practices; or
(viii) purchasing practices.

(b) Common control will be found where the predecessor and successor employers have the same or similar:

(i) control of the assets used to conduct the business enterprise;
(ii) financing and/or leasing arrangements;
(iii) contracts; or
(iv) business, professional, and regulatory licenses of the business enterprise.

(4) The factors listed in subsections 3(a) and (3)(b) of this section are not exclusive and are intended as aids for analyzing the facts of each case. The degree of importance of each factor in those subsections varies depending on the nature of the trade or business transferred. Some do not apply to certain trades or businesses and, therefore, should not be given any weight. The Department will scrutinize the facts in each case to assure that the form of the transfer does not obscure the substance of the transfer.

R994-304-102. Notification Requirements.

(1) All parties to a transfer described in Section 35A-4-304(3)(a) must provide the following information to the Department within 30 days of the transfer date:

(a) the effective date of the transfer.

(b) the percentage of the assets, trade or business, and workforce transferred.

(c) the reason for the transfer.

(d) the following information for both the predecessor and the successor employers:

(i) name;
(ii) street address;
(iii) Utah Unemployment Insurance Registration Numbers, if one has been assigned; and
(iv) Federal Employer Identification Numbers (FEIN), if one has been assigned.

(e) the name and Social Security number (SSN) or FEIN of any successor employer who was also a predecessor employer, or any individual who is related to the predecessor. Related means to have a family relationship as described in Section R994-304-101(2)(b).

(f) common management and control practices that were retained from the predecessor employer.

(g) any other information requested by the Department.

R994-304-103. Recalculation and Effective Date of Contribution Rates.

Any employer that is a party to a transfer of an employer's trade or business described in Section 35A-4-304(3)(a) shall have its contribution rate recalculated. The effective date of the recalculation shall be the first day of the calendar quarter following the actual date of the transfer, unless the actual transfer occurred on the first day of a calendar quarter, in which case the recalculation takes effect on that day.

R994-304-104. Identification of the Transfer or Acquisition of an Employer's Workforce.

The Department will develop and implement programs to aid in the detection and identification of employers that transfer or acquire all or a portion of another employer's workforce.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-305. Collection of Contributions.
R994-305-101. General Definition.

Under Subsections 35A-4-305(1)(d) and 35A-4-305(1)(f) the Department will implement a write off policy as set forth in the following paragraphs.

R994-305-102. Policy Governing the Filing of Warrants.

Warrants shall be issued on accounts receivable overpayments and delinquent employer accounts of $100 or more unless the debtor is in compliance with an installment agreement. Warrants will be issued on all fraudulent overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-405(5), even if there is an installment agreement, within three years of the establishment of the overpayment. No warrants will be issued on non-fault overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-406(5).

R994-305-103. When No Warrant Has Been Filed.

All non-fault overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-406(5) and all accounts receivable overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-406(5) for claimants and all liabilities assessed against employers where a warrant has not been filed will be written off and removed from the records of the Department after three years without further review unless a payment or offset has been made within the prior 90 days. These debts will be forgiven and forgotten and no further collection or offset will take place.

R994-305-104. When a Warrant Has Been Filed.

(1) Three Year Review.

Except for fraud overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-406(5), all accounts receivable overpayments for claimant and employer liabilities including interest and penalties, which have not been collected or offset within three years after the filing of a warrant will be reviewed for determination of collectibility. If it is determined on the information reasonably available to the Department that the delinquent claimant or employer has no known assets which are subject to the attachment, and it appears there is no likelihood of collection in the foreseeable future, the Department will write off the account. All collection or offset action shall cease as far as enforcement of collection procedures are concerned. However, consistent with general accounting principles, if the Department receives money by virtue of a warrant judgement on a debt that has been written off, the Department will reinstate the equivalent portion of the debt and retain the collected monies.

(2) Eight Year Write Off.

All accounts receivable overpayments for claimants including Subsection 35A-4-405(5) overpayments and employer liabilities including interest and penalties which have not been collected within eight years after the issuance of a warrant will be written off, unless payments are being received consistent with an installment agreement or court order. All collection or offset action shall cease. The debt will be forgiven and forgotten as though no such debt ever existed and it will be removed from the Department records. When an overpayment for fraud established under Subsection 35A-4-405(5) is removed from Department records, the claimant may receive waiting week credit and future benefits may be paid without reference to the prior Subsection 35A-4-405(5) overpayment.

R994-305-801. Wage List Requirement.

(1) General Definition.

The Department uses wage information submitted by employers to establish benefit determinations for claimants and to verify employer contribution payments. This rule explains what information is required, due dates, acceptable formats, and penalties for non-compliance.

(2) Wage List Due Date.

The wage list for a quarter must be filed by the last day of the month following the end of that calendar quarter.

(3) Wage Information Required.

Each page of the wage list must be identified by the employer's Utah registration number, the employer's name, and the quarter and year being reported. The following information must be provided on each wage list in this order: employee's social security number, employee's name (first initial, second initial and full last name), gross wages paid during the quarter (see Section 35A-4-208 for a definition of wages). The gross wages reported are wages, which are considered to be subject employment (see Section 35A-4-204 for a definition of subject employment). Only those employees who were paid wages during the quarter should be listed on the wage list.

(4) Wage Reporting Methods.

The Department will accept wage lists filed on approved forms or approved magnetic tape, cartridge, diskette, or filed electronically through the Department's website. All wage lists reported on forms other than those provided by the Department require prior approval.

(a) Approved Form Reporting.

The wage list must be typewritten or machine printed in black ink so that it is capable of being "read" by an optical scanner. The wage list must be on Forms 3C or 3H, Utah Employer's Quarterly Wage List, or on plain white paper using the exact same format, placement on the page, and spacing as on the forms listed above. Photocopies of the Department's wage list forms are not acceptable. Wage list forms are available upon request from the Department.

(b) Magnetic Media Reporting.

Employers may report wages paid during the quarter on magnetic tape, cartridge, diskette, or filed electronically through the Department's website. Magnetic media reporting must be submitted according to specifications approved by the Department.

(5) Wage List Total Must Equal the Quarterly Report Total.

The total amount of wages reported on the wage list must be the same as the total wages shown on the Form 3, "Employer's Contribution Report." The total of the wage list for a reimbursable employer must be the same as the total wages shown as "insured payroll" on Form 794, "Reimbursable Insured Employment and Wage Report, Payrolls and New Hires in Utah." Wage lists consisting of more than one page must show the employer's UI registration number, the quarter and year of the reporting period, a total for each page and a grand total for all pages on the first page.

(6) Wage Lists Corrections for Prior Quarters.

Corrections to wage lists for prior quarters must be made on a separate report and not on the wage list for the current quarter. The employer must submit the name, social security number, the quarter, the amount of wages that should have been properly reported, and an explanation for the corrections being made. Corrections to wages may result in additional contributions being assessed or refunded.

(7) Penalty for Failure to Provide Wage List Information.

A penalty may be assessed for each failure to submit a wage list by the due date as specified in this rule or for failure to submit a wage list in an acceptable format as specified in this rule. The penalty amount is $50 for every 15 days, or fraction thereof, that the filing is late, not to exceed $250 per filing. The reports are due on the last day of the month that follows the end of each calendar quarter unless the division, after giving notice, changes the due date. The penalty will be collected in the same manner and under the same legal provisions as unpaid contributions. Waiver of the penalty will be made if the employer can show good cause for failure to provide the

required wage list. Good cause may be established if the employer was prevented from filing a wage list for circumstances which are compelling or beyond his control. Payment of the penalty does not relieve the employer from the responsibility of filing the wage list in the approved format.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-306. Charging Benefit Costs to Employers.
R994-306-101. Reduction in Force Separations.

When a worker is separated due to a reduction of the workforce, regardless of business conditions requiring the separation, the worker is eligible for benefits and the employer is liable for charges. This is true even if the separation is the end of a temporary assignment or seasonal employment and both parties agreed to the arrangement at the time of hire.

R994-306-201. Notice to Employers and Time Limitation for Protests.

All base period employers and all employers for which a claimant worked after the base period but prior to when the claim is filed, shall be notified prior to the payment of benefits that a claim has been filed.

(a) All employers who receive this notice may protest payment of benefits to former employees and all contributing employers may request relief of charges.

(i) All protests and requests must be made in writing to the Department within ten days after the notice is issued and must state in detail the circumstances which are alleged by the employer to justify a denial of benefits to the claimant, or relief of charges to the employer.

(ii) If the employer's request for relief of charges would justify the relief requested but the employer fails to provide separation information within the time limits of the request or to make a timely protest against the payment of benefits, the employer's request to be relieved of those charges will be adjudicated pursuant to R994-306-202.

R994-306-202. Relief of Charges Decisions.

When an employer makes a written request for relief of charges, a decision is made as to the employer's liability for benefit costs.

(a) The employer is notified of the decision and if an appeal is not filed, the decision becomes final and binding on both the employer and the Department.

(b)(i) A request for relief of charges or appeal that is filed after the expiration of the applicable time limit may be considered by the Department if:

(A) the employer has good cause for the late request or appeal as provided in R994-406-308;

(B) relief of charges was denied due to a mistake as to the facts and the Department did not rely on the requesting or appealing employer's failure to submit correct information in determining a claimant's eligibility for benefits. However, the Department will not consider such a request after September 30 with respect to benefits paid in the fiscal year that ended the prior June 30, even if there was a mistake as to facts.

(c) If the Department fails to give the relief of charges granted by a previous decision, the employer must request a correction of this error in accordance with Section R994-303-103.

R994-306-301. Benefit Cost Calculation Errors.

(1) Employers will be notified of benefit costs as they accrue at the end of each quarter. The notice used is called the "Statement of Unemployment Benefit Costs" (Form 66). This statement notifies the employer of the amount of benefits paid during the preceding quarter and gives the employer an opportunity to advise the Department of any errors. Upon written request from the employer, corrections will be made for all quarters not yet used to determine the employer's contribution rate. The following are examples which may occur:

(a) The employer is charged for costs for which the Department should have granted relief in accordance with Section R994-307-101.

(b) The employer did not receive prior notice that a claim had been filed or the determination of the claimant's eligibility and therefore did not have an opportunity to request relief of charges.

R994-306-401. Annual Notice of Contribution Rate.

(1) When the "Contribution Rate Notice" (Form 45) is issued at the end of the year, as per Subsection R994-303-103, the employer will have 30 days to protest the rate. When this decision, which establishes the contribution rate for the next year, becomes final it will not be changed even upon a showing of a mistake as to facts.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-307. Social Costs -- Relief of Charges.
R994-307-101. Relief of Charges to Contributing Employers.

(1) Under the following circumstances a written request is required for relief of charges:

(a) Separation Issues.

(i) Relief may be granted based only on the circumstance which caused the claim to be filed or a separation which occurred prior to the initial filing of the claim. If there is more than one reason for separation from the same employer, charges or relief of charges will be based on the reason for the last separation occurring prior to the effective date of the claim. Separations occurring after the initial filing of a claim do not result in relief of charges on that claim, but may be the basis for relief of charges on a subsequent claim.

(A) The claimant voluntarily left work for that employer due to circumstances which would have resulted in a denial of benefits under Subsection 35A-4-405(1) of the Act.

(B) The separation from that employer would have resulted in an allowance of benefits made under the provisions of "equity and good conscience" under circumstances not caused or aggravated by the employer. For example: If the claimant quit because of a personal circumstance which was not the result of this employment the employer would be relieved of charges. However, if the quit was precipitated by a reduction in the claimant's hours of work, even though the change in working conditions was necessitated by economic conditions, the employer would NOT be relieved of charges.

(C) The claimant quit that employer for health reasons which were beyond reasonable control of the employer. Although the job may have caused or aggravated the health problems, the employer is eligible for relief if it was in compliance with industry safety standards.

(D) The claimant quit work for that employer not because of adverse working conditions, but solely due to a personal decision to accept work with another employer.

(E) The claimant quit work from that employer for personally compelling circumstances not within the employer's power to control or prevent.

(F) The claimant quit new work from that employer after a short trial period, and through no fault of the employer the new work was unsuitable as defined in Subsections 35-4-405(3)(c), (d), and (e).

(G) The claimant was discharged from that employer for circumstances which would have resulted in a denial of benefits under Section 35A-4-405(2) of the Act.

(H) The claimant was discharged for nonperformance due to medical reasons. The employer is eligible for relief:

(I) only if the employer complied with industry health and safety standards, and

(II) the non-performance was due to a chronic medical condition, and

(III) the medical circumstances are expected to continue. The medical problems may be attributed to the worker or to a dependent. A series of unrelated absences attributed to medical problems do not qualify as chronic without medical verification that the conditions will probably continue to cause absences.

(I) The claimant continued to work for an acquiring employer when a portion of the business assets was sold or transferred to another business entity. For the purpose of this rule, employees are not considered assets and there must be an actual sale or transfer of business assets. Because the selling employer lost control of the employees to the acquiring employer, the selling employer may be eligible for relief of charges. Such relief may be sought by a timely written request following the claimant's subsequent claim for benefits. "Continued to work for the acquiring employer" means the claimant began work as soon as work was available with the acquiring employer.

(b) Non-Separation Issues.

(i) The claimant's customary hours of work with the concurrent employer, even though not necessarily constant have not been reduced either during the base period or prior to the filing of the claim below the least number of hours worked during the base period. For this circumstance to exist, the claimant must have worked for two or more employers during the base period of his claim, and when separated from one of the employers, he continues to work less than full-time for the other employer. Only the part-time employer can be relieved of benefit costs under the provisions of this section.

(ii) The employer was previously charged for the same wages which are being used a second time to establish a new claim. For example, as the result of a change in the method of computing the base period, or overlapping base periods due to the effective date of the claim.

(iii) The claimant did not work for the employer during the base period.

(iv) The Department incorrectly used wages which were or should have been correctly reported by the employer in determining the claimant's weekly benefit amount or maximum benefit amount.

(c) The Department may, on its own motion, grant relief of charges without a written request if in the Department representative's discretion there is sufficient information in the record to justify relief.

(2) Under the following circumstances a written request is NOT required for relief of charges:

(a) All employers shall be relieved of benefit costs:

(i) resulting from the state's share of extended benefit payments;

(ii) which, during the same fiscal year, have been designated by the Department as benefit overpayments;

(iii) resulting from combined wage claims that are charged to Utah employers, which are insufficient when separately considered for a monetary claim under Utah law but have been transferred to a paying state;

(iv) resulting from payments made after December 31, 1985 to claimants who have been given commission approval to attend school. Relief is granted only for those benefit costs during the period of commission approval.

(b) An employer shall be relieved of benefit costs if the employer has terminated coverage.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-308. Bond or Security Requirement.
R994-308-101. General Definition.

To ensure compliance with the contribution provisions of the Act, the Department may require an employer to provide a bond or other security deposit under Section 35A-4-308(1). This rule describes the types of deposits, the conditions under which a deposit may be required, how the amount of the deposit is determined and the disposition of the deposit.

R994-308-102. Types of Deposits.

A cash deposit will generally be required; however, at the Department's discretion other forms of security may be accepted.

R994-308-103. Reasons for Requiring a Deposit.

(1) A security deposit may be required whenever circumstances would reasonably cause doubt as to an employer's future compliance with the contribution provisions of the Act. Failure to comply includes such things as failing to file reports, pay contributions, file a wage list or comply with other requests made by the Department. Some of the more common reasons for requiring a deposit are the following:

(a) the employer's past failure to comply;

(b) the employer is an out-of-state employer and has workers in Utah;

(c) the employer is in an industry where the rate of past failure to comply is high;

(d) the employer's or principal's past failure to comply in other businesses with which he is or has been affiliated; and

(e) the employer is a leasing employer or temporary services employer and the potential for a negative impact on the trust fund is greater due to the fact that the responsibility for the payment of contributions rests with one employer rather than all the employer's clients.

R994-308-104. Amount of Deposit.

When a cash deposit is required, such deposit shall be a minimum of $100 and shall not exceed an amount equal to three times the quarterly contribution liability currently accruing or expected to accrue.

R994-308-105. Disposition of Deposit.

If after the employer makes the required deposit he fails to comply with the Act, the Department will use the cash deposit or the proceeds from the sale of the bond or security to pay contributions, interest and penalties due as defined by Subsection R994-302-103(4). The Department may then require a new deposit.

R994-308-106. Interest Earned on Cash Deposits.

Interest earned on cash deposits will be paid into the same fund as other interest and penalties collected by the Department as provided by Subsection 35A-4-305(1)(e).

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-309. Nonprofit Organizations.
R994-309-101. General Definition.

(1) Section 35A-4-309 describes how nonprofit organizations elect the method of paying for benefits, the effective period of such election, reimbursement methods, billing and collection procedures, their rights to notice of any determination and their various appeal rights.

(2) Nonprofit organizations described in Subsection 35A-4-309(1)(b) will pay contributions in the same manner as other employers under Section 35A-4-302 unless they elect to become reimbursable employers which are liable for payments in lieu of contributions. A nonprofit organization which elects to become a reimbursable employer pays to the Department an amount equal to the regular benefits and one-half of the extended benefits paid to former employees. These reimbursements for benefits paid are due and payable monthly. Reimbursable employers do not pay for any administrative expenses of the unemployment insurance program.

R994-309-102. Nonprofit Organizations (Section 501(c)(3) of IRC).

Section 35A-4-309 applies only to organizations exempt from income tax as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Some examples are organizations operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes. The Internal Revenue Service issues a letter of exemption to exempted organizations. A copy of this letter is required by the Department to allow a nonprofit organization to elect to become a reimbursable employer.

R994-309-103. Election of Payments by Contributions or Reimbursement.

(1) Initial Election.

A nonprofit organization electing to become a reimbursable employer must make a written election within 30 days after the organization becomes subject to the Act. Since it may take some time for the employer to obtain the IRS letter of exemption required for this election, the employer will be a contributing employer until the letter is provided to the Department timely. The employer has 30 days from the date of the IRS letter to provide a copy to the Department in order to be granted reimbursable status retroactive to the date he became subject to the Act under Subsection 35A-4-309(1)(e). When the letter is provided timely, all contributions paid by the employer in excess of benefits paid to former employees will be refunded. Under Subsection 35A-4-309(1)(e) the Department may, for good cause, extend the 30-day period within which the election is made or the 30 days within which the letter of exemption is provided. An initial election to become a reimbursable employer remains in effect for at least one contribution year. A contribution year is a calendar year.

(2) Subsequent Elections.

A nonprofit organization may elect to change from the contributions to the reimbursement method or from the reimbursement to the contributions method. An election to change from the contributions to the reimbursement method can be made only if accompanied by a copy of the letter of exemption from the IRS. To be consistent with the principle of Subsection 35A-4-309(1)(d), changes from one method to the other will remain in effect for at least two contribution years. A contribution year is a calendar year. Any election to change from one method of payment to the other must be made in writing no later than 30 days prior to January 1 of the year for which the change is requested. Under Subsection 35A-4-309(1)(e) the Department may for good cause extend the 30 day period within which a change from one method to the other is requested. As provided by Subsection 35A-4-309(3), the Department may terminate the reimbursable status if the organization is delinquent in making the reimbursable payments.

R994-309-104. Liability of an Organization When Changing the Method of Payment.

A nonprofit organization changing from the reimbursement to the contributions method must reimburse the Department for benefits paid on wages earned during the time the organization was a reimbursable employer. Example: A nonprofit organization was a reimbursable employer during 1985 and 1986. For 1987 the organization elects to pay contributions. If a former employee receives benefits in 1987 based on wages paid by the organization in 1986, the organization must reimburse the Department for the benefits based on the 1986 wages. The organization must also pay contributions on the 1987 wages. If this organization changes back to the reimbursement method in 1989, any benefits received by a former employee which were based on wages paid in 1988 would not be subject to reimbursement since contributions have been paid on those wages.

R994-309-105. Reimbursable Employer's Liability for Benefits Paid.

The reimbursable employer's liability will be limited to the benefits paid to the claimant and benefits overpaid as a result of the failure of the reimbursable employer to provide complete and accurate information within the time limitations of the Department's request. The employer will not be liable for benefits overpaid as a result of a Department decision which is later reversed. Any benefits established as an overpayment due to claimant fault will be deducted from the employer's liability or refunded as the overpayment is repaid by the claimant.

R994-309-106. Records of Benefits Paid.

The Department will maintain records of benefits paid to former employees of reimbursable employers for five calendar years. Such records will include the name and social security account number of each employee, the week for which payment is made, and the amount of each payment.

R994-309-107. Monthly Billing of Benefits Paid.

The Department will send a monthly billing to the reimbursable employer if any benefits have been paid to former employees. The billing will include the name and social security account number of each claimant, the amount of the payment to each claimant on the basis of wages paid to him by the reimbursable employer in his base period, and the total amount paid to all such claimants during the previous calendar month.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-310. Coverage.
R994-310-101. General Definition.

This rule identifies when coverage under the Act will be terminated and specifies who has the authority to approve an employing unit's election to become covered under the Act.

R994-310-102. Terminating Coverage.

(1) Coverage will automatically be terminated if the employing unit has paid no wages in the preceding calendar year.

(2) If within the calendar year after coverage is terminated an employer becomes subject to the Act again, the termination will be canceled or the employer's account will be re-opened.

(3) If the Department determines that the termination was not bona fide, but an attempt to manipulate the rate provisions of the Act, the termination will be canceled and the employer will be assigned it's earned rate.

R994-310-103. Elections to Become Covered.

An employing unit's election to become covered under the Act for either the entire employing unit or for services which do not constitute employment as defined in the Act, may be approved by the Executive Director or designee.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-311. Governmental Units.
R994-311-101. General Definition.

(1) Section 35A-4-311 describes how governmental units elect the method of paying for benefits, the effective period of such election, billing and collection procedures for the reimbursement method and appeal rights related to the election.

(2) Governmental units described in Subsection 35A-4-311(2) will pay contributions in the same manner as other employers under Section 35A-4-302 unless they elect to become reimbursable employers which are liable for payments in lieu of contributions. A governmental unit which elects to become a reimbursable employer pays to the Department an amount equal to the regular benefits and all of the extended benefits paid to former employees. These reimbursements for benefits paid are due and payable monthly. Reimbursable employers do not pay any administrative expenses of the unemployment insurance program.

R994-311-102. Governmental Units.

Section 35A-4-311 applies to governmental units including: any county, city, town, school district, or political subdivision and instrumentality of the foregoing or any combination thereof and political subdivisions or instrumentalities of the State of Utah or other states as provided by Subsection 35A-4-204(2)(d). A political subdivision or instrumentality of a state or county, city, town or school district is a subdivision thereof to which has been delegated certain functions of that state, county, etc. Examples of governmental units to which this section applies are county water conservancy districts, state universities, city fire departments, associations of county governments, etc. Indian tribes are not among the governmental entities included in this section and do not qualify to elect reimbursable status. The provisions of this rule to not apply to federal agencies.

R994-311-103. Effective Period of Payments by Contributions or Reimbursement.

(1) Initial Election

A governmental unit electing to become a reimbursable employer must make a written election within 30 days after the organization become subject to the Act. Under Subsection 35A-4-311(1)(e) the Department may, for good cause, extend the 30 day period within which the election is made. This initial election remains in effect for at least one full contribution year (calendar year).

(2) Subsequent Elections

A governmental unit may elect to change from the contributions to the reimbursement method or from the reimbursement method to the contributions method. To be consistent with the principle of Subsection 35A-4-311(1)(d), changes from one method to the other will remain in effect for at least two contribution years (calendar years). Any election to change from one method of payment to the other must be made in writing no later than 30 days prior to January 1 of the year for which the change is requested. Under Subsection 35A-4-311(1)(e) the Department may for good cause extend the 30 day period within which a change from one method to the other is requested. As provided by Subsection 35A-4-311(3), the Department may terminate the reimbursement status if the governmental unit is delinquent in making the reimbursement payments.

R994-311-104. Liability of a Governmental Unit When Changing the Method of Payment.

A governmental unit changing from the reimbursement to the contributions method must reimburse the Department for benefits paid on wages earned during the time the organization was a reimbursable employer. Example: A governmental unit was a reimbursable employer during 1985 and 1986. For 1987 the organization elects to pay contributions. If a former employee receives benefits in 1987 based on wages paid by the organization in 1986, the organization must reimburse the Department for the benefits based on the 1986 wages. The organization must also pay contributions on the 1987 wages. If this organization changes back to the reimbursement method in 1989, any benefits received by a former employee which were based on wages paid in 1988 would not be subject to reimbursement since contributions have been paid on those wages.

R994-311-105. Reimbursable Employer's Liability for Benefits Paid.

The reimbursable employer's liability will be limited to the benefits paid to the claimant and benefits overpaid as a result of the failure of the reimbursable employer to provide complete and accurate information within the time limitations of the Department's request. The employer will be liable even if good cause for the failure to properly provide the information can be established. The employer will not be liable for benefits overpaid as a result of a Department decision which is later reversed. Any benefits established as an overpayment due to claimant fault will be deducted from the employer's liability or refunded as the overpayment is repaid by the claimant. Federal regulation 20 CFR Sections 609.11 and 614.11 state that federal agencies receive adjustments (credits) when overpayments are recovered.

R994-311-106. Records of Benefits Paid.

The Department will maintain records of benefits paid to former employees of reimbursable employers for five calendar years. Such records will include the name and social security account number of each employee, the week for which payment is made, and the amount of each payment.

R994-311-107. Monthly Billing of Benefits Paid.

The Department will send a monthly billing to the reimbursable employer if any benefits have been paid to former employees. The billing will include the name and social security account number of each claimant, the amount of the payment to each claimant on the basis of wages paid to him by the reimbursable employer in his base period and the total amount paid to all such claimants during the previous calendar month.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-312. Employing Units Records - Confidential.
R994-312-101. General Definition.

Subsection 35A-4-312 defines records an employing unit must keep and to which the Department may have access; it further outlines the rules for confidentiality of the records and the exceptions to those rules. The authority to determine who is or is not an employing unit is granted to the Department Representative in Subsection 35A-4-313.

R994-312-102. Records Required.

(1) Each employing unit shall, for a period of at least three calendar years, preserve and make available for inspection all records with respect to employment performed in its service. Information is required as follows:

(a) In each pay period and for each worker:

(i) His name and social security number (the social security number is required when filing reports to the Department).

(ii) His place of employment. This includes the city and town, or where appropriate the county, in which the work was performed. If work is performed in several locations, assignment of place of employment is made in the following order:

(A) the worker's base of operations,

(B) the place from which the worker's services are directed or controlled,

(C) the worker's place of residence.

(iii) The date hired.

(iv) The date and reason for separation from work.

(v) The ending date of each pay period.

(vi) The total amount of wages paid (in each pay period) showing separately:

(A) money wages;

(B) wages as otherwise defined in Section 35A-4-208 and Section R994-208-102.

(vii) Daily time cards or time records, kept in the regular course of business.

R994-312-103. Examination of Employer Records: Scope and Authority.

The Department is authorized to examine any and all records necessary for the administration of the Act. These records include payroll records, disbursement records, tax returns, magnetic media, personnel records, minutes of meetings, loan documentation and any other records which might be necessary to determine claimant eligibility and employer liability.

R994-312-104. Confidentiality of Records.

(1) Employers and individuals have a legitimate expectation of privacy in the information they provide to the Department. Therefore, consistent with federal and state requirements of confidentiality, it is the intent of this rule to limit access to Department records for use in:

(a) administration of the programs of the Department and the other divisions of the Department of Workforce Services;

(b) the detection and avoidance of duplicate or fraudulent claims against public assistance funds, or to avoid significant risk to public safety; and

(c) as specifically mandated by federal or state law. Department records shall not be published or open to public inspection in any manner revealing the employer's or the individual's identity except upon written request which shall set forth one or more of the following reasons for disclosure:

(i) Records used in making an initial determination or any decision by the Department may be provided to all interested parties prior to the rendering of any decision to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of the case.

(ii) Any information requested by employers concerning claims for benefits with respect to former or current employees may be provided where the employer's reason for seeking the information is directly related to the unemployment insurance program. Information in the records may be made available to the party who submitted the information to the Department; and an individual's wage data submitted by an employer may be made available to that individual.

(iii) Information in the record may be made available to the public for any purpose following a written waiver by all parties of their rights to non-disclosure.

(iv) Employment and claim information may be disclosed by the Department to other divisions of the Department of Workforce Services for the purpose of carrying out the programs administered by the Department for the protection of workers in the work place; to the Governor's office and other governmental agencies administratively responsible for statewide economic development, to the extent necessary for economic development policy analysis and formulation; and to any other governmental agency which is specifically authorized by federal or state law to receive such information, subject to the requirements of R994-312-304(2).

(v) Employment and claim information may be disclosed by the Department to any other public employees in the performance of their public duties only upon a determination by the Department that such disclosure will not discourage the willingness of employers to report wage and employment information or individuals to file claims for unemployment benefits, and such disclosure:

(A) is directly related to the detection or avoidance of duplicate, inconsistent or fraudulent claims against public assistance funds, or the recovery of overpayments of such funds; or

(B) is necessary to avoid a significant risk to public safety; and Disclosure pursuant to R994-312-304(1)(vi)(B) shall be subject to the requirements of R994-312-304(2).

(vi) No disclosure of employment or claim information may be made by the Department other than as set forth above. All requests for information must comply with the requirements and procedures contained in this rule. The Department will request a judicial or administrative body to withdraw any subpoena issued by that body if the subpoena does not conform to the Act and this rule.

(2) Employment and claim information may be disclosed to the divisions of the Department of Workforce Services, other governmental agencies, and other public employees only upon completion of a written agreement containing all of the following terms and conditions:

(a) The requesting division or agency must specify a bona fide need for the information, and must agree to use the information only to the extent necessary to assist in its valid administrative needs.

(b) The requesting division or agency must identify all agency officials, by position, authorized to request and receive information.

(c) The methods and timing of requests for information must be agreed upon by the Department and the requesting division or agency, and there must be provision for the appropriate reimbursement of the Department for the costs associated with furnishing the requested information.

(d) The requesting division or agency must agree to implement, at a minimum, the following requirements for safeguarding disclosed information:

(i) the disclosed information may not be used by the requesting division or agency for any purposes not specifically authorized; and

(ii) the information must be stored by the requesting division or agency in a secure place, and electronically stored information must be secured so that unauthorized persons

cannot access the information; and

(iii) the requesting division or agency must instruct all persons authorized to request and receive information as to the confidential nature of the information and of the legal sanctions for unauthorized disclosure; and

(iv) the requesting division or agency must permit the Department to make on-site inspections to insure that there is a genuine need for the information, that the information is being used only for that purpose, and that state and federal confidentiality requirements are being met; and

(v) the head of the requesting division or agency must sign a written acknowledgement attesting to the confidentiality requirements of this rule.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-315. Centralized New Hire Registry Reporting.
R994-315-101. Authority.

This rule is authorized by 35A-7-101 et seq. Utah Code Ann. 1953.

R994-315-102. Definitions.

In addition to definitions included in 35A-7-102, this rule makes the following definition:

(1) Multi-state Employer: A multi-state employer is defined as an employer who has employees in two or more States and who transmits new hire reports magnetically or electronically.

R994-315-103. Reporting Formats.

Employers may submit information by paper, or by magnetic tape, cartridge, or diskette. Submittals should not be duplicated.

(1) Paper

Employers may mail or fax copies of any one of the following:

(a) the Utah New Hire Registry Reporting Form (form 6)

(b) the employee's W-4 (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate), the worksheet portions are not necessary.

(c) computer printouts or other printed information that provides all six of the mandatory data elements required by 35A-7-104 (1).

(2) Magnetic Media

Employers may submit their new hire information on magnetic tape, cartridge, or diskette. Magnetic media must be submitted according to specifications approved by the Department.

R994-315-104. Multi-state Employers.

(1) Multi-state employers have the option to report all new hires to a single state, chosen by the employer, in which the employer has employees. To exercise this option, the employer must designate one state for reporting new hires, transmit the report magnetically or electronically, and notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services in writing.

The letter of request should include the following information:

(a) Employer Federal ID Number (FEIN).

(b) Any other FEIN's under which the employer does business.

(c) Employer Company name, address and telephone number.

(d) The state to which the employer will report all workers.

(e) A list of states in which the employer employs workers.

(f) Name and phone number of person responsible for providing data.

R994-315-105. Waiver of Penalty for Failure to Report.

(1) An employer that fails to report the hiring or re-hiring of an employee in a timely manner is subject to a civil penalty of $25 for each such failure in accordance with Section 35A-7-106. The $25 penalty will be waived if the employer can show good cause for failure to provide the required new hire report(s). Good cause may be established if the employer was prevented from filing a new hire report due to circumstances which were compelling and reasonable or beyond its immediate control. Payment of the $25 penalty does not relieve the employer from the responsibility of filing the required new hire report(s).

KEY: new hire registry
April 21, 2000 **35A-7-101 et seq.**
Notice of Continuation June 11, 2003 **42 U.S.C. 654(a) et seq.**
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R994. Workforce Services,Unemployment Insurance.
R994-401. Payment of Benefits.
R994-401-101. Payment of Benefits.

Eligibility is established and benefits are paid on a weekly basis. The week starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday. Benefits do not become due until the end of the week for which benefits are claimed.

R994-401-201. Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA), Maximum Benefit Amount (MBA), and Monetary Determination.

(1) The formulas for determining the WBA and the MBA are found in Section 35A-4-401.

(2) The wages used to determine the WBA and the MBA are limited to wages reported to the Department by base period employers and verifiable wages paid by additional base period employers reported by the claimant in the initial claim. If an employer does not report wages and the claimant can verify wages from that employer, those wages may be included.

(3) The Department will send the claimant a "Notice of Monetary Determination." The notice will inform the claimant of the WBA, MBA, and the wages used to determine the claimant's monetary eligibility. The notice will also inform the claimant of his or her right to appeal the monetary determination. The claimant must notify the Department of any errors in the monetary determination. The time limit for notifying the Department of any errors or for appealing a monetary determination is the same as filing an appeal from an initial Department determination and is governed by rules R994-508-102 through R994-508-104.

(4) The monetary determination is based on the wages actually paid during the base period regardless of when the work was performed.

(5) To be monetarily eligible, a claimant must have earned base period wages of 1 and 1/2 times the high quarter wages and also meet a minimum dollar amount as established by the monetary base period wage requirement as defined in Section 35A-4-201.

(6) If a claimant is not monetarily eligible under the 1 and 1/2 times requirement in paragraph (5) of this section, but meets the monetary base period wage requirement, the claimant can still be eligible under this section if the claimant had earnings of at least five percent of the "monetary base period requirement for insured work," as defined in Subsection 35A-4-201(17), in each of at least 20 weeks during the base period. The earnings must be for work performed during each of the 20 weeks, all of which must fall within the base period, regardless of when the claimant received payment for the work. The requirement that the claimant show work and earnings in 20 weeks is only met if the claimant was paid wages as defined by the definition of "wages paid" in R994-401-202.

(7) The dollar amount for each of the 20 weeks required to establish eligibility will be determined by the monetary base period requirement for insured work in effect for the calendar year in which the initial claim is filed even if some or all of the 20 weeks are in a different calendar year.

(8) If the claimant is determined monetarily ineligible under the 1 and 1/2 times standard, it is the claimant's responsibility to show 20 weeks of covered employment which meet the minimum dollar amount. Acceptable proof of covered employment includes:

(a) appropriately dated check stubs issued by the employer;

(b) a written statement from the employer showing dates of employment and the amount of earnings for each week;

(c) time cards;

(d) canceled payroll checks; or

(e) personal or business records kept in the normal course of employment that would substantiate work and earnings.

(9) An employer's potential liability is based on its proportion of the claimant's base period wages. Employers will be informed of the wages used in determining a claimant's monetary entitlement, the employer's potential liability for benefits costs, and the right to and time limitation for requesting relief of charges or a correction to wages. A contributory employer is given a notice of all benefit costs each quarter and has the opportunity to report any errors or omissions to the Department at that time as well. The quarterly notices give the employer 30 days to advise the Department of any corrections, as provided in Subsection 35A-4-306(3).

(10) A party failing to file a timely appeal or protest may lose its right to have the monetary determination corrected. An untimely appeal or protest may be considered if the party had good cause, as defined in R994-508-104.

(11) The Department may revise the monetary determination after the expiration of the appeal time if there has been a mistake as to the facts or the revision would be substantial and required by fairness for a party who did not have access to the information and therefore could not have reasonably filed a timely appeal. The decision to revise a monetary determination after the appeal time has expired is discretionary with the Department.

R994-401-202. Wages Used to Determine Monetary Eligibility.

(1) "Wages paid" include those wages actually received by the worker and wages constructively paid, provided the employer's liability for payment has become unconditionally established. Wages are considered constructively paid, for the purposes of this section, on the earliest of: the next regular pay day in accordance with the employer's customary payment practices, the day required by contractual agreement, or as required by state law.

(2) Quarterly wages are all wages paid or constructively paid during a quarter regardless of when those wages are earned. Bonus or lump sum payments which do not meet the definition of vacation and severance pay in R994-405-701 et seq, made within the quarter which were not due on any specific day shall be treated as wages paid during the quarter in which the payment is made unless a request is made by the claimant for apportionment to the calendar quarters in which the remuneration was earned. Any such request must be received by the Department within ten days of the issuance of the monetary determination as provided by Subsection 35A-4-401(7).

R994-401-203. Retirement or Disability Retirement Income.

(1) A claimant's WBA is reduced by 100 percent of any retirement benefits, social security, pension, or disability retirement pay (referred to collectively in this section as "retirement benefits" or "retirement pay") received by the claimant. Except, for social security retirement benefits, the reduction is 50 percent for claims with an effective date on or after July 4, 2004, and on or before July 2, 2006. The payments must be:

(a) from a plan contributed to by a base-period employer. Payments made by the employer for whom the claimant did not work during the benefit year are not counted. Social security payments are counted if a base period employer contributed to social security even if the social security payment is not based on employment during the base period;

(b) based on prior employment and the claimant qualifies because of age, length of service, disability, or any combination of these criteria. Disability payments must be based, at least in part, by length of service. Savings plans such as a 401(k) or IRA should not be used to reduce the WBA Payments from workers' compensation for temporary disability, black lung disability income, and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs are not counted because the amount of the payment is

based on disability and not on length of service. Payments received as a spouse or beneficiary are not counted. That portion of retirement benefits payable to a claimant's former spouse is not counted if the paying entity pays the former spouse directly and it is pursuant to court order or a signed, stipulated agreement in accordance with the law;

(c) periodic and not made in a lump sum. Lump sum payments, even if drawn from the employer's contributions to a fund established for the purpose of retirement, are not treated as severance pay under Subsection 35A-4-405(7); and

(d) payable during the benefit year. A claimant's WBA is not reduced if the claimant is eligible for, but not receiving, retirement income. However, if the claimant subsequently receives a retroactive payment of retirement benefits which, if received during the time unemployment insurance claims were filed, would have resulted in a reduced payment, an overpayment will be established. The period of time the payment represents, not the time of the receipt, is the determining factor. An assumption that a claimant is entitled to receive a pension, even if correct, is not sufficient basis to recompute the WBA. However, if a claimant has applied for a pension and expects to be determined eligible for a specific amount attributable to weeks when Unemployment Insurance benefits are payable, and the claimant is only awaiting receipt of those payments, a reduction of the claimant's WBA will be made.

(2) A claimant who could be eligible for a retirement income, but chooses not to apply until after the Unemployment Insurance benefits have been paid, will be at fault for any overpayment resulting from a retroactive payment of retirement benefits.

(3) The formula for recomputation of the MBA in the event a claimant begins receiving retirement income after the beginning of the benefit year is found in Subsection 35A-4-401(2)(d).

R994-401-301. Partial Payments - General Definition.

(1) A claimant's earnings that are equal to or less than 30 percent of the WBA will not result in a reduction of the WBA. The claimant's gross weekly earnings over 30 percent of the WBA will be deducted dollar for dollar from the WBA in the week in which it was earned. A claimant who earns less than the WBA and files a claim may be credited with a waiting week, or paid a partial payment. A claimant who earns equal to or more than the WBA will not be credited with a waiting week nor be eligible for any partial payment for that week.

(2) All work and earnings must be reported on a weekly basis. For example, when an otherwise eligible claimant is required to report income from a farm, and is paid one day of holiday pay and then accepts a one-day temporary job, the work and earnings from all three sources must be reported.

(3) Earnings are reportable in the week the work is performed which may be different from the week payment is received. If a claimant receives payment for commission sales, or other periodic earnings, the income must be attributed to, and reported in, the week when the work was performed.

(4) Reportable earnings which a claimant must report on the weekly claim include any and all wages, remuneration, or compensation for services even if the employer is not required to pay contributions on these wages.

R994-401-302. Liability of Part-time Concurrent Reimbursable Employers.

(1) If the claimant worked concurrently for two or more employers during the base period and is separated from one or more of these employers, but continues in the regular part-time work with a reimbursable employer, that nonseparating employer will not be liable for benefit costs provided;

(a) the claimant earned wages from a nonseparating employer within seven days prior to the date when the claim was filed,

(b) the claimant is not working on an "on call" basis,

(c) the number of hours of work has not been reduced, and

(d) the employer makes a request that it not be held liable for benefit costs within ten days of the first notification of the employer's potential liability.

(2) The claimant's WBA will be determined on the basis of the total base period employment and earnings, however, earnings from the part-time reimbursable employer will be excluded from the calculation of the MBA.

(3) If the claimant is later separated from this employer within the benefit year or the claimant's hours of work are reduced below the customary number of hours worked during the base period, the reimbursable employer will be liable to pay the proportionate amount of benefit payments paid thereafter. A new monetary determination can also be made at the request of the claimant and would include all base period wages. The effective date of the revised monetary determination will be the first day of the week in which the request is made.

R994-401-303. Income The Claimant must Report While Receiving Unemployment Benefits.

(1) All payments whether an hourly wage, salary, or commission paid for the performance of any service shall be reportable unless specifically identified as an exception in R994-401-304 or R994-401-305.

(2) Gratuities or tips paid directly to an employee by a customer or the employer for a service provided are reportable.

R994-401-304. Income Which May Be Reportable Under Certain Circumstances.

(1) A bonus paid as a direct result of past performance of service for a specific period prior to the separation is not reportable with respect to any week after the separation. A bonus is a payment given to an employee in addition to usual wages. If the payment is made contingent upon termination it will be considered a severance payment. Payments given at the time of separation that are based on years of service will also be considered severance payments. Severance payments are reportable in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-405(7).

(2) If a claimant is hired to start working on a certain day and the work is not available as of that date but the employer puts the claimant on the payroll as of that date, the claimant is considered employed and those wages are reportable.

(3) Any payment made in consideration of training that is required by the employer is considered to be reportable income unless shown to be:

(a) expenses necessary for school, for example, tuition, fees, and books;

(b) travel expenses;

(c) actual costs for room and board where costs are created as a necessary expense for the schooling; and

(d) the payments are exempt from income tax liability.

(4) If a claimant is being paid under a contract for the express purpose of being available to an employer, and there are limits placed upon the individual either as to how much earnings, if any, may be earned while receiving these payments, or on the time the individual must hold himself or herself available to the employer, the payment is considered reportable income.

(5) Any payments in kind are reportable, including the cash value for meals, lodging, or other payment unless the meals and lodging are excluded from the definition of wages by the Internal Revenue Service as under the following conditions:

(a) Meals that are furnished:

(i) on the business premises of the employer;

(ii) for the convenience of the employer;

(iii) without charge for substantial non-compensatory

business reasons, not for the purpose of additional compensation. Substantial noncompensatory business reasons will be limited to meals which are provided:

(A) to have employees available for emergency call;

(B) to have employees with restricted lunch periods;

(C) because adequate eating facilities are not otherwise available.

(b) Lodging that is furnished:

(i) on the business premises of the employer;

(ii) as a condition of employment;

(iii) for the convenience of the employer, for example, to have an employee available for call at any time.

(6) Pensions that do not meet the criteria in R994-401-203 are not reportable income.

R994-401-305. Income a Claimant is not Required to Report While Receiving Unemployment Benefits.

Payments which are received for reasons other than the performance of a service are not reportable income. Some examples are:

(1) Payments from corporate stocks and bonds;

(2) Public service in lieu of payment of fines;

(3) Fees paid for jury duty or as witness fees will be considered reimbursement for expenses;

(4) Amounts paid specifically, either as an advance or reimbursement, for bona fide, ordinary, and necessary expenses incurred or reasonably expected to be incurred in the business of the employer. If an accounting by the employee is not required by the employer for actual expenses, the Department shall not require itemization;

(5) Payments specifically identifiable as not being provided for the rendering of service will not be considered wages including grants, public or private assistance or other support payments;

(6) Money or other considerations which are normally provided as a matter of course to immediate family members;

(7) Income from investments;

(8) Disability or permanent impairment awards under the Workers' Compensation Act; and,

(9) Payment attributable to the value of any equipment owned by the claimant and necessary for the performance of the job. If there is no contract of hire or the contract does not delineate what portion is payable for the equipment, the Department will determine the claimant's wages based on the prevailing wage for similar work under comparable conditions.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-402. Extended Benefits.
R994-402-201. General Definition.

Extended benefits (EB) are paid during certain periods of high unemployment within a state. The maximum benefit amount for a claimant is one-half of the amount of his original regular claim up to a maximum of 13 times the weekly benefit amount. All extended benefits stop when the unemployment rate drops below a certain level. When the claimant has been unable to find work for an extended period of time and has exhausted all rights to regular benefits, extended benefits may be paid providing the state is in an extended benefit period as defined by Subsection 35A-4-402(7). A claimant does not have to have additional wage credits to qualify for extended benefits as the original claim is extended with the same weekly benefit amount. If the claimant does have sufficient additional wage credits and can qualify for a new regular claim, extended benefits are not allowed. There is no waiting week on an extended benefit claim. Availability requirements for extended benefits are different from those for regular claimants. The EB claimant must have no occupational restrictions, must reduce wage expectations and increase his work search efforts beyond those expected of regular benefit claimants. The only exception to this requirement is for claimants who have Department approval while attending school.

R994-402-202. Federal Requirements for Extended Benefits.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Utah Employment Security Act concerning regular benefits, an individual shall be ineligible for payment of extended benefits for any week of unemployment in his eligibility period if the Department finds that during such period:

(a) he failed to accept any offer of suitable work or failed to apply for any suitable work to which he was referred by the Department; or

(b) he failed to actively engage in seeking work as prescribed under Sections R994-405-305 and R994-403-118.

(2) Any individual who has been found ineligible for extended benefits by reason of the provisions in Subsection R994-402-202(1) shall also be denied benefits beginning with the first day of the week following the week in which such failure occurred and until he has been employed in each of four subsequent weeks, whether or not consecutive, and has earned remuneration equal to not less than 6 times the extended weekly benefit amount.

(3) For the purpose of extended benefits, the term "suitable work" means with respect to any individual, any work which is within such individual's capabilities, provided, however, that the gross average weekly remuneration payable for the work must exceed the sum of:

(a) the individual's extended weekly benefit amount, plus

(b) the amount, if any, of supplemental unemployment benefits payable to such individual for such week; and further,

(c) pays wages not less than the higher of:

(i) the minimum wage provided by Title 29 U.S. Code Section 216(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, without regard to any exemption; or

(ii) the applicable state or local minimum wage;

(4) Notwithstanding R994-402-202(3), no individual shall be denied extended benefits for failure to accept an offer of or apply for any job which meets the definition of suitability as described in that subsection if:

(a) the position was not offered to such individual in writing and was not listed with the Department of Workforce Services;

(b) such failure could not result in a denial of benefits under the definition of suitable work for regular benefit claimants in Subsection 35A-4-405(3) to the extent that the criteria of suitability in that section are not inconsistent with the provisions of R994-402-202(3);

(c) the individual furnishes satisfactory evidence to the Department that his or her prospects for obtaining work in his or her customary occupation within a reasonably short period are good. If such evidence is deemed satisfactory for this purpose, the determination of whether any work is suitable with respect to such individual shall be made in accordance with the definition of suitable work for regular benefit claimants in Subsection 35A-4-405(3) without regard to the definition specified by R994-402-202(3).

(5) No work shall be deemed to be suitable work for an individual which does not accord with the labor standard provisions required by Section 3304(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code and set forth herein under Subsection 35A-4-405(3).

(6) For the purpose of Subsection R994-402-202(1)(b), an individual shall be treated as actively engaged in seeking work during any week if:

(a) the individual has engaged in a systematic and sustained effort to obtain work during such week, and

(b) the individual furnishes tangible evidence that he has engaged in such effort during such week.

(7) The Department of Workforce Services shall refer any claimant entitled to extended benefits to any suitable work which meets the criteria prescribed in R994-402-203(3).

(8) An individual who has been denied benefits under the provisions of Section 35A-4-405(2)(b) shall not be eligible to receive extended benefits until after the end of the 52 week denial period and is then otherwise eligible for extended benefits and has subsequent to the date of such disqualification performed services in bona fide covered employment and earned wages for such services equal to at least six times the individual's weekly benefit amount.

(9)(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (9)(b) of this rule, payment of extended compensation shall not be made to any individual if he is filing against Utah from any other state under the interstate benefit payment plan, and an extended benefit period is not in effect that week in that state.

(b) Subparagraph (9)(a) of this rule shall not apply to the first two weeks for which extended compensation is payable to the individual.

R994-402-203. Elements to Qualify for Extended Benefits.

To be eligible for extended benefits the claimant must:

(1) exhaust regular benefits as defined by Subsection 35A-4-402(7)(h) or his benefit year must have ended after the beginning of the EB period;

(2) be ineligible for a regular claim in Utah or any other state or under any federal unemployment program;

(3) file for extended benefits in accordance with instructions;

(4) meet federal requirements for availability and work search; and

(5) accept suitable work which is offered in writing.

R994-402-204. Suitable Work.

(1) Suitable work for EB claimants includes work:

(a) in any occupation within the claimant's capabilities unless he can show that his prospects for obtaining work in his regular occupation are good, as defined in Subsection R994-402-202(3)(d)(iii); and

(b) paying at least the federal or state minimum wage provided the gross average pay exceeds the claimant's weekly benefit amount plus any supplemental unemployment benefit.

(2) Suitable work for EB claimants does not include work:

(a) available as the result of a strike or labor dispute;

(b) having wages, hours or other conditions of the work which are substantially less favorable to the claimant than those prevailing for similar work in the locality (for example, a skilled

claimant, such as a carpenter, may be required to take a job paying the minimum wage in another occupation, but he does not have to take a carpenter job paying minimum wage if that wage is substantially less than the prevailing wage for carpenter work in his locality);

(c) which requires the claimant as a condition of being employed to join a union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization;

(d) requiring modifications of other conditions of work which would not be considered suitable for a regular claimant, such as unsafe working conditions, work requiring a move or travel beyond normal commuting distance, etc.; except with regard to the type of occupation and the wages, standards for determining the suitability of work are the same for EB claimants as for regular claimants.

R994-402-205. Good Prospects.

When a claimant has a definite assurance of full-time employment in his customary occupation to begin within four weeks he is considered to have good prospects. He must continue to seek work, but it is not necessary to seek or accept employment consistent with the definition of suitable work for EB claimants. He may restrict his availability to occupations and conditions of employment as permitted for regular claimants.

R994-402-206. Position Offered in Writing.

A position is considered "offered in writing" if it is listed with the Department and the claimant is referred or offered a referral by the Department even if the claimant is given the referral orally. If an employer makes a verbal offer of work and the job is not listed with the Department, the provisions of Section 35A-4-405(3) may apply.

R994-402-207. Systematic and Sustained Work Search.

(1) A systematic and sustained work search means that the claimant must register for work with the Department and contact at least 5 employers including 3 in-person contacts each week, unless advised otherwise by an authorized Department representative. The claimant should have a realistic plan for finding employment. All of the employer contacts cannot be made on the same day except in circumstances where a work search on several days of the week is impractical. Work search contacts must be with employers not previously contacted. A claimant may not argue that in-person employer contacts are limited because of traditional methods of seeking work in a particular occupation or because of a limited number of employers in an occupation because the claimant may not limit himself to any particular occupation.

(2) There is no good cause for failure to make a systematic and sustained work search after the claimant has received instructions with regard to the required work search. If the claimant is ill or otherwise unable to seek work, but files a claim for benefits after being instructed with regard to work search requirements, benefits must be denied under Section 35A-4-402 and not under Section 35A-4-403(1)(c) unless the claimant was on jury duty. Benefits may be allowed if the claimant failed to make the required work search because he was on jury duty and benefits would have been allowed under similar circumstances to a claimant for regular benefits. If the claimant made the required work search but was unable to work for more than 24 consecutive hours during normal working days, he may not be eligible in accordance with Sections R994-403-116 and R994-403-117.

(3) If the claimant has obtained part-time work, he is still required to make a work search on those days when he is not working. The number of contacts may be reduced if the amount of time working is substantial.

R994-402-208. Filing Requirements.

Extended benefit claimants must report information as requested on special EB claim forms. If a claim form is submitted with information that clearly shows the claimant did not intend to receive benefits, but was merely providing information, benefits will be denied under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(a) rather than under EB provisions which require an indefinite disqualification under the federal regulations.

R994-402-209. Burden of Proof.

The claimant has the responsibility to keep records of all employers contacted in search of work including the name and address of the employer, the date of the contact, the person contacted, the result of the contact, and the type of work sought, etc. Failure to keep such records or provide such information will result in a conclusion that a work search was not made unless other convincing evidence is provided.

R994-402-210. Period of Disqualification.

A claimant who fails to accept an offer of suitable work or fails to actively seek work must be denied benefits for the week in which such failure occurs and for the following weeks until he has had employment during at least four subsequent weeks and earned at least six times his weekly benefit amount. The earnings do not have to be in consecutive weeks, but must be bona fide employment. It is not necessary for the work to be in "covered" employment but it may not be self-employment.

R994-402-211. Requalification Requirement Following 5b2 Disqualification.

All disqualifications issued under the state provisions of the Employment Security Act continue to be in effect as provided by those laws on EB claims. In addition, a claimant who has been denied benefits under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b) is not eligible to receive extended benefits until he has returned to bona fide covered employment and earned at least six times his weekly benefit amount in employment subsequent to the disqualifying separation, even if the disqualification period has ended.

R994-402-212. Out of State Claimants.

Claimants filing EB claims against Utah who are living in states which are not in an EB period will be entitled to receive only two weeks of extended benefits. The amount of the payment, whether it is a full or partial payment, is immaterial. When a payment of any amount has been made for each of two weeks, whether or not consecutive, no further payments can be made.

R994-402-213. Overpayments.

Overpayments established on extended benefit payments are collectible in accordance with the provisions of Subsections 35A-4-406(4) and 35A-4-406(5).

R994-402-601. Notice.

Immediately after it has been determined that an extended benefit period will become effective or will end in the state, the Department of Workforce Services shall make public announcement and give personal notice calculated to reach the largest practicable number of interested persons within the state. Such notice at the beginning of an extended benefit period will state the first date on which potential claimants may file a claim for and become eligible for extended benefit payments, which group of claimants may qualify for extended benefits, what action must be taken to protect their benefit rights, and the date by which claimants must file to qualify at the beginning of the extended benefit period.

R994-402-602. Effective Date of EB Claim.

Claims for extended benefit payments will be filed on forms prescribed by the Department. The effective date of claims for extended benefits shall be the Sunday of the first week during which extended benefits are payable in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-402(7) provided the claimant has filed as instructed. The effective date of the EB claim will be backdated under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(a) up to two weeks for claimants who were not given personal notice of the extended benefit period. The Department may further extend the time during which claims for extended benefits may be backdated upon a showing of good cause under Subsections 35A-4-403(1) and 35A-4-401(1)(b).

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-403. Claim for Benefits.
R994-403-101a. Filing a New Claim.

(1) A new claim for unemployment benefits is made by filing with the Department of Workforce Services Claims Center. A new claim can be filed by telephone, completing an application at the Department's web site, or as otherwise instructed by the Department.

(2) The effective date of a new claim for benefits is the Sunday immediately preceding the date the claim is filed, provided the claimant did not work full-time during that week, or is not entitled to earnings equal to or in excess of the WBA for that week. A claim for benefits can only be made effective for a prior week if the claimant can establish good cause for late filing in accordance with R994-403-106a.

(3) When a claimant files a new claim during the last week of a quarter and has worked less than full-time for that week, the Department will make the claim effective that week if it is advantageous to the claimant, even if the claimant has earnings for that week that are equal to or in excess of the WBA.

(4) Wages used to establish eligibility for a claim cannot be used on a subsequent claim.

R994-403-102a. Cancellation of Claim.

(1) Once a weekly claim has been filed and the claimant has been deemed monetarily eligible, the claim is considered to have been established, even if no payment has been made or waiting week credit granted. The claim then remains established for 52 weeks during which time another regular claim may not be filed against the state of Utah unless the claim is canceled.

(2) A claim may be canceled if the claimant requests that the claim be canceled and one of the following circumstances can be shown:

(a) no weekly claims have been filed;

(b) cancellation is requested prior to the issuance of the monetary determination;

(c) the request is made within the same time period permitted for an appeal of the monetary determination and the claimant returns any benefits that have been paid;

(d) the claimant had earnings, severance, or vacation payments equal to or greater than the WBA applicable to all weeks for which claims were filed;

(e) the claimant meets the eligibility requirements for filing a new claim following a disqualification due to a strike in accordance with the requalifying provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4)(c);

(f) the claimant meets the requirements for cancellation established under the provisions for combined wage claims in R994-106-107; or

(g) the claimant has filed an unemployment compensation for ex-military (UCX) claim, and it is determined the claimant does not have wage credits under Title 5, chapter 85, U.S. Code.

R994-403-103a. Reopening a Claim.

(1) A claim for benefits is considered "closed" when a claimant reports four consecutive weeks of earnings equal to or in excess of the WBA or does not file a weekly claim within 27 days from the last week filed. In those circumstances, the claimant must reopen the claim before benefits can be paid.

(2) A claimant may reopen the claim any time during the 52-week period after first filing by contacting the Claims Center. The effective date of the reopened claim will be the Sunday immediately preceding the date the claimant requests reopening unless good cause is established for failure to request reopening during a prior week in accordance with R994-403-106a.

R994-403-104g. Using Unused Wages for a Subsequent Claim.

(1) A claimant may have sufficient wage credits to monetarily qualify for a subsequent claim without intervening employment.

(2) Before payment can be made on a subsequent claim using those unused wages, each of the following elements must be satisfied:

(a) the claimant must have performed work in covered employment after the effective date of the original claim, but not necessarily during the benefit year of the original claim;

(b) actual services must have been performed. Vacation, severance pay, or a bonus cannot be used to requalify;

(c) the claimant must have earnings from covered employment, as defined in R994-201-101(9), equal to at least six times the WBA of the original or subsequent claim, whichever is lower;

(d) the claimant must have actually received benefits during the preceding benefit year; and

(e) benefits will not be paid under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(g) from the effective date of the claim and continuing until the week the claimant provides proof of covered employment equal to at least six times the WBA.

R994-403-105a. Filing Weekly Claims.

(1) Claims must be filed on a weekly basis. For unemployment benefit purposes, the week begins at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday and ends at midnight on Saturday. The claimant is the only person who is authorized to file weekly claims. The responsibility for filing weekly claims cannot be delegated to another person.

(2) Each weekly claim should be filed as soon as possible after the Saturday week ending date. If the claim has not been closed, the Department will allow 20 days after the week ending date to file a timely claim. A weekly claim filed 21 or more calendar days after the week ending date will be denied unless good cause for late filing is established in accordance with R994-403-106a.

R994-403-106a. Good Cause for Late Filing.

(1) Claims must be filed timely to insure prompt, accurate payment of benefits. Untimely claims are susceptible to errors and deprive the Department of its responsibility to monitor eligibility. Benefits may be paid if it is determined that the claimant had good cause for not filing in a timely manner.

(2) The claimant has the burden to establish good cause by competent evidence. Good cause is limited to circumstances where it is shown that the reasons for the delay in filing were due to circumstances beyond the claimant's control or were compelling and reasonable. Some reasons for good cause for late filing may raise other eligibility issues. Some examples that may establish good cause for late filing are:

(a) a crisis of several days duration that interrupts the normal routine during the time the claim should be filed;

(b) hospitalization or incarceration; or

(c) coercion or intimidation exercised by the employer to prevent the prompt filing of a claim.

(3) The Department is the only acceptable source of information about unemployment benefits. Relying on inaccurate advice from friends, relatives, other claimants or similar sources does not constitute good cause.

(4) Good cause for late filing cannot extend beyond 65 weeks from the filing date of the initial claim.

R994-403-107b. Registration, Workshops, Deferrals - General Definition.

(1) A claimant must register for work with the Department, unless, at the discretion of the Department, registration is waived or deferred.

(2) The Department may require attendance at workshops designed to assist claimants in obtaining employment.

(3) Failure, without good cause, to comply with the

requirements of Subsections (1) and (2) of this section may result in a denial of benefits. The claimant has the burden to establish good cause through competent evidence. Good cause is limited to circumstances where it is shown that the failure to comply was due to circumstances beyond the control of the claimant or which were compelling and reasonable. The proof of inability to register or report may raise an able or available issue.

(4) The denial of benefits begins with the week the claimant failed to comply and ends with the week the claimant contacts the Department and complies by either registering for work, reporting as required, or scheduling an appointment to attend the next available workshop or conference. The denial can be waived if the Department determines the claimant complied within a reasonable amount of time.

R994-403-108b. Deferral of Work Registration and Work Search.

(1) The Department may elect to defer the work registration and work search requirements. A claimant placed in a deferred status is not required to actively seek work but must meet all other availability requirements of the act. Deferrals are generally limited to the following circumstances:

(a) Labor Disputes.

A claimant who is unemployed due to a labor dispute may be deferred while an eligibility determination under Subsection 35A-4-405(4) is pending. If benefits are allowed, the claimant must register for work immediately.

(b) Union Attachment.

A claimant who is a union member in good standing, is on the out-of-work list, or is otherwise eligible for a job referral by the union, and has earned at least half of his or her base period earnings through the union, may be eligible for a deferral. If a deferral is granted to a union member, it shall not be extended beyond the mid-point of the claim unless the claimant can demonstrate a reasonable expectation of obtaining employment through the union.

(c) Employer Attachment.

A claimant who has an attachment to a prior employer and a date of recall within ten weeks of filing or reopening a claim may have the work registration requirement deferred to the expected date of recall. The deferral should not extend longer than ten weeks.

(d) Three Week Deferral.

A claimant who accepts a definite offer of full-time work to begin within three weeks, shall be deferred for that period.

(e) Seasonal.

A claimant may be deferred when, due to seasonal factors, work is not available in the claimant's primary base period occupation and other suitable work is not available in the area.

(2) Deferrals cannot be granted if prohibited by state or federal law for certain benefit programs.

R994-403-109b. Profiled Claimants.

(1) The Department will identify individuals who are likely to exhaust unemployment benefits through a profiling system and require that they participate in reemployment services. These services may include job search workshops, job placement services, counseling, testing, and assessment.

(2) In order to avoid disqualification for failure to participate in reemployment services, the claimant must show good cause for nonparticipation. Good cause for nonparticipation is established if the claimant can show:

(a) completion of equivalent services within the 12 month period immediately preceding the date the claimant is scheduled for reemployment services; or

(b) that the failure to participate was reasonable or beyond the claimant's control.

(3) Failure to participate in reemployment services without good cause will result in a denial of benefits beginning with the week the claimant refuses or fails to attend scheduled services and continuing until the week the claimant contacts the Employment Center to arrange participation in the required reemployment service.

(4) Some reasons for good cause for nonparticipation may raise other eligibility issues.

R994-403-110c. Able and Available - General Definition.

(1) The primary obligation of the claimant is to become reemployed. A claimant may meet all of the other eligibility criteria but, if the claimant cannot demonstrate ability, availability, and an active good faith effort to obtain work, benefits cannot be allowed.

(2) A claimant must be attached to the labor force, which means the claimant can have no encumbrances to the immediate acceptance of full-time work. The claimant must:

(a) be actively engaged in a good faith effort to obtain employment; and

(b) have the necessary means to become employed including tools, transportation, licenses, and childcare if necessary.

(3) The continued unemployment must be due to the lack of suitable job opportunities.

(4) The only exception to the requirement that a claimant actively seek work is if the Department has approved schooling under Section 35A-4-403(2) and the claimant meets the requirements of R994-403-107b.

(5) The only exception to the requirements that the claimant be able to work and actively seeking full-time work are that the claimant meets the requirements of R994-403-111c(5).

R994-403-111c. Able.

(1) The claimant must have no physical or mental health limitation which would preclude immediate acceptance of full-time work. A recent history of employment is one indication of a claimant's ability to work. If there has been a change in the claimant's physical or mental capacity since his or her last employment, there is a presumption of inability to work which the claimant must overcome by competent evidence. The claimant must show that there is a reasonable likelihood that jobs exist which the claimant is capable of performing before unemployment insurance benefits can be allowed. Pregnancy is treated the same as other physical limitations.

(2) For purposes of determining weekly eligibility for benefits, it is presumed a claimant who is not able to work more than one-half the normal workweek will be considered not able to perform full-time work. The normal workweek means the normal workweek in the claimant's occupation. A claimant will be denied under this section for any week in which the claimant refuses suitable work due to an inability to work, regardless of the length of time the claimant is unable to work.

(a) Past Work History.

Benefits will not be denied solely on the basis of a physical or mental health limitation if the claimant earned base period wages while working with the limitation and is:

(i) willing to accept any work within his or her ability;

(ii) actively seeking work consistent with the limitation; and

(iii) otherwise eligible.

Under these circumstances, the unemployment is considered to be due to a lack of employment opportunities and not due to an inability to work.

(b) Medical Verification.

When an individual has a physical or mental health limitation, medical information from a competent health care provider is one form of evidence used to determine the claimant's ability to work. The provider's opinion is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the claimant's ability to work,

however, the provider's opinion may be overcome by other competent evidence. The Department will determine if medical verification is required.

(3) Temporary Disability.

(a) Employer Attached.

A claimant is not eligible for benefits if the claimant is not able to work at his or her regular job due to a temporary disability and the employer has agreed to allow the claimant to return to the job when he or she is able to work. In this case, the claimant's unemployment is due to an inability to work rather than lack of available work. The claimant is not eligible for benefits even if there is other work the claimant is capable of performing with the disability. If a claimant is precluded from working due to Federal Aviation Administration regulations because of pregnancy, and the employer has agreed to allow the claimant to return to the job, the claimant is considered to be on a medical leave of absence and is not eligible for benefits.

(b) No Employer Attachment.

If the claimant has been separated from employment with no expectation of being allowed to return when he or she is again able to work, or the temporary disability occurred after becoming unemployed, benefits may be allowed even though the claimant cannot work in his or her regular occupation if the claimant can show there is work the claimant is capable of performing and for which the claimant reasonably could be hired. The claimant must also meet other eligibility requirements including making an active work search.

(4) Hospitalization.

A claimant is unable to work if hospitalized unless the hospitalization is on an out-patient basis or the claimant is in a rehabilitation center or care facility and there is independent verification that the claimant is not restricted from immediately working full-time. Immediately following hospitalization, a rebuttable presumption of physical inability continues to exist for the period of time needed for recuperation.

(5) Workers' Compensation.

(a) Compensation for Lost Wages.

A claimant is not eligible for unemployment benefits while receiving temporary total disability workers' compensation benefits.

(b) Subsequent Awards.

The Department may require that a claimant who is receiving permanent partial disability benefits from workers' compensation show that he or she is able and available for full-time work and can reasonably expect to obtain full-time work even with the disability.

(c) Workers' compensation disability payments are not reportable as wages.

(6) Physical or Mental Health Limitation.

(a) A claimant who is not able to work full-time due to a physical or mental health limitation, may be considered eligible under this rule if:

(i) the claimant's base period employment was limited to part-time because of the claimant's physical or mental health limitations;

(ii) the claimant's prior part-time work was substantial. Substantial is defined as at least 50 percent of the hours customarily worked in the claimant's occupation;

(iii) the claimant is able to work at least as many hours as he or she worked prior to becoming unemployed;

(iv) there is work available which the claimant is capable of performing; and

(v) the claimant is making an active work search.

(b) The Department may require that the claimant establish ability by competent evidence.

R994-403-112c. Available.

(1) General Requirement.

The claimant must be available for full-time work. Any restrictions on availability, such as lack of transportation, domestic problems, school attendance, military obligations, church or civic activities, whether self-imposed or beyond the control of the claimant, lessen the claimant's opportunities to obtain suitable full-time work.

(2) Activities Which Affect Availability.

It is not the intent of the act to subsidize activities which interfere with immediate reemployment. A claimant is not considered available for work if the claimant is involved in any activity which cannot be immediately abandoned or interrupted so that the claimant can seek and accept full-time work.

(a) Activities Which May Result in a Denial of Benefits.

For purposes of establishing weekly eligibility for benefits, a claimant who is engaged in an activity for more than half the normal workweek that would prevent the claimant from working, is presumed to be unavailable and therefore ineligible for benefits. The normal workweek means the normal workweek in the claimant's occupation. This presumption can be overcome by a showing that the activity did not preclude the immediate acceptance of full-time work, referrals to work, contacts from the Department, or an active search for work. When a claimant is away from his or her residence but has made arrangements to be contacted and can return quickly enough to respond to any opportunity for work, the presumption of unavailability may be overcome. The conclusion of unavailability can also be overcome in the following circumstances:

(i) Travel Which is Necessary to Seek Work.

(A) Benefits will not be denied if the claimant is required to travel to seek, apply for, or accept work within the United States or in a foreign country where the claimant has authorization to work and where there is a reciprocal agreement. The trip itself must be for the purpose of obtaining work. There is a rebuttable presumption that the claimant is not available for work when the trip is extended to accommodate the claimant's personal needs or interests, and the extension is for more than one-half of the workweek.

(B) Unemployment benefits cannot be paid to a claimant located in a foreign country unless the claimant has authorization to work there and there is a reciprocal agreement concerning the payment of unemployment benefits with that foreign country. An exception to this general rule is that a claimant who travels to a foreign country for the express purpose of applying for employment and is out of the United States for two consecutive weeks or less is eligible for those weeks provided the claimant can prove he or she has a legal right to work in that country. A claimant who is out of the United States for more than two weeks is not eligible for benefits for any of the weeks.

(ii) Definite Offer of Work or Recall.

If the claimant has accepted a definite offer of full-time employment or has a date of recall to begin within three weeks, the claimant does not have to demonstrate further availability and is not required to seek other work. Because the statute requires that a claimant be able to work, if a claimant is unable to work for more than one-half of any week due to illness or hospitalization, benefits will be denied.

(iii) Jury Duty or Court Attendance.

Jury duty or court attendance is a public duty required by law and a claimant will not be denied benefits if he or she is unavailable because of a lawfully issued summons to appear as a witness or to serve on a jury unless the claimant:

(A) is a party to the action;

(B) had employment which he or she was unable to continue or accept because of the court service; or

(C) refused or delayed an offer of suitable employment because of the court service.

The time spent in court service is not a personal service performed under a contract of hire and therefore is not

considered employment.

(b) Activities Which Will Result in a Denial of Benefits.

(i) Refusal of Work.

When a claimant refuses any suitable work, the claimant is considered unavailable. Even though the claimant had valid reasons for not accepting the work, benefits will not be allowed for the week or weeks in which the work was available. Benefits are also denied when a claimant fails to be available for job referrals or a call to return to work under reasonable conditions consistent with a previously established work relationship. This includes referral attempts from a temporary employment service, a school district for substitute teaching, or any other employer for which work is "on-call."

(ii) Failure to Perform All Work During the Week of Separation.

(A) Benefits will be denied for the week in which separation from employment occurs if the claimant's unemployment was caused because the claimant was not able or available to do his or her work. In this circumstance, there is a presumption of continued inability or unavailability and an indefinite disqualification will be assessed until there is proof of a change in the conditions or circumstances.

(B) If the claimant was absent from work during the last week of employment and the claimant was not paid for the day or days of absence, benefits will be denied for that week. The claimant will be denied benefits under this section regardless of the length of the absence.

(3) Hours of Availability.

(a) Full-Time.

Except as provided in R994-403-111c(5), in order to meet the availability requirement, a claimant must be ready and willing to immediately accept full-time work. Full-time work generally means 40 hours a week but may vary due to customary practices in an occupation. If the claimant was last employed less than full-time, there is a rebuttable presumption that the claimant continues to be available for only part-time work.

(b) Other Than Normal Work Hours.

If the claimant worked other than normal work hours and the work schedule was adjusted to accommodate the claimant, the claimant cannot continue to limit his or her hours of availability even if the claimant was working 40 hours or more. The claimant must be available for full-time work during normal work hours as is customary for the industry.

(4) Wage Restrictions.

(a) No claimant will be expected, as a condition of eligibility, to accept a wage that is less than the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is applicable, or a wage that is substantially less favorable to the claimant than prevailing wages for similar work in the locality. Benefits cannot be allowed if the claimant is restricting himself or herself to a wage that is not available.

(b) A claimant must be given a reasonable time to seek work that will preserve his or her earning potential. At the time of filing an initial claim, or at the time of reopening a claim following a period of employment, the claimant may restrict his or her wage requirement to the highest wage earned during or subsequent to the base period and prior to filing the claim or the highest wage available in the locality for the claimant's occupation, whichever is lower, but only if there is a reasonable expectation that work can be obtained at that wage.

(i) After a claimant has received1/3 of the maximum benefit amount (MBA) for his or her regular claim, the claimant must accept any wage that is equal to or greater than the lowest wage earned during the base period, as long as that wage is consistent with the prevailing wage standard.

(ii) After a claimant has received 2/3 of the MBA for his or her regular claim, the claimant must be willing to accept the prevailing wage in the locality for work in any base period occupation.

(c) Exception for Deferred Claimants.

The provisions of this section do not apply to those claimants who qualify for deferrals under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(b) and R994-403-202 during the period of deferral.

(5) Type of Work.

(a) One of the purposes of the unemployment insurance program is to help a claimant preserve his or her highest skill by providing unemployment benefits so the claimant can find work similar to what the claimant had prior to becoming unemployed. A skill is defined as a marketable ability developed over an extended period of time by training or experience which could be lost if not used. It is not the intent of the program to subsidize individuals who are limiting their availability because of a desire to improve their employment status.

(i) At the time of filing an initial claim or reopening a claim following a period of employment, a claimant may restrict availability to the highest skilled employment performed during or subsequent to the base period provided the claimant has a reasonable expectation of obtaining that type of work. A claimant who is not willing to accept employment consistent with work performed during or subsequent to the base period must show a compelling reason for that restriction in order to be considered available for work.

(ii) After the claimant has received 1/3 of the MBA for his or her regular claim, the claimant must be willing to accept work in any of the occupations in which the claimant worked during the base period.

(iii) After the claimant has received 2/3 of the MBA for his or her regular claim, the claimant must be willing to accept any work that he or she can reasonably perform consistent with the claimant's past experience, training, and skills.

(b) Contract Obligation.

If a claimant is restricted due to a contractual obligation from competing with a former employer or accepting employment in the claimant's regular occupation, the claimant is not eligible for benefits unless the claimant can show that he or she:

(i) is actively seeking work outside the restrictions of the noncompete contract;

(ii) has the skills and/or training necessary to obtain that work; and

(iii) can reasonably expect to obtain that employment.

(6) Employer/Occupational Requirements.

If the claimant does not have the license or special equipment required for the type of work the claimant wants to obtain, the claimant cannot be considered available for work unless the claimant is actively seeking other types of work and has a reasonable expectation of obtaining that work.

(7) Temporary Availability.

When an individual is limited to temporary work because of anticipated military service, school attendance, travel, church service, relocation, a reasonable expectation of recall to a former employer for which the claimant is not in deferral status, or any other anticipated restriction on the claimant's future availability, availability is only established if the claimant is willing to accept and is actively seeking temporary work. The claimant must also show there is a realistic expectation that there is temporary work in the claimant's occupation, otherwise the claimant may be required to accept temporary work in another occupation. Evidence of a genuine desire to obtain temporary work may be shown by registration with and willingness to accept work with temporary employment services.

(8) Distance to Work.

(a) Customary Commuting Patterns.

A claimant must show reasonable access to public or private transportation, and a willingness to commute within customary commuting patterns for the occupation and community.

(b) Removal to a Locality of Limited Work Opportunities.

A claimant who moves from an area where there are substantial work opportunities to an area of limited work opportunities must demonstrate that the new locale has work for which the claimant is qualified and which the claimant is willing to perform. If the work is so limited in the new locale that there is little expectation the claimant will become reemployed, the continued unemployment is the result of the move and not the failure of the labor market to provide employment opportunities. In that case, the claimant is considered to have removed himself or herself from the labor market and is no longer eligible for benefits.

(9) School.

(a) A claimant attending school who has not been granted Department approval for a deferral must still meet all requirements of being able and available for work and be actively seeking work. Areas that need to be examined when making an eligibility determination with respect to a student include reviewing a claimant's work history while attending school, coupled with his or her efforts to secure full-time work. If the hours of school attendance conflict with the claimant's established work schedule or with the customary work schedule for the occupation in which the claimant is seeking work, a rebuttable presumption is established that the claimant is not available for full-time work and benefits will generally be denied. An announced willingness on the part of a claimant to discontinue school attendance or change his or her school schedule, if necessary, to accept work must be weighed against the time already spent in school as well as the financial loss the claimant may incur if he or she were to withdraw.

(b) A presumption of unavailability may also be raised if a claimant moves, for the purpose of attending school, from an area with substantial labor market to a labor market with more limited opportunities. In order to overcome this presumption, the claimant must demonstrate there is full-time work available in the new area which the claimant could reasonably expect to obtain.

(10) Employment of Youth.

Title 34, Chapter 23 of the Utah Code imposes limitations on the number of hours youth under the age of 16 may work. The following limitations do not apply if the individual has received a high school diploma or is married. Claimants under the age of 16 who do not provide proof of meeting one of these exceptions are under the following limitations whether or not in student status because they have a legal obligation to attend school. Youth under the age of 16 may not work:

(a) during school hours except as authorized by the proper school authorities;

(b) before or after school in excess of 4 hours a day;

(c) before 5:00 a.m. or after 9:30 p.m. on days preceding school days;

(d) in excess of 8 hours in any 24-hour period; or

(e) more than 40 hours in any week.

(11) Domestic Obligations.

When a claimant has an obligation to care for children or other dependents, the claimant must show that arrangements for the care of those individuals have been made for all hours that are normally worked in the claimant's occupation and must show a good faith, active work search effort.

R994-403-113c. Work Search.

(1) General Requirements.

A claimant must make an active, good faith effort to secure employment each and every week for which benefits are claimed. Efforts to find work must be judged by the standards of the occupation and the community.

(2) Active.

An active effort to look for work is generally interpreted to mean that each week a claimant should contact a minimum of two employers not previously contacted unless the claimant is otherwise directed by the Department. Those contacts should be made with employers that hire people in the claimant's occupation or occupations for which the claimant has work experience or would otherwise be qualified and willing to accept employment. Failure of a claimant to make at least the minimum number of contacts creates a rebuttable presumption that the claimant is not making an active work search. The claimant may overcome this presumption by showing that he or she has pursued a job development plan likely to result in employment. A claimant's job development activities for a specific week should be considered in relation to the claimant's overall work search efforts and the length of the claimant's unemployment. Creating a job development plan and/or writing resumes may be reasonable and acceptable activities during the first few weeks of a claim, but may be insufficient after the claimant has been unemployed for several weeks.

(3) Good Faith.

Good faith efforts are defined as those methods which a reasonable person, anxious to return to work, would make if desirous of obtaining employment. A good faith effort is not necessarily established simply by making a specific number of contacts to satisfy the Department requirement.

(4) Union Attachment.

(a) Union attachment is sufficient to meet the requirements of an active work search if the claimant is eligible for a deferral as established under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(b).

(b) If the claimant is not in deferred status because the claimant did not earn at least 50 percent of his or her base period wage credits in employment as a union member, or the deferral has ended, the claimant must meet the requirements of an active, good faith work search by contacting employers in addition to contacts with the union. This work search is required even though unions may have regulations and rules which penalize members for making independent contacts to try to find work or for accepting nonunion employment.

R994-403-114c. Claimant's Obligation to Prove Weekly Eligibility.

The claimant:

(1) has the burden of proving that he or she is able, available, and actively seeking full-time work:

(2) must report any information that might affect eligibility;

(3) must provide any information requested by the Department which is required to establish eligibility; and

(4) must keep a detailed record of the employers contacted, as well as other activities that are likely to result in employment for each week benefits are claimed.

R994-403-115c. Period of Ineligibility.

(1) Eligibility for benefits is established on a weekly basis. If the Department has determined that the claimant is not able or available for work, and it appears the circumstances will likely continue, an indefinite disqualification will be assessed, and the claimant must requalify by showing that he or she is able and available for work.

(2) If the Department has reason to believe a claimant has not made a good faith effort to seek work, or the Department is performing a routine audit of a claim, the Department can only require that the claimant provide proof of work search activities for the four weeks immediately preceding the Department's request. However, if the claimant admits he or she did not complete the work search activities required under this rule, the Department can disqualify a claimant for more than four weeks.

(3) The claimant will be disqualified for all weeks in which it is discovered that the claimant was not able or available to accept work without regard to the four-week limitation.

R994-403-116e. Eligibility Determinations: Obligation to

Provide Information.

(1) The Department cannot make proper determinations regarding eligibility unless the claimant and the employer provide correct information in a timely manner. Claimants and employers therefore have a continuing obligation to provide any and all information and verification which may affect eligibility.

(2) Providing incomplete or incorrect information will be treated the same as a failure to provide information if the incorrect or insufficient information results in an improper decision with regard to the claimant's eligibility.

R994-403-117e. Claimant's Responsibility.

(1) The claimant must provide all of the following:

(a) his or her correct name, social security number, citizenship or alien status, address and date of birth;

(b) the correct business name and address for each base period employer and for each employer subsequent to the base period;

(c) information necessary to determine eligibility or continuing eligibility as requested on the initial claim form, or on any other Department form including work search information. This includes information requested through the use of an interactive voice response system or the Internet;

(d) the reasons for the job separation from base period and subsequent employers when filing a new claim, requalifying for a claim, or any time the claimant is separated from employment during the benefit year. The Department may require a complete statement of the circumstances precipitating the separation; and

(e) any other information requested by the Department. This includes requests for documentary evidence, written statements, or oral requests. Claimants are required to return telephone calls when requested to do so by Department employees.

(2) Claimants are also required to report, at the time and place designated, for an in-person interview with a Department representative if so requested.

(3) By filing a claim for benefits, the claimant has given consent to the employer to release to the Department all information necessary to determine eligibility even if the information is confidential.

R994-403-118e. Disqualification Periods if a Claimant Fails to Provide Information.

(1) A claimant is not eligible for benefits if the Department does not have sufficient information to determine eligibility. A claimant who fails to provide necessary information without good cause is disqualified from the receipt of unemployment benefits until the information is received by the Department.

(2) If insufficient or incorrect information is provided when the initial claim is filed, the disqualification will begin with the effective date of the claim.

(3) If a potentially disqualifying issue is identified as part of the weekly certification process and the claimant fails to provide the information requested by the Department, the disqualification will begin with the Sunday of the week for which eligibility could not be determined.

(4) If insufficient or incorrect information is provided as part of a review of payments already made, the disqualification will begin with the week in which the response to the Department's request for information is due.

(5) The disqualification will continue through the Saturday prior to the week in which the claimant provides the information.

R994-403-119e. Overpayments Resulting from a Failure to Provide Information.

(1) Any overpayment resulting from the claimant's failure to provide information, or based on incorrect information provided by the claimant, will be assessed as a fault overpayment in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-406(4) or as a fraud overpayment in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-405(5).

(2) Any overpayment resulting from the employer's failure to provide information will be assessed as a nonfault overpayment in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-406(5).

(3) If more than one party was at fault in the creation of an overpayment, the overpayment will be assessed as:

(a) a fraud or fault overpayment if the claimant was more at fault than the other parties; or

(b) a nonfault overpayment if the employer and/or the Department was more at fault, or if the parties were equally at fault.

R994-403-120e. Employer's Responsibility.

Employers must provide wage, employment, and separation information and complete all forms and reports as requested by the Department. The employer also must return telephone calls from Department employees in a timely manner and answer all questions regarding wages, employment, and separations.

R994-403-121e. Penalty for the Employer's Failure to Comply.

(1) A claimant has the right to have a claim for benefits resolved quickly and accurately. An employer's failure to provide information in a timely manner results in additional expense and unnecessary delay.

(2) If an employer fails to provide information in a timely manner without good cause, the ALJ will determine on appeal that the employer has relinquished its rights with regard to the affected claim and is no longer a party in interest. The employer's appeal will be dismissed and the employer is liable for benefits paid.

(3) The ALJ may, in his or her discretion, choose to exercise continuing jurisdiction with respect to the case and subpoena or call the employer and claimant as witnesses to determine the claimant's eligibility. If, after reaching the merits, the ALJ determines to reverse the initial decision and deny benefits, the employer is not eligible for relief of charges resulting from benefits overpaid to the claimant prior to the date of the ALJ's decision.

(4) In determining whether to exercise discretion and reach the merits, the ALJ may take into consideration:

(a) the flagrancy of the refusal or failure to provide complete and accurate information. An employer's refusal to provide information at the time of the initial Department determination on the grounds that it wants to wait and present its case before an ALJ, for instance, will be subject to the most severe penalty;

(b) whether or not the employer has failed to provide complete and accurate information in the past or on more than one case; and

(c) whether the employer is represented by counsel or a professional representative. Counsel and professional representatives are responsible for knowing Department rules and are therefore held to a higher standard.

R994-403-122e. Good Cause for Failure to Comply.

If the employer or claimant has good cause for failing to provide the information in the time frame requested, no disqualification or penalty will be assessed. Good cause, as it applies to this section of the rule, may be established if the claimant or employer:

(1) made reasonable attempts to provide the information within the time frame requested, or

(2) was prevented from complying due to circumstances which were compelling or beyond their control.

R994-403-201. Department Approval for School Attendance - General Definition.

(1) Unemployment insurance is not intended to subsidize schooling. However, it is recognized that training may be a practical way to reduce chronic and persistent unemployment due to a lack of work skills, job obsolescence or foreign competition. Even though the claimant is granted Department approval, the claimant must still be able to work. With Department approval, a claimant meets the availability requirement based on his or her school attendance and successful performance. With the exception of very short-term training, Department approval is intended for classroom training as opposed to on-the-job training. Department approval is to be used selectively and judiciously. It is not to be used as a substitute for selective placement, job development, on-the-job training, or other available programs.

(2) If a claimant is ineligible under 35A-4-403(1)(c) due to school attendance, Department approval will be considered.

(3) Department approval will be granted when required by state or federal law for specific training programs.

R994-403-202. Qualifying Elements for Approval of Training.

All of the following nine elements must be satisfied for a claimant to qualify for Department approval of training. Some of these elements will be waived or modified when required by state or federal law for specific training programs.

(1) The claimant's unemployment is chronic or persistent, or likely to be chronic or persistent, due to any one of the following three circumstances:

(a) A lack of basic work skills. A lack of basic work skills may not be established unless a claimant:

(i) has a history of repeated unemployment attributable to lack of skills;

(ii) has no recent history of employment earning a wage substantially above the federal minimum wage;

(iii) has had no formal training in occupational skills;

(iv) does not have skills developed over an extended period of time by training or experience; and

(v) does not have a marketable degree from an institution of higher learning; or

(b) a change in the marketability of the claimant's skills has resulted due to new technology, or major reductions within an industry; or

(c) inability to continue working in occupations using the claimant's skills due to a verifiable, permanent physical or emotional disability,

(2) a claimant must have a reasonable expectation for success as demonstrated by:

(a) an aptitude for and interest in the work the claimant is being trained to perform, or course of study the claimant is pursuing; and

(b) sufficient time and financial resources to complete the training.

(3) The training is provided by an institution approved by the Department.

(4) The training is not available except in school. For example, on-the-job training is not available to the claimant.

(5) The length of time required to complete the training should generally not extend beyond 18 months.

(6) The training should generally be vocationally oriented unless the claimant has no more than two terms, quarters, semesters, or similar periods of academic training necessary to obtain a degree.

(7) There is a reasonable expectation of employment following completion of the training. Reasonable expectation means the claimant will find a job using the skills and education acquired while in training pursuant to a fair and objective projection of job market conditions expected to exist at the time of completion of the training.

(8) A claimant did not leave work to attend school even if the employer required the training for advancement or as a condition of continuing employment.

(9) The schooling is full-time, as defined by the training facility.

R994-403-203. Extensions of Department Approval.

Initial approval shall be granted, for the school term beginning with the week in which the attendance began, or the effective date of the claim, whichever is later. The Department may extend the approval if the claimant establishes proof of:

(1) satisfactory attendance;

(2) passing grades;

(3) continuance of the same course of study and classes originally approved; and

(4) compliance with all other qualifying elements.

R994-403-204. Availability Requirements When Approval is Granted.

(1) If Department approval is granted, the claimant will be placed in deferred status once the training begins and will not be required to register for work or to seek and accept work. The deferral also applies to break periods between successive terms as long as the break period is four weeks or less. A claimant must make a work search prior to the onset of training, even if the claimant has been advised that the training has been approved. Benefits will not be denied when work is refused as satisfactory attendance and progress in school serves as a substitute for the availability requirements of the act.

(2) Absences from school will not necessarily result in a denial of benefits during those weeks the claimant can demonstrate he or she is making up any missed school work and is still making satisfactory progress in school. Satisfactory progress is defined as passing all classes with a grade level sufficient to qualify for graduation, licensing, or certification, as appropriate.

(3) A disqualification will be effective with the week the claimant knew or should have known he or she was not going to receive a passing grade in any of his or her classes or was otherwise not making satisfactory progress in school. It is the claimant's responsibility to immediately report any information that may indicate a failure to maintain satisfactory progress.

(4) The claimant must attend school full-time as defined by the educational institution. If a claimant discontinues school attendance, drops or changes any classes before the end of the term, Department approval may be terminated immediately. However, discontinuing a class that does not reduce the school credits below full-time status will not result in the termination of Department approval. Department approval may be reinstated during any week a claimant demonstrates, through appropriate verification, the claimant is again attending class regularly and making satisfactory progress.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, if the claimant was absent from school for more than one-half of the workweek due to illness or hospitalization, the claimant is considered to be unable to work and unemployment benefits will be denied for that week. A claimant has the responsibility to report any sickness, injury, or other circumstances that prevented him or her from attending school.

(6) A claimant is ineligible for Department approval if the claimant is retaking a class that was originally taken while receiving benefits under Department approval. However, if Department approval was denied during the time the course was originally in progress, approval may be reinstated to cover that portion of the course not previously subsidized if the claimant can demonstrate satisfactory progress.

R994-403-205. Short-Term Training.

Department approval may be granted even though a claimant has marketable skills and does not meet the requirements for Department approval as defined in R994-403-202 if the entire course of training is no longer than eight weeks and will enhance the claimant's employment prospects. A claimant will not be granted a waiver for training that is longer than eight weeks even if the claimant needs only eight weeks or less to complete the training. This is intended as a one-time approval per benefit year and may not be extended beyond eight weeks.

R994-403-301. Requirements for Special Benefits.

Some benefit programs, including Extended Benefits, have different availability and work search requirements. The rule governing work search for Extended Benefits is R994-402. Other special programs are governed by the act or federal law.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-404. Payments Following Workers' Compensation.
R994-404-101. Claimants Who Qualify for an Adjustment to the Base Period.

(1) A claimant who was off work due to a work related illness or injury may qualify for an adjusted base period if all of the following elements are satisfied:

(a) the claimant must have been off work for at least seven weeks during the normal base period due to a work related illness or injury. The weeks need not be consecutive;

(b) the claimant must have received temporary total disability (TTD) compensation for the illness or injury under the workers' compensation or occupational disease laws of this state or under federal law;

(c) the initial claim for unemployment insurance benefits must have been filed no later than 90 calendar days after the claimant was released by his or her health care provider to return to full-time work. This does not include release to limited or light duty work. The effective date of the eligible claim must be within the 90 days regardless of the date on which the claimant contacts the Department to file a claim. For example, if the 90th day falls on Wednesday and the claimant files a claim on Thursday, the effective date of the claim would be Sunday of that calendar week and would fall within the 90 day time limitation;

(d) the initial claim for unemployment insurance benefits must have been filed within 36 months of the week the covered injury or illness occurred.

(2) Wages previously used to establish a benefit year cannot be re-used.

R994-404-102. Good Cause for Late Filing.

(1) Good cause for not filing within the 90 day period can be established if:

(a) the claimant contested the release to work date by filing for a hearing with the appropriate administrative agency and there was no substantial delay between the date of the decision of the agency and the filing of the claim;

(b) the delay in filing was due to circumstances beyond the claimant's control;

(c) the claimant delayed filing due to circumstances which were compelling and reasonable; or

(d) the claimant returned to work immediately after receiving a release from his health care provider and there was no substantial delay between the time the employment ended and the filing of the claim.

(2) A lack of knowledge about the wage freeze provisions due to the claimant's failure to inquire or the employer's failure to provide information does not establish good cause for failure to file within the 90 day period.

R994-404-103. The Effective Date of the Claim.

The effective date of the claim for benefits shall be the Sunday of the week in which the claimant makes application for benefits. Although the Act provides for the use of an alternate benefit year, it does not extend coverage to the weeks that were not filed timely in accordance with provisions of Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(a).

R994-404-104. Adjustment of the Base Period.

The claimant can file a claim using wages paid during the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the week the claim was filed (normal base period) or the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters prior to the date the claimant left work due to the illness or injury.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-405. Ineligibility for Benefits.
R994-405-101. Voluntary Leaving (Quit) - General Information.

(1) A separation is considered voluntary if the claimant was the moving party in ending the employment relationship. A voluntary separation includes leaving existing work, or failing to return to work after:

(a) an employer attached layoff which meets the requirements for a deferral under R994-403-108b(1)(c),

(b) a suspension, or

(c) a period of absence initiated by the claimant.

(2) Failing to renew an employment contract may also constitute a voluntary separation.

(3) Two standards must be applied in voluntary separation cases: good cause and equity and good conscience. If good cause is not established, the claimant's eligibility must be considered under the equity and good conscience standard.

R994-405-102. Good Cause.

To establish good cause, a claimant must show that continuing employment would have caused an adverse effect which the claimant could not control or prevent. The claimant must show an immediate severance of the employment relationship was necessary. Good cause is also established if a claimant left work which is shown to have been illegal or to have been unsuitable new work.

(1) Adverse Effect on the Claimant.

(a) Hardship.

The separation must have been motivated by circumstances that made the continuance of the employment a hardship or matter of concern, sufficiently adverse to a reasonable person to outweigh the benefits of remaining employed. There must have been actual or potential physical, mental, economic, personal or professional harm caused or aggravated by the employment. The claimant's decision to quit must be measured against the actions of an average individual, not one who is unusually sensitive.

(b) Ability to Control or Prevent.

Even though there is evidence of an adverse effect on the claimant, good cause may not be established if the claimant:

(i) reasonably could have continued working while looking for other employment, or

(ii) had reasonable alternatives that would have made it possible to preserve the job. Examples include using approved leave, transferring, or making adjustments to personal circumstances, or,

(iii) did not give the employer notice of the circumstances causing the hardship thereby depriving the employer of an opportunity to make changes that would eliminate the need to quit. An employee with grievances must have made a good faith effort to work out the differences with the employer before quitting unless those efforts would have been futile.

(2) Illegal.

Good cause is established if the individual was required by the employer to violate state or federal law or if the individual's legal rights were violated, provided the employer was aware of the violation and refused to comply with the law.

(3) Unsuitable New Work.

Good cause may also be established if a claimant left new work which, after a short trial period, was unsuitable consistent with the requirements of the suitable work test in Subsections 35A-4-405(3)(c) and 35A-4-405(3)(e). The fact a job was accepted does not necessarily make the job suitable. The longer a job is held, the more it tends to set the standard by which suitability is measured. After a reasonable period of time a contention that the quit was motivated by unsuitability of the job is generally no longer persuasive.

R994-405-103. Equity and Good Conscience.

(1) If the good cause standard has not been met, the equity and good conscience standard must be applied in all cases except those involving a quit to accompany, follow, or join a spouse as outlined in Section R994-405-104. If there were mitigating circumstances, and a denial of benefits would be unreasonably harsh or an affront to fairness, benefits may be allowed under the provisions of the equity and good conscience standard if the following elements are satisfied:

(a) the decision is made in cooperation with the employer;

(b) the claimant acted reasonably;

(c) the claimant demonstrated a continuing attachment to the labor market.

(2) The elements of equity and good conscience are defined as follows:

(a) In Cooperation with the Employer.

A decision is made in cooperation with the employer when the Department gives the employer an opportunity to provide separation information.

(b) The Claimant Acted Reasonably.

The claimant acted reasonably if the decision to quit was logical, sensible, or practical. There must be evidence of circumstances which, although not sufficiently compelling to establish good cause, would have motivated a reasonable person to take similar action. Behaviors that may be acceptable to a particular subculture do not establish what is reasonable.

(c) Continuing Attachment to the Labor Market.

A continuing attachment to the labor market is established if the claimant took positive actions which could have resulted in employment during the first week subsequent to the separation and each week thereafter. Evidence of an attachment to the labor market may include: making contacts with prospective employers, preparing resumes, and developing job leads. An active work search should have commenced immediately subsequent to the separation whether or not the claimant received specific work search instructions from the Department. Failure to show an immediate attachment to the labor market may not be disqualifying if it was not practical for the individual to seek work. Some examples of circumstances that may interfere with an immediate work search include illness, hospitalization, incarceration, or other circumstances beyond the control of the claimant provided a work search commenced as soon as practical.

R994-405-104. Quit to Accompany, Follow or Join a Spouse.

If an individual quit work to join, accompany, or follow a spouse to a new locality, good cause is not established. Furthermore, the equity and good conscience standard is not to be applied in this circumstance. It is the intent of this provision to deny benefits even though a claimant may have faced extremely compelling circumstances including the cost of maintaining two households and the desire to keep the family intact.

R994-405-105. Evidence and Burden of Proof.

The claimant was the moving party in a voluntary separation, and is the best source of information with respect to the reasons for the quit. The claimant has the burden to establish that the elements of good cause or of equity and good conscience have been met.

R994-405-106. Quit or Discharge.

(1) Refusal to Follow Instructions.

If the claimant refused or failed to follow reasonable requests or instructions, and knew the loss of employment would result, the separation is a quit.

(2) Leaving Prior to Effective Date of Termination.

(a) If an individual leaves work prior to the date of an impending reduction in force, the separation is voluntary.

Notice of an impending layoff does not establish good cause for leaving work. However, the duration of available work may be a factor in considering whether a denial of benefits would be contrary to equity and good conscience. If the claimant is not disqualified for quitting under Subsection 35A-4-405(1)(a), benefits shall be denied for the limited period of time the claimant could have continued working, as there was a failure to accept all available work as required under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c).

(b) An individual may not escape a discharge disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(a) by quitting to avoid a discharge that would result in a denial of benefits. In this circumstance the separation shall be adjudicated as a discharge.

(3) Leaving Work Because of a Disciplinary Action.

If the disciplinary action or suspension was reasonable, leaving work rather than submitting to the discipline, or failing to return to work at the end of the suspension period, is considered a voluntary quit unless the claimant was previously disqualified for a discharge under the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(a).

(4) Leave of Absence.

If a claimant takes a leave of absence for any reason and files a claim while on such leave from the employer, the claimant will be considered unemployed even though there still may be an attachment to the employer. If a claimant fails to return to work at the end of the leave of absence, the separation is a voluntary quit.

(5) Leaving Due to a Remark or Action of the Employer or a Coworker.

If a worker hears rumors or other information suggesting that he or she is to be discharged, the worker has the responsibility to confirm, prior to leaving, that the employer intended to end the employment relationship. The claimant also has a responsibility to continue working until the date of an announced discharge. If the claimant failed to do so and if the employer did not intend to discharge the claimant, the separation is a quit.

(6) Resignation Intended.

(a) Quit.

If a worker gives notice of a future date of leaving and is paid regular wages through the announced resignation date, the separation is a quit even if the worker was relieved of work responsibilities prior to the effective date of the resignation. A separation is also a quit if a worker announces an intent to quit but agrees to continue working for an indefinite period as determined by the employer, even though the date of separation was determined by the employer. If a worker resigns, later decides to stay and attempts to remain employed, the reasonableness of the employer's refusal to continue the employment is the primary factor in determining if the claimant quit or was discharged. For example, if the employer had already hired a replacement, or taken other action because of the claimant's impending quit, it may not be practical for the employer to allow the claimant to rescind the resignation, and the separation is a quit.

(b) Discharge.

If a worker submitted a resignation to be effective at a definite future date, but was relieved of work responsibilities prior to that date, the separation is considered a discharge as the employer was the moving party in determining the final date of employment. If the claimant was not paid regular wages through the balance of the notice period, the separation is a discharge. Merely assigning vacation pay, which was not previously assigned to the notice period, does not make the separation voluntary.

R994-405-107. Examples of Reasons for Voluntary Separations.

(1) Prospects of Other Work.

Good cause is established if, at the time of separation, the claimant had a definite and immediate assurance of another job or self-employment that was reasonably expected to be full-time and permanent. Occasionally, after giving notice, but prior to leaving the first job, an individual may learn the new job will not be available when promised, permanent, full-time, or suitable. Good cause may be established in those circumstances if the claimant immediately attempted to rescind the notice, unless such an attempt would have been futile. However, if it is apparent the claimant knew, or should have known, about the unsuitability of the new work, but quit the first job and subsequently quit the new job, a disqualification shall be assessed from the time the claimant quit the first job unless the claimant has purged the disqualification through earnings received while on the new job.

(a) A definite assurance of another job means the claimant has been in contact with someone with the authority to hire, has been given a definite date to begin working and has been informed of the employment conditions.

(b) An immediate assurance of work generally means the prospective job will begin within two weeks from the last day the claimant was scheduled to work on the former job. Benefits may be denied for failure to accept all available work under the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c) if the claimant files during the period between the two jobs.

(2) Reduction of Hours.

The reduction of an employee's working hours generally does not establish good cause for leaving a job. However, in some cases, a reduction of hours may result in personal or financial hardship so severe that the circumstances justify leaving.

(3) Personal Circumstances.

There may be personal circumstances that are sufficiently compelling or create sufficient hardship to establish good cause for leaving work, provided the individual made a reasonable attempt to make adjustments or find alternatives prior to quitting.

(4) Leaving to Attend School.

Although leaving work to attend school may be a logical decision from the standpoint of personal advancement, it is not compelling or reasonable, within the meaning of the Act.

(5) Religious Beliefs.

To support an award of benefits following a voluntary separation due to religious beliefs, there must be evidence that continuing work would have conflicted with good faith religious convictions. If an individual was not required to violate such religious beliefs, quitting is not compelling or reasonable within the meaning of the Act. A change in the job requirements, such as requiring an employee to work on the employee's day of religious observance when such work was not agreed upon as a condition of hire, may establish good cause for leaving a job if the employer is unwilling to make adjustments.

(6) Transportation.

If a claimant quits a job due to a lack of transportation, good cause may be established if the claimant has no other reasonable transportation options available. However, an availability issue may be raised in such a circumstance. If a move resulted in an increased distance to work beyond normal commuting patterns, the reason for the move, not the distance to the work, is the primary factor to consider when adjudicating the separation.

(7) Marriage.

(a) Marriage is not considered a compelling or reasonable circumstance, within the meaning of the Act, for voluntarily leaving work. Therefore, if the claimant left work to get married, benefits shall be denied even if the new residence is beyond a reasonable commuting distance from the claimant's former place of employment.

(b) If the employer has a rule requiring the separation of an employee who marries a coworker, the separation is a discharge even if the employer allowed the couple to decide who would leave.

(8) Health or Physical Condition.

(a) Although it is not essential for the claimant to have been advised by a physician to quit, a contention that health problems required the separation must be supported by competent evidence. Even if the work caused or aggravated a health problem, if there were alternatives, such as treatment, medication, or altered working conditions to alleviate the problem, good cause for quitting is not established.

(b) If the risk to the health or safety of the claimant was shared by all those employed in the particular occupation, it must be shown the claimant was affected to a greater extent than other workers. Absent such evidence, quitting was not reasonable.

(9) Retirement and Pension.

Voluntarily leaving work solely to accept retirement benefits is not a compelling reason for quitting, within the meaning of the Act. Although it may have been reasonable for an individual to take advantage of a retirement benefit, payment of unemployment benefits in this circumstance is not consistent with the intent of the Unemployment Insurance program, and a denial of benefits is not contrary to equity and good conscience.

(10) Sexual Harassment.

(a) A claimant may have good cause for leaving if the quit was due to discriminatory and unlawful sexual harassment, provided the employer was given a chance to take necessary action to alleviate the objectionable conduct. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is prohibited by Title VII of the United States Code and the Utah Anti-Discrimination Act.

(b) "Sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

(i) submission to the conduct is either an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment, or

(ii) submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for an employment decision affecting the person, or

(iii) the conduct has a purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a person's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

(c) Inappropriate behavior which has sexual connotation but does not meet the test of sexual discrimination is insufficient to establish good cause for leaving work.

(11) Discrimination.

A claimant may have good cause for leaving if the quit was due to prohibited discrimination, provided the employer was given a chance to take necessary action to alleviate the objectionable conduct. It is a violation of federal law to discriminate against employees regarding compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin; or to limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect their employment status because of the individual's race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

(12) Voluntary Acceptance of Layoff.

If an employer notifies employees that a layoff is going to take place and the employer gives the employees the option to volunteer for the layoff, those who do volunteer are separated due to reduction of force regardless of incentives.

R994-405-108. Effective Date of Disqualification.

A disqualification under this section technically begins with the week the separation occurred. However, to avoid any confusion which may arise when a disqualification is made for a period of time prior to the filing of a claim, the claimant shall be notified benefits are denied beginning with the effective date of the new or reopened claim. The disqualification shall continue until the claimant returns to work in bona fide covered employment and earns six times his or her weekly benefit amount. A disqualification that begins in one benefit year shall continue into a new benefit year unless purged by subsequent earnings. Severance or vacation pay may not be used to purge a disqualification.

R994-405-201. Discharge - General Definition.

A separation is a discharge if the employer was the moving party in determining the date the employment ended. Benefits shall be denied if the claimant was discharged for just cause or for an act or omission in connection with employment, not constituting a crime, which was deliberate, willful, or wanton and adverse to the employer's rightful interest. However, not every legitimate cause for discharge justifies a denial of benefits. A just cause discharge must include some fault on the part of the worker. A reduction of force is considered a discharge without just cause at the convenience of the employer.

R994-405-202. Just Cause.

To establish just cause for a discharge, each of the following three elements must be satisfied:

(1) Culpability.

The conduct causing the discharge must be so serious that continuing the employment relationship would jeopardize the employer's rightful interest. If the conduct was an isolated incident of poor judgment and there was no expectation that it would be continued or repeated, potential harm may not be shown. The claimant's prior work record is an important factor in determining whether the conduct was an isolated incident or a good faith error in judgment. A long term employee with an established pattern of complying with the employer's rules may not demonstrate by a single violation, even though harmful, that the infraction would be repeated. In this instance, depending on the seriousness of the conduct, it may not be necessary for the employer to discharge the claimant to avoid future harm.

(2) Knowledge.

The worker must have had knowledge of the conduct the employer expected. There does not need to be evidence of a deliberate intent to harm the employer; however, it must be shown that the worker should have been able to anticipate the negative effect of the conduct. Generally, knowledge may not be established unless the employer gave a clear explanation of the expected behavior or had a written policy, except in the case of a violation of a universal standard of conduct. A specific warning is one way to show the worker had knowledge of the expected conduct. After a warning the worker should have been given an opportunity to correct the objectionable conduct. If the employer had a progressive disciplinary procedure in place at the time of the separation, it generally must have been followed for knowledge to be established, except in the case of very severe infractions, including criminal actions.

(3) Control.

(a) The conduct causing the discharge must have been within the claimant's control. Isolated instances of carelessness or good faith errors in judgment are not sufficient to establish just cause for discharge. However, continued inefficiency, repeated carelessness or evidence of a lack of care expected of a reasonable person in a similar circumstance may satisfy the element of control if the claimant had the ability to perform satisfactorily.

(b) The Department recognizes that in order to maintain efficiency it may be necessary to discharge workers who do not meet performance standards. While such a circumstance may provide a basis for discharge, this does not mean benefits will be denied. To satisfy the element of control in cases involving a discharge due to unsatisfactory work performance, it must be shown that the claimant had the ability to perform the job duties

in a satisfactory manner. In general, if the claimant made a good faith effort to meet the job requirements but failed to do so due to a lack of skill or ability and a discharge results, just cause is not established.

R994-405-203. Burden of Proof.

In a discharge, the employer initiates the separation, and therefore, has the burden to prove there was just cause for discharging the claimant. The failure of one party to provide information does not necessarily result in a ruling favorable to the other party. Interested parties have the right to rebut information contrary to their interests.

R994-405-204. Quit or Discharge.

The circumstances of the separation as found by the Department, determine whether it was a quit or discharge. The conclusions on the employer's records, the separation notice or the claimant's report are not controlling on the Department.

(1) Discharge Before Effective Date of Resignation.

(a) Discharge.

If an individual notifies the employer of an intent to leave work on a definite date, but is separated prior to that date, the reason the separation took place on the date that it did, is the controlling factor in determining whether the separation is a quit or discharge. If the decision to separate the worker is a result of the announced resignation to be effective at a future date, the separation is a discharge. Unless there is some other evidence of disqualifying conduct, benefits shall be awarded.

(b) Quit.

If a worker gives notice of an intent to leave work on a particular date and is paid regular wages through the announced resignation date, the separation is a quit even if the worker was relieved of work responsibilities prior to the effective date of resignation. A separation is also a quit if a worker announces an intent to quit but agrees to continue working for an indefinite period, even though the date of separation is determined by the employer. If a worker resigns, later decides to stay and announces an intent to remain employed, the reasonableness of the employer's refusal to continue the employment is the primary factor in determining whether the claimant quit or was discharged. If the employer had already hired a replacement, or had taken other action because of the claimant's impending quit, it may not be practical for the employer to allow the claimant to rescind the resignation, and it would be held the separation was a quit.

(2) Leaving in Anticipation of Discharge.

If an individual leaves work in anticipation of a possible discharge and if the reason for the discharge would not have been disqualifying, the separation is a quit. However, an individual may not escape a disqualification under the discharge provisions, Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(a), by quitting to avoid a discharge that would result in a denial of benefits. In this circumstance the separation shall be considered a discharge.

(3) Refusal to Follow Instructions (Constructive Abandonment).

If the worker refused or failed to follow reasonable requests or instructions, knowing the loss of employment would result, the separation is a quit.

R994-405-205. Disciplinary Suspension.

When an individual is placed on a disciplinary suspension, the definition of being unemployed may be satisfied. If an individual files during the suspension period, the matter shall be adjudicated as a discharge, even though the claimant may have an attachment to the employer and may expect to return to work. A suspension that is reasonable and necessary to prevent potential harm to the employer will generally result in a disqualification if the elements of knowledge and control are established. If the individual fails to return to work at the end of the suspension period, the separation is a voluntary quit and may then be adjudicated under Subsection 35A-4-405(1), if benefits had not been previously denied.

R994-405-206. Proximal Cause - Relation of the Offense to the Discharge.

(1) The cause for discharge is the conduct that motivated the employer to make the decision to discharge the worker. If a separation decision has been made, it is generally demonstrated by giving notice to the worker. Although the employer may learn of other offenses following the decision to terminate the worker's services, the reason for the discharge is limited to the conduct the employer was aware of prior to making the separation decision. If an employer discharged an individual because of preliminary evidence, but did not obtain "proof" of the conduct until after the separation notice was given, it may still be concluded the discharge was caused by the conduct the employer was investigating.

(2) If the discharge did not occur immediately after the employer became aware of an offense, a presumption arises that there were other reasons for the discharge. The relationship between the offense and the discharge must be established both as to cause and time. The presumption that a particular offense was not the cause of the discharge may be overcome by showing the delay was necessary to accommodate further investigation, arbitration or hearings related to the worker's conduct. If an individual files for benefits while a grievance or arbitration process is pending, the Department shall make a decision based on the best information available. The Department's decision is not binding on the grievance process nor is the decision of an arbitrator binding upon the Department. If an employer elects to reduce its workforce and uses a worker's prior conduct as the criteria for determining who will be laid off, the separation is a reduction of force.

R994-405-207. In Connection with Employment.

Disqualifying conduct is not limited to offenses that take place on the employer's premises or during business hours. However, it is necessary that the offense be connected to the employment in such a manner that it is a subject of legitimate and significant concern to the employer. Employers generally have the right to expect that employees shall refrain from acts detrimental to the business or that would bring dishonor to the business name or institution. Legitimate interests of employers include: goodwill, efficiency, employee morale, discipline, honesty and trust.

R994-405-208. Examples of Reasons for Discharge.

In the following examples, the basic elements of just cause must be considered in determining eligibility for benefits.

(1) Violation of Company Rules.

If an individual violates a reasonable employment rule and the three elements of culpability, knowledge and control are satisfied, benefits shall be denied.

(a) An employer has the prerogative to establish and enforce work rules that further legitimate business interests. However, rules contrary to general public policy or that infringe upon the recognized rights and privileges of individuals may not be reasonable. If a worker believes a rule is unreasonable, the worker generally has the responsibility to discuss these concerns with the employer before engaging in conduct contrary to the rule, thereby giving the employer an opportunity to address those concerns. When rules are changed, the employer must provide appropriate notice and afford workers a reasonable opportunity to comply.

(b) If an employment relationship is governed by a formal employment contract or collective bargaining agreement, just cause may only be established if the discharge is consistent with the provisions of the contract.

(c) Habitual offenses may not constitute disqualifying conduct if the acts were condoned by the employer or were so prevalent as to be customary. However, if a worker was given notice the conduct would no longer be tolerated, further violations may result in a denial of benefits.

(d) Culpability may be established if the violation of the rule did not, in and of itself, cause harm to the employer, but the lack of compliance diminished the employer's ability to maintain necessary discipline.

(e) Serious violations of universal standards of conduct may not require prior warning to support a disqualification.

(2) Attendance Violations.

(a) Attendance standards are usually necessary to maintain order, control, and productivity. It is the responsibility of a worker to be punctual and remain at work within the reasonable requirements of the employer. A discharge for unjustified absence or tardiness is disqualifying if the worker knew enforced attendance rules were being violated. A discharge for an attendance violation beyond the control of the worker is generally not disqualifying unless the worker could reasonably have given notice or obtained permission consistent with the employer's rules, but failed to do so.

(b) In cases of discharge for violations of attendance standards, the worker's recent attendance history must be reviewed to determine if the violation is an isolated incident, or if it demonstrates a pattern of unjustified absence within the worker's control. The flagrant misuse of attendance privileges may result in a denial of benefits even if the last incident is beyond the worker's control.

(3) Falsification of Work Record.

The duty of honesty is inherent in any employment relationship. An employee or potential employee has an obligation to truthfully answer material questions posed by the employer or potential employer. For purposes of this subsection, material questions are those that may expose the employer to possible loss, damage or litigation if answered falsely. If false statements were made as part of the application process, benefits may be denied even if the claimant would not have been hired if all questions were answered truthfully.

(4) Insubordination.

An employer generally has the right to expect lines of authority will be followed; reasonable instructions, given in a civil manner, will be obeyed; supervisors will be respected and their authority will not be undermined. In determining when insubordination becomes disqualifying conduct, a disregard of the employer's rightful and legitimate interests is of major importance. Protesting or expressing general dissatisfaction without an overt act is not a disregard of the employer's interests. However, provocative remarks to a superior or vulgar or profane language in response to a civil request may constitute insubordination if it disrupts routine, undermines authority or impairs efficiency. Mere incompatibility or emphatic insistence or discussion by a worker, acting in good faith, is not disqualifying conduct.

(5) Loss of License.

If the discharge is due to the loss of a required license and the claimant had control over the circumstances that resulted in the loss, the conduct is generally disqualifying. Harm is established as the employer would generally be exposed to an unacceptable degree of risk by allowing an employee to continue to work without a required license. In the example of a lost driving privilege due to driving under the influence (DUI), knowledge is established as it is understood by members of the driving public that driving under the influence of alcohol is a violation of the law and may be punishable by the loss of driving privileges. Control is established as the claimant made a decision to risk the loss of his or her license by failing to make other arrangements for transportation.

(6) Incarceration.

When an individual engages in illegal activities, it must be recognized that the possibility of arrest and detention for some period of time, exists. It is foreseeable that incarceration will result in absence from work and possible loss of employment. Generally, a discharge for failure to report to work because of incarceration due to proven or admitted criminal conduct, is disqualifying.

(7) Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol.

(a) The Legislature, under the Utah Drug and Alcohol Testing Act, Section 34-38-1 et seq., has determined the illegal use of drugs and abuse of alcohol creates an unsafe and unproductive workplace. In balancing the interests of employees, employers and the general welfare, the Legislature has determined the fair and equitable testing for drug and alcohol use is a reasonable employment policy.

(b) An employer can establish a prima facie case of ineligibility for benefits under the Employment Security Act based on testing conducted under the Drug and Alcohol Testing Act by providing the following information:

(i) A written policy on drug or alcohol testing consistent with the requirements of the Drug and Alcohol Testing Act and which was in place at the time the violation occurred.

(ii) Reasonable proof and description of the method for communicating the policy to all employees, including a statement that violation of the policy may result in discharge.

(iii) Proof of testing procedures used which would include:

(A) Documentation of sample collection, storage and transportation procedures.

(B) Documentation that the results of any screening test for drugs and alcohol were verified or confirmed by reliable testing methods.

(C) A copy of the verified or confirmed positive drug or alcohol test report.

(c) The above documentation shall be admissible as competent evidence under various exceptions to the hearsay rule, including Rule 803(6) of the Utah Rules of Evidence respecting "records of regularly conducted activity," unless determined otherwise by a court of law.

(d) A positive alcohol test result shall be considered disqualifying if it shows a blood or breath alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams or greater per 100 milliliters of blood or 210 liters of breath. A blood or breath alcohol concentration of less than 0.08 grams may also be disqualifying if the claimant worked in an occupation governed by a state or federal law that allowed or required discharge at a lower standard.

(e) Proof of a verified or confirmed positive drug or alcohol test result or refusal to provide a proper test sample is a violation of a reasonable employer rule. The claimant may be disqualified from the receipt of benefits if his separation was consistent with the employer's written drug and alcohol policy.

(f) In addition to the drug and alcohol testing provisions above, ineligibility for benefits under the Employment Security Act may be established through the introduction of other competent evidence.

R994-405-209. Effective Date of Disqualification.

The Act provides any disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(2) shall include "the week in which the claimant was discharged . . ." However, to avoid confusion, the denial of benefits shall begin with the Sunday of the week the claimant filed for benefits. Disqualifications assessed in a prior benefit year shall continue into the new benefit year until purged by sufficient wages earned in subsequent bona fide covered employment.

R994-405-210. Discharge for Crime - General Definition.

(1) A crime is a punishable act in violation of law, an offense against the State or the United States. Though in

common usage "crime" is used to denote offenses of a more serious nature, "crime" and "misdemeanor" mean the same thing. An insignificant, although illegal act, or the taking or destruction of something that is of little or no value, or believed to have been abandoned may not be sufficient to establish that a crime was committed for the purposes of Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), even if the claimant was found guilty of a violation of the law. Before a claimant may be disqualified under the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), it must be established that the claimant was discharged for a crime that was:

(a) In connection with work, and

(b) Dishonest or a felony or class A misdemeanor, and

(c) Admitted or established by a conviction in a court of law.

(2) Discharges that are not disqualifying under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), discharge for crime, must be adjudicated under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(a), discharge for just cause.

R994-405-211. In Connection with Work.

Connection to the work is not limited to offenses that take place on the employer's premises or during business hours nor does the employer have to be the victim of the crime. However, the crime must have affected the employer's rightful interests. The offense must be connected to the employment in such a manner that it is a subject of legitimate and significant concern to the employer. Employers generally have the right to expect that employees shall refrain from acts detrimental to the business or that would bring dishonor to the business name or institution. Legitimate employer interests include goodwill, efficiency, business costs, employee morale, discipline, honesty, trust and loyalty.

R994-405-212. Dishonesty or Other Disqualifying Crimes.

(1) For the purposes of this Subsection, dishonesty generally means theft. Theft is defined as taking property without the owner's consent. Theft also includes swindling, embezzlement and obtaining possession of property by lawful means and thereafter converting it to the taker's own use. Theft includes:

(a) obtaining or exerting unauthorized control over property;

(b) obtaining control over property by threat or deception;

(c) obtaining control knowing the property was stolen; and,

(d) obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, mechanical tampering or by use of a false token or device.

(2) Felonies and Class A misdemeanors may include assault, arson, or destruction of property. Whether the crime is a felony or misdemeanor is determined by the Court's verdict and not by the penalty imposed.

(3) A disqualification under this Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b) may be assessed against Utah claimants based upon equivalent convictions in other states.

R994-405-213. Admission or Conviction in a Court.

(1) An admission is a voluntary statement, verbal or written, in which a claimant acknowledges committing an act in violation of the law. The admission does not necessarily have to be made to a Department representative. However, there must be sufficient information to establish that the admission was made freely and that it was not a false statement given under duress or made to obtain some concession.

(a) A disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b) may be assessed if the claimant makes a valid admission to a crime involving dishonesty, even if no charges have been filed and it appears the claimant will not be prosecuted. If the claimant agrees to a diversionary program as permitted by the court, there is a rebuttable presumption, for the purposes of this Subsection, that the claimant has admitted to the criminal act.

(b) If an admission is made to any other crime, not involving dishonesty, resulting in a discharge for which it appears the claimant will not be prosecuted, the Department must review the Utah criminal code to determine whether a disqualification shall be assessed under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), discharge for crime, or 35A-4-405(2)(a), just cause discharge.

(2) A conviction occurs when a claimant has been found guilty by a court of committing an act in violation of the criminal code. Under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), a plea of "no contest" is considered a conviction.

R994-405-214. Disqualification Period.

The 52-week disqualification period for Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b) shall begin effective with the Sunday immediately preceding the discharge even if this date precedes the effective date of the claim. A disqualification which begins in one benefit year shall continue into a new benefit year until the 52-week disqualification has ended.

R994-405-215. Deletion of Wage Credits.

The wage credits to be deleted are those from the employer who discharged the claimant under circumstances resulting in a denial under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), "Discharge for Crime." All base period and lag period wages from this employer will be unavailable for current or future claims.

R994-405-301. Failure to Apply for or Accept Suitable Work.

(1) The primary obligation of a claimant is to become reemployed. The intent of the unemployment insurance program is to assist people during periods of unemployment when suitable work is not available. However, if suitable work is available, the claimant has an obligation to properly apply for and accept offered work.

(2) A claimant will not be disqualified for failing to apply for or accept suitable work unless all of the following elements are established:

(a) Availability of a Job.

There must be an actual job opening the claimant could reasonably expect to obtain.

(b) Knowledge.

It must be shown that the claimant knew, or should have known, about the job including the wage, type of work, hours, general location, and conditions of the job. The claimant must understand a referral for work is being offered as opposed to a general discussion of job possibilities or labor market conditions. If a job offer is made, it must be clearly communicated as an offer of work.

(c) Control.

The failure of the claimant to obtain the employment must be the result of the claimant's own actions or behavior in failing to:

(i) accept a referral, or

(ii) properly apply for work, or

(iii) accept work when offered.

(3) If the elements of Subsection (2) above have been met, benefits will be denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) unless:

(a) the job is not suitable;

(b) the claimant had good cause for refusing a referral, the failure to apply for or accept the job; or

(c) a denial of benefits would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

R994-405-302. Failure to Accept a Referral.

(1) Definition of a Referral. A referral is when the department provides information about a job opening to the

claimant and the claimant is given the opportunity to apply. The information must meet the requirements of R994-405-301(2)(b).

(2) Failure to Accept a Referral. A claimant fails to accept a referral when he or she prevents or discourages the Department from providing the necessary referral information. Failing to respond to a notice to contact the Department for the purpose of being referred to a specific job is the same as refusing a referral for possible employment.

(3) If there was a suitable job opening to which the claimant would have been referred, benefits will be denied unless good cause is established for not responding as directed, or the elements of equity and good conscience are established.

R994-405-303. Proper Application for Work.

A proper application for work is established if the claimant does those things normally done by applicants who are seriously and actively seeking work. Generally, the claimant must:

(1) meet with the employer at the designated time and place,

(2) report to the employer dressed and groomed in a manner appropriate for the type of work being sought, and

(3) present no unreasonable conditions or restrictions on acceptance of the available work.

R994-405-304. Failure to Accept an Offer of Work.

It will be considered to be a refusal of new work if the claimant engages in conduct which discourages an offer of work, places unreasonable barriers to employment, or accepts an offer of new work but imposes unreasonable conditions which causes the offer to be rescinded. A refusal of work will not result in a denial of benefits if the claimant has accepted a definite offer of full-time employment which is expected to start within three weeks or has a date of recall to full-time work expected to begin within three weeks.

R994-405-305. Suitability of Work.

(1) A claimant must be allowed time to seek work comparable to the most advantageous base period employment if there is a reasonable expectation of obtaining that type of work.

(2) The unemployment compensation system is not intended to exert downward pressure on existing labor standards, nor is it intended to allow claimants to restrict availability to jobs with increased wages or improved working conditions.

(3) Workers should not feel compelled, through a threatened or potential denial of benefits, to accept work under less favorable conditions than those generally available in the area for similar work. The phrase "similar work" does not mean "identical work." Similar work is work in the same occupation or a different occupation which requires essentially the same skills.

R994-405-306. Elements to Consider in Determining Suitability.

A claimant is not required to accept an offer of new work unless the work is suitable. Whether a job is suitable depends on the length of time the claimant has been unemployed. As the length of unemployment increases, the claimant's demands with respect to earnings, working conditions, job duties, and the use of prior training must be systematically reduced unless the claimant has immediate prospects of reemployment. The following elements must be considered in determining the suitability of employment:

(1) Prior Earnings.

Work is not suitable if the wage is less than the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is applicable, or the wage is substantially less favorable to the claimant than prevailing wages for similar work in the locality.

The claimant's prior earnings, length of unemployment and prospects of obtaining work are the primary factors in determining whether the wage is suitable. If a claimant's former wage was earned in another geographical area, the prevailing wage is determined by the new area.

(a) During the first one-third of the claim, work paying at least the highest wage earned during or subsequent to the base period, or the highest wage available in the locality for the claimant's occupation, whichever is lower is suitable, but only if there is a reasonable expectation that work can be obtained at that wage.

(b) After a claimant has received one-third of the MBA for his or her regular claim, any work paying a wage that is equal to or greater than the lowest wage earned during the base period is suitable, as long as that wage is consistent with the prevailing wage standard.

(c) After a claimant has received two-thirds of the MBA for his or her regular claim, any work paying the prevailing wage in the locality for work in any base period occupation is suitable.

(2) Prior Experience.

If an initial claim or the reopening of a claim is filed following employment at the claimant's highest skill level, work that is not expected to utilize the claimant's highest skill level is not suitable. A worker must be given a reasonable time to seek work that will preserve his or her highest skills and earning potential. However, if a claimant has no realistic expectation of obtaining employment in an occupation utilizing his or her highest skill level, work in related occupations becomes suitable.

(a) After the claimant has received one-third of the MBA for his or her regular claim, work in any of the occupations in which the claimant worked during the base period is considered suitable.

(b) After the claimant has received two-thirds of the MBA for his or her regular claim, any work that he or she can reasonably perform consistent with the claimant's past experience, training and skills is considered suitable.

(3) Working Conditions.

Working conditions refers to the provisions of the employment agreement whether express or implied as well as the physical conditions of the work. If the working conditions are substantially less favorable than those prevailing for similar work in the area, the work is not suitable. Working conditions include the following:

(a) Hours of Work.

Claimants are expected to make themselves available for work during the usual hours for similar work in the area. If work periods are in violation of the law or if the hours are substantially less favorable than those prevailing for similar work in the area, the employment is not suitable. However, the hours the claimant worked during his or her base period are generally considered suitable. A claimant's preference for certain hours or shifts based on mere convenience is not good cause for failure to accept otherwise suitable employment.

(b) Benefits in Addition to Wages.

Work is not suitable if "fringe benefits" such as life and group health insurance; paid sick, vacation, and annual leave; provisions for leaves of absence and holiday leave; pensions, annuities, and retirement provisions; or severance pay are substantially less favorable than benefits received by the claimant during the base period or than those prevailing for similar work in the area, whichever is lower.

(c) Labor Disputes or Law Violations.

Work is not suitable if the working conditions are in violation of any state or federal law, or the job opening is due to a strike, lockout, or labor dispute. If a claimant was laid off or furloughed prior to the labor dispute, and the former employer makes an offer of employment after the dispute begins, it is

considered an offer of new work. The vacancy must be presumed to be the result of the labor dispute unless the claimant had a definite date of recall, or recall has historically occurred at a similar time.

(4) Prior Training.

The type of work performed during the claimant's base period is suitable unless there is a compelling circumstance that would prevent returning to work in that occupation. If a claimant has training that would now meet the qualifications for a new occupation, work in that occupation may also be suitable, particularly if the training was obtained, at least in part, while the claimant was receiving unemployment benefits under Department approval, or the training was subsidized by another government program.

(5) Risk to Health and Safety.

Work is not suitable if it presents a risk to a claimant's physical or mental health greater than the usual risks associated with the occupation. If a claimant would be required, as a condition of employment, to perform tasks that would cause or substantially aggravate health problems, the work is not suitable.

(6) Physical Fitness.

The claimant must be physically capable of performing the work. Employment beyond the claimant's physical capacity is not suitable.

(7) Distance of the Available Work from the Claimant's Residence.

To be considered suitable, the work must be within customary commuting patterns as they apply to the occupation and area. A claimant's failure to provide his or her own transportation within the normal or customary commuting pattern in the area, or failure to utilize alternative sources of transportation when available, does not establish good cause for failing to apply for or accept suitable work. Work is not suitable if accepting the employment would require a move from the current area of residence unless that is a usual practice in the occupation.

(8) Religious or Moral Convictions.

The work must conflict with sincerely held religious or moral convictions before a conscientious objection could support a conclusion that the work was not suitable. This does not mean all personal beliefs are entitled to protection. However, beliefs need not be acceptable, logical, consistent, or comprehensible to others, or shared with members of a religious or other organized group in order to show the conviction is held in good faith.

(9) Part-time or Temporary Work.

Part-time or temporary work may be suitable depending on the claimant's work history. If the major portion of a claimant's base period work history consists of part-time or temporary work, then any work which is otherwise suitable would be considered suitable even if the work is part-time or temporary. If the claimant has no recent history of temporary or part-time work, the work may still be considered suitable, particularly if the claimant has been unemployed for an extended period and does not have an immediate prospect of full-time work.

R994-405-307. New Work.

(1) All work is performed under a contract of employment between a worker and an employer whether written, oral, or implied. The contract addresses the job duties, as well as the terms and conditions under which the work is to be performed. A substantial change in the duties, terms, or conditions of the work, not authorized by the existing employment contract, is in effect a termination of the existing contract and the offer of a new contract and constitutes a separation and an offer of new work.

(2) The provisions of R994-405-310 are used to determine if the new contract constitutes suitable work. A request to perform different duties that are customary in the occupation and that do not result in a loss of skills, wages, or benefits, does not constitute an offer of a new work, even if those duties are not specified as part of the official job requirements. The contract of employment has not changed if it is customary for workers to perform short-term tasks involving different or new duties and those assignments do not replace the regular duties of the worker. It is not considered to be a termination of the existing contract and an offer of new work if the claimant fails to return after a vacation, with or without pay, or a short-term layoff for a definite period. A short-term layoff must meet the requirements for a deferral under R994-403-108b(1)(c).

(3) New work is defined as:

(a) work offered by an employer for whom the individual has never worked;

(b) work offered by an individual's current employer involving duties, terms, or conditions substantially different from those agreed upon as part of the existing contract of employment; or

(c) reemployment offered by an employer for whom the individual is not working at the time the offer is made, whether the conditions of employment are the same or different from the previous job.

R994-405-308. Burden of Proof.

(1) The statute requires that the wage, hours, and other conditions of the work shall not be substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the area in order to be considered suitable work. The Department has the burden to prove that the work offered meets these minimum standards before benefits can be denied. Before benefits may be denied, the Department must show:

(a) the job was available,

(b) the claimant had an opportunity to learn about the conditions of employment,

(c) the claimant had an opportunity to apply for or accept the job, and

(d) the claimant's action or inaction resulted in the failure to obtain the job.

(2) When the Department has established all of the elements in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a disqualification must be assessed unless it can be established that the work was not suitable, that there was good cause for failing to obtain the job, or the claimant or the Department can show that a disqualification would be against equity and good conscience.

(3) The Department has the option, but not the obligation, to review Department records concerning the claimant's wages and work history to determine suitability in cases where the claimant has not provided a reason for refusing the job, or the claimant's stated reason for refusing the job was for a reason other than suitability. In these cases, department intervention would only be appropriate if the available information establishes that a denial would be an affront to fairness.

R994-405-309. Period of Ineligibility.

(1) The disqualification period imposed under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) shall include the week in which the claimant's action or inaction resulted in the failure to obtain employment or the first week the work was available, whichever is later. The disqualification shall continue until the claimant has performed services in bona fide covered employment and earned wages equal to at least six times his or her WBA.

(2) A disqualification will be assessed as of the effective date of a new claim if the claimant refused an offer of suitable work after his or her last job ended and prior to the effective date of the claim. A disqualification will also be assessed as of the reopening date, if the claimant refused an offer of suitable work after his or her last job ended and prior to the reopening date.

(3) Disqualifications assessed in a prior benefit year shall

continue into the new benefit year and until the claimant has earned six times his or her WBA in subsequent bona fide covered employment.

R994-405-310. Good Cause.

(1) Good cause for failing to accept available work is established if the work is not suitable or accepting the job would cause hardship which the claimant was unable to overcome. Hardship can only be established if the claimant can show that the employment would result in actual or potential physical, mental, economic, personal, or professional harm.

(2) Good cause is limited to circumstances which were beyond the claimant's control or were compelling and reasonable.

(3) A claimant may have good cause for failing to obtain employment due to personal circumstances if acceptance of the employment would cause a substantial hardship and there are no reasonable alternatives. However, if a personal circumstance prevents the acceptance of suitable employment, there is a presumption the claimant is not able or available for work.

(4) Good cause is not established if a claimant refuses suitable work because the work will interfere with school or training. Claimants attending school full-time with Department approval are not required to seek work.

R994-405-311. Equity and Good Conscience.

A claimant will not be denied benefits for failing to apply for or accept work if it would be contrary to equity and good conscience, even though good cause has not been established. If there were mitigating circumstances and a denial of benefits would be unreasonably harsh or an affront to fairness, benefits may be allowed. A mitigating circumstance is one that may not be sufficiently compelling to establish good cause, but would motivate a reasonable person to take similar action. In order to establish eligibility under the equity and good conscience standard the following elements must be shown:

(1) Reasonableness.

The claimant must have acted reasonably and the refusal of work was logical, sensible, or practical.

(2) Continuing Attachment to the Labor Market.

The claimant must show evidence of a genuine and continuing attachment to the labor market by making an active and consistent effort to become reemployed. The claimant must have a realistic plan for obtaining suitable employment and show evidence of employer contacts prior to, during, and after the week the job in question was available.

R994-405-401. Strike - General Definition.

Strikes and lockouts, except where prohibited by law, are frequently used by labor and management in the negotiation process. The purpose of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) is to prevent workers from receiving benefits when work is not being performed due to a strike.

R994-405-402. Elements Necessary for a Disqualification.

All of the following elements, as defined by this rule, must be present before a disqualification will be assessed under Subsection 35A-4-405(4):

(1) the claimant's unemployment must be the result of an ongoing strike,

(2) the strike must involve workers at the factory or establishment of the claimant's last employment,

(3) the strike must have been initiated by the workers,

(4) the employer must not have conspired, planned or agreed to foment a strike,

(5) there must be a stoppage of work,

(6) the strike must involve the claimant's grade, group or class of workers,

(7) the strike must not have been caused by the employer's failure to comply with State or Federal laws governing wages, hours or other conditions of work.

R994-405-403. Unemployment Due to a Strike.

(1) The claimant's unemployment must be the result of an ongoing strike. A strike exists when combined workers refuse to work except upon a certain contingency involving concessions either by the employer, or the bargaining unit. A strike consists of at least four components in addition to the suspended employer-employee relationship:

(a) a demand for some concession,

(b) a refusal to work with intent to bring about compliance with demands,

(c) an intention to return to work when an agreement is reached, and

(d) an intention on the part of the employer to re-employ the same employees or employees of a similar class when the demands are acceded to or withdrawn or otherwise adjusted.

(2) A strike may exist without such actions as a proclamation preceding a stoppage of work or pickets at the business or industry, announcing an intent and purpose to go out on strike. Although a strike involves a labor dispute, a labor dispute can exist without a strike and a strike can exist without a union. The party or group who first resorts to the use of economic sanctions to settle a dispute must bear the responsibility. A strike occurs when workers withhold services. A lockout occurs when the employer withholds work because of a labor dispute including: the physical closing of the place of employment, refusing to furnish available work to regular employees, or by imposing such terms on their continued employment so that the work becomes unsuitable or the employees could not reasonably be expected to continue to work.

(3) The following are examples of when unemployment is due to a strike:

(a) a strike is formally and properly announced by a union or bargaining group, and as a result of that announcement, the affected employer takes necessary defensive action to discontinue operations; or

(b) after a strike begins the employer suspends work because of possible destruction or damage to which the employer's property would not otherwise be exposed, provided the measures taken are those that are reasonably required; or

(c) if the employer is not required by contract to submit the dispute to arbitration and the workers ceased working because the employer rejects a proposal by the union or bargaining group to submit the dispute to arbitration; or

(d) upon the expiration of an existing contract, whether or not negotiations have ceased, the employer is willing to furnish work to the employees upon the terms and conditions in force under the expired contract.

(4) The following are examples of when unemployment is not due to a strike:

(a) the claimant was separated from employment for some other reason which occurred prior to the strike, for example: a quit, discharge or a layoff even if the layoff is caused by a strike at an industry upon which the employer is dependent; or

(b) the claimant was replaced by other permanent employees; or

(c) the claimant was on a temporary lay-off, prior to the strike, with a predetermined date of recall; however, if the claimant refuses to return to his regular job when called on the predetermined date his subsequent unemployment is due to a strike; or

(d) as a result of start up delays, the claimant is not recalled to work for a period after the settlement of the strike; or

(e) the claimant is unemployed due to a lockout. The immediate cause of the work stoppage determines if it is a strike or a lockout depending on who first imposes economic

sanctions. A lockout occurs when:

(i) the employer takes the first action to suspend operations resulting from a dispute with employees over wages, hours, or working conditions, or

(ii) an employer, anticipating that employees will go on strike, but prior to a positive action by the workers, curtails operations by advising employees not to report for work until further notice. (Positive action can include a walkout or formal announcement that the employees are on strike. In this case the immediate cause of the unemployment is the employer's actions, even if a strike is subsequently called.), or

(iii) upon expiration of an existing contract where the employer is seeking to obtain unreasonable wage concessions, the employees offer to work at the rate of the expired agreement and continue to bargain in good faith.

(f) the employer refuses to agree to binding arbitration when the contract provides that the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration.

R994-405-404. Workers at Factory or Establishment of the Claimant's Last Employment.

(1) "At the factory or establishment" of last employment may include any job sites where the work is performed by any members of the grade, group or class of employees involved in the labor dispute, and is not limited to the employer's business address.

(2) "Last employment" is not limited to the last work performed prior to the filing of the claim, but means the last work prior to the strike. If the claimant becomes unemployed due to a strike, the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) apply beginning with the week in which the strike began even if the claimant did not file for benefits immediately and continues until the strike ends or until the claimant establishes subsequent eligibility as required by Subsection 35A-4-405(4)(c). For example: the claimant left work for employer A due to a strike, and then obtained work for employer B where he worked for a short period of time before being laid off due to reduction of force. If he then files for unemployment benefits, and cannot qualify monetarily for benefits based solely on his employment with employer B, the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) would apply if all the other elements are present.

R994-405-405. Fomented by the Employer.

A strike will not result in a denial of benefits to claimants if the employer or any of his agents or representatives conspired, planned or agreed with any of his workers in promoting or inciting the development of the strike.

R994-405-406. Work Stoppage.

For a work stoppage to be disqualifying, it must be because of a strike, it is not necessary for the employer to be unable to continue to conduct business, however, there is generally a substantial curtailment of operations as the result of the labor dispute. For the purposes of this rule, a work stoppage exists when an employee chooses to withhold his services in concert with fellow employees.

R994-405-407. Grade, Group or Class of Worker.

(1) A claimant is a member of the grade, group or class if:

(a) the dispute affects hours, wages, or working conditions of the claimant, even if he is not a member of the group conducting the strike or not in sympathy with its purposes, or

(b) the labor dispute concerns all of the employees and causes, as a direct result, a stoppage, of their work, or

(c) the claimant is covered either by the bargaining unit or is a member of the union, or

(d) he voluntarily refuses to cross a peaceful picket line even when the picket line is being maintained by another group of workers.

(2) The burden of proof is on the claimant to show that he is not participating in any way in the strike. A claimant is not included in the grade, group or class if:

(a) he is not participating in, financing, or directly interested in the dispute or is not included in any way in the group that is participating in or directly interested in the dispute, or

(b) he was an employee of a company which has no work for him as a result of the strike, but the company is not the subject of the strike and whose employee's wages, hours or working conditions are not the subject of negotiation, or

(c) he was an employee of a company which is out of work as a result of a strike at one of the work sites of the same employer but he is not participating in the strike, will not benefit from the strike, and the constitution of the union leaves the power to join a strike with the local union, provided the governing union has not concluded that a general strike is necessary, or

(d) work continues to be available after a strike begins and the claimant reported for work and performed work after the strike began and was subsequently unemployed.

R994-405-408. Strike Caused by Employer Non-Compliance with State or Federal Laws.

If the strike was caused by the employer's failure to comply with State or Federal laws governing wages, hours, or working conditions, the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) will not apply. However, to establish that the strike was caused by unlawful practices, the issue of an unfair labor practice must be one of the grievances still subject to negotiation at the time the strike occurs. The making of such an allegation after the strike begins will not enable workers to claim that such a violation was the initiating factor in the strike.

R994-405-409. Period of Disqualification.

Subsection 35A-4-405(4) applies beginning with the week the strike begins, however, for administrative convenience, the disqualification will be assessed with the effective date of the new or reopened claim and continue as long as all the elements are present. If the claimant has other employment subsequent to the beginning of the strike which is insufficient when solely considered to qualify for a new claim, the disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(4) would continue to apply. It is not necessary for the employer involved in the strike to be a base period employer for a disqualification to be assessed.

R994-405-410. Wages Used to Establish Claim as Provided by Subsection 35A-4-405(4)(c).

(1) Ineligibility following a strike. A disqualification must be assessed if the elements for disqualification are present, even if the claim is not based on employment with the employer involved in the labor dispute. Wages for an employer not involved in the strike which are concurrent with employment for an employer that is involved in the strike will not be used independently to establish a claim in order to avoid a disqualification.

(2) New claim following strike. If a claimant is ineligible due to a strike, wages used in establishing a new claim must have been earned after the strike began. The job does not have to be obtained after the strike but only those wage credits obtained after the strike may be used to establish a new claim. If the claimant has sufficient wages to qualify for a new benefit year after his unemployment due to a strike, a new claim may be established even if the claimant has a current benefit year under which benefits have been denied due to a strike.

(3) Redetermination after strike ends. No wages from the employer involved in the strike will be used to compute the new benefit amount, until after the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) no longer apply. Any such redetermination must be

requested by the claimant and will be effective the beginning of the week in which the written request for a redetermination is made.

R994-405-411. Availability.

If benefits are not denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(4), the claimant's availability for work will be considered including the amount of time spent walking picket lines and working for the bargaining unit. A refusal to seek work except with employers involved in a lockout or strike is a restriction on availability which will be considered in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-405(3) and R994-403-115c. A refusal to accept work with an employer involved in a lockout or strike is not disqualifying.

R994-405-412. Suitability of Work Available Due to a Strike.

Subsection 35A-4-405(3)(b) provides that new work is not suitable and benefits shall not be denied if the position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout or other labor dispute. If the claimant was laid off or furloughed prior to the strike, and an offer of employment is made after the strike begins by the former employer, it is considered an offer of new work. The vacancy must be presumed to be the result of the strike unless the claimant had a definite date of recall, or recall has historically occurred at a similar time.

R994-405-413. Strike Benefits.

Strike benefits received by a claimant which are paid contingent upon walking a picket line or for other services are reportable income which must be deducted from any weekly benefits to which the claimant is eligible in accordance with provisions of Subsection 35A-4-401(3). Money received for performance of services in behalf of a striking union may not be subject wages used as wage credits in establishing a claim. However, money received as a general donation from the union treasury which requires no personal services is not reportable income.

R994-405-501. Fraud - General Definition.

The Department relies primarily on information provided by the claimant when paying unemployment insurance benefits. Fraud penalties do not apply if the overpayment was the result of an inadvertent error. Fraud requires a willful misrepresentation or concealment of information for the purpose of obtaining unemployment benefits. The absence of an admission or direct proof of intent to defraud does not prevent a finding of fraud.

R994-405-502. Elements of Fraud.

The elements necessary to establish an intentional misrepresentation, sufficient to constitute fraud are:

(1) Materiality.

Materiality is established when a claimant makes false statements or fails to provide accurate information for the purpose of obtaining waiting week credit or any benefit payment to which he is not entitled. Benefits received by fraud may include an amount as small as $1 over the amount a claimant was entitled to receive.

(2) Knowledge.

A claimant must have known or should have known the information submitted to the Department was incorrect or that he failed to provide information required by the Department. He does NOT have to know that the information will result in a denial of benefits or a reduction in the benefit amount. Knowledge is established when a claimant recklessly makes representations knowing he has insufficient information upon which to base such representations. A claimant has an obligation to read material provided by the Department or to ask a Department representative when he has a question about what information to report.

(3) Willfulness.

A claimant must have made the false statement or deliberate omission for the purpose of obtaining benefits. Willfulness is established when a claimant files claims or other documents containing false statements, responses or deliberate omissions. If a claimant delegates the responsibility to personally provide information or allows access to his or her Personal Identification Number (PIN) so that someone else may file a telephone claim, the claimant is responsible for the information provided or omitted by the other person, even if the claimant had no advance knowledge that the information provided was false or important information was omitted.

R994-405-503. Evidence and Burden of Proof.

(1) Prior Knowledge of Ineligibility by the Department.

If the Department has sufficient evidence to assess a disqualification prior to paying benefits, a fraud disqualification shall not be assessed even if the documents submitted by the claimant contain false statements or deliberate omissions. However, non-fraud overpayments may be established under the law regarding fault and non-fault overpayments in Subsections 35A-4-406(4)(b) and 35A-4-406(5)(a), respectively.

(2) Initial Burden of Proof.

Fraud may not be presumed whenever false information has been provided or material information omitted and benefits overpaid. The Department has the burden of proof, which is the responsibility to establish all the elements of fraud.

(3) Standard of Proof.

The elements of fraud must be established by a preponderance of the evidence. There does not have to be an admission or direct proof of intent.

R994-405-504. Disqualification and Penalty.

(1) Penalty Cannot Be Modified.

The Department has no authority to reduce or otherwise modify the period of disqualification or the monetary penalties imposed by statute.

(2) Week of Fraud.

A "week of fraud" shall include each week any benefits have been paid due to fraud.

(3) Overpayment and Penalty.

For any fraud decision where the initial fraud determination was issued on or before June 30, 2004, the claimant shall repay to the division an overpayment which is equal to the amount of the benefits actually received. In addition, a claimant shall be required to repay, as a civil penalty, the amount of benefits received as a direct result of fraud. "Benefits actually received" means the benefits paid or constructively paid by the Department. Constructively paid refers to benefits used to reduce or off-set an overpayment or used as a payment to the Office of Recovery Services for child support obligations or other payments as required by law.

(4) For all fraud decisions where the initial department determination is issued on or after July 1, 2004, the claimant shall repay to the division the overpayment and, as a civil penalty, an amount equal to the overpayment. The overpayment in this subparagraph is the amount of benefits the claimant received by direct reason of fraud.

(5) Additional Penalties.

Criminal prosecution of fraud may be pursued as provided by Subsection 35A-4-104(1) in addition to the administrative penalties.

R994-405-505. Repayment.

Overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-405(5) will be collected in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-406(4)(b) and Section R994-406-404 or by civil action or

warrant as provided by Subsections 35A-4-305(3) and 35A-4-305(5), respectively. The Department may use unemployment insurance benefits payable for weeks prior to the penalty period to reduce overpayments.

R994-405-506. Future Eligibility.

A claimant shall be ineligible for unemployment benefits or waiting week credit following a disqualification for fraud until any overpayment established in conjunction with the disqualification has been satisfied in full. Any overpayment established under Subsection 35A-4-405(5) may NOT be satisfied by deductions from benefit checks for weeks claimed after the penalty period ends, as a claimant is precluded from receiving any future benefits or waiting week credit as long as there is an outstanding fraud overpayment. However, a claimant may be permitted to file a new claim to preserve a particular benefit year. An overpayment shall be considered satisfied as of the beginning of the week during which the cash payment or credit card payment is received by the Department or in the case of payment by personal check, the beginning of the week during which the check is honored by the bank. Benefits will be allowed as of the effective date of a new claim if a claimant repays the outstanding fraud overpayment and penalty within seven days of the date the notice of the outstanding overpayment is mailed.

R994-405-507. Examples.

Depending on the issue, a disqualification could result in a denial of benefits for one week, a specific number of weeks or an indefinite number of weeks. A disqualifying separation results in an indefinite denial, continuing until the claimant has returned to work and earned six times his or her weekly benefit amount. The disqualification applicable to the reason for the underlying denial determines the amount of the fraud penalties and disqualification periods in each case.

(1) Failure to Report Reason for Separation. A claimant who was discharged for disqualifying conduct reports the separation as a layoff and receives benefits. Each benefit check received is paid due to the original false statements, even though the claimant may subsequently answer the Department's weekly questions correctly. Therefore, all benefits received would be "due to fraud." The fraud penalties and disqualification periods would, therefore, apply to all weeks benefits were received.

(2) Failure to Report Earnings.

The fraud overpayment and penalty, where the initial department fraud determination was issued on or before June 30, 2004, is calculated as in the following example: The claimant has a weekly benefit amount of $100 and reports no earnings when there was $50 in reportable earnings for the week at issue. The Act provides a claimant may earn up to 30% of his or her weekly benefit amount with no deduction. After considering the 30% factor in the present example, the claimant was overpaid in the amount of $20. If the elements of fraud were established, all benefits paid for a disqualified week would be established as an overpayment. The claimant would also be liable to repay, as a civil penalty, the $20 received by direct reason of fraud. Therefore, in this example, the claimant would be liable for a total overpayment of $120, an amount that would have to repaid in its entirety before the claimant would be eligible for any further waiting week credit or unemployment benefits. The claimant would also be subject to a 13-week penalty period. If the initial department fraud determination was issued on or after July 1, 2004, the overpayment would be $20 and the penalty would be $20 for a total due of $40.

R994-405-701. Payments Following Separation - General Definition.

The intent of Subsection 35A-4-405(7) is to withhold payment of unemployment insurance benefits to claimants during periods when they are entitled to receive remuneration from an employer in the form or vacation or severance payments. Even if vacation or severance payments do not meet the statutory definition of wages, they are still disqualifying to the extent they exceed a claimant's weekly benefit amount.

R994-405-702. Elements.

(1) Before a disqualification is assessed, the claimant must be entitled to vacation or severance pay in addition to regular wages for work performed which is attributable to weeks following the last day worked.

(a) Entitled To Receive. The claimant may not receive unemployment benefits for any week if he is eligible to receive remuneration from the employer whether the payment has already been made or will be made. However, the payments will only be deducted if the claimant is entitled to receive the payment during the benefit year. A claimant is not considered "entitled to receive" the payment if it will not be paid until a subsequent benefit year, as in the case of someone who will receive lump sum separation payments every six months for several years. The week in which the payment is actually received is not controlling in determining when the remuneration is deductible. It is not necessary for the employer to assign such remuneration to a particular week on his payroll records.

(b) Severance or Vacation Pay Which Is Subject to Negotiation. If there is a question of whether the claimant is entitled to receive a payment and the matter is being negotiated by the court, the Department of Workforce Services, a union, or the employer, it has not been established that the claimant is entitled to remuneration and therefore a disqualification cannot be assessed. However, when it is determined that the claimant is entitled to receive remuneration from the employer, a disqualification would then be assessed beginning with the week in which the agreement is made establishing the right to remuneration, provided the other elements are present. An overpayment would be established as appropriate.

(2) Vacation Pay.

Vacation pay is NOT considered earned during the period of time the claimant worked to qualify for the vacation pay, even if the amount of vacation pay is dependent upon length of service.

(3) Separation Payments.

(a) Any form of separation payment may subject the claimant to disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(7) if the payment would not have been made except for the severance of the employment relationship. If the payment is given at the time of the separation but would have been made even if the claimant was not separated, it is not a separation payment, but is considered earnings assignable to the period of employment subject to the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-401(7). The controlling factor is not the method used by the employer to determine the amount of the payment, but the reason the payment is being made. The history of similar payments is indicative of whether the payment is a bonus or is being made as the result of the separation. Whether a payment is based on the number of years of service or some other factor does not determine if the payment is disqualifying. When a business changes owners and some employees are retained by the new owners, but all employees receive a similar payment from the prior owner, the payment is not made subject to the separation of the employees and therefore would be a bonus and not a separation payment. However, accrued sick leave, which is paid at the time of separation not because of an illness or injury, is not considered a separation payment and will not result in a disqualification or a reduction in benefits under Subsection 35A-4-405(7).

(b) Payments for Remaining on the Job.

When an employer offers an additional payment for

remaining on the job until a job is completed, the additional remuneration will be considered an increased wage or bonus attributable to a period of time prior to the date of separation, not a severance payment.

(4) Attributable to Weeks Following the Last Day of Work.

All vacation and severance payments are attributable to a period of time following the last day worked after a permanent separation and assigned to weeks according to the following guidelines:

(a) Designated as Covering Specified Weeks. If the employer specified that the payment is for a number of weeks which is consistent with the average weekly wage, the payment is attributable to those weeks. For example, if the claimant was entitled to two weeks of vacation or severance pay at his regular wage or salary, and the last day worked was a Wednesday, his normal working days were Monday through Friday, he would be considered to have two weeks of pay beginning on the Thursday following his last day of work. His earnings for the first week, including his wages would normally exceed his weekly benefit amount; he would have a full week of pay for the second week, and he would have reportable earnings for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week.

(b) Lump Sum Payments. A lump sum payment is assigned to a period of time by comparison to the employee's most recent rate of pay. The period of assignment following the last day of work is equivalent to the number of days during which the worker would have received a similar amount of his regular pay. For example, if the claimant received $500 in severance pay, and he last earned $10 an hour while working a 40 hour week, his customary weeks earnings were $400 a week. He would be denied for one week and must report $100 as if it were earnings on the claim for the following week.

(c) Payments Less than Weekly Benefit Amount. If dismissal or separation payments are paid out over a specific period of time and the claimant does not have the option to receive a lump sum payment, the claimant will be entitled to have benefits reduced as provided by Subsection 35A-4-401(3), pursuant to offset earnings if the amount attributed to the week is less than the weekly benefit amount.

(d) If the claimant is entitled to both vacation and separation pay, the payments are assigned consecutively, not concurrently.

(5) Temporary Separation.

A claimant is not entitled to benefits if it is established that the week claimed coincides with a week:

(a) Designated as a week of vacation. If the separation from the employer is not permanent and the claimant chooses to take his vacation pay, or he is filing during the time previously agreed to as his vacation, the vacation pay is assigned to that week. If the employer has prepaid vacation earnings and at the time of a temporary layoff the claimant may still take his vacation time after being recalled, the vacation pay is not assigned to the weeks of the layoff unless the claimant chooses to have the vacation pay assigned to those weeks, or the employer, because of contractual obligations, must pay any outstanding vacation due the claimant.

(b) Designated as a vacation shutdown. If the claimant files during a vacation shutdown, and he is entitled to vacation pay equivalent to the length of the vacation shutdown, the vacation pay is attributable to the weeks designated as a vacation shutdown, even if the claimant chooses to actually take his time off work before or after the vacation shutdown.

R994-405-703. Period of Disqualification.

Only those payments which are greater than the claimant's weekly benefit amount require a disqualification. Payments which are less than the weekly benefit amount are treated the same as earnings and deductions are made as provided by Subsection 35A-4-401(3).

R994-405-704. Disqualifying Separations.

If the claimant has been disqualified as the result of his separation under either Subsections 35A-4-405(1) or 35A-4-405(2), the vacation or separation pay cannot be used to satisfy the requirement to earn six times the weekly benefit amount in bona fide covered employment.

R994-405-705. Base Period Wages.

Vacation pay is used as base period wages. Separation payments which are attributable to weeks following the separation can be used as base period wages only if the employer verifies that he was legally required to make such payments as provided in Section 35A-4-208. The separation payments which are treated as wages will be assigned to weeks in the manner explained in Subsections R994-405-702(3). The weeks will be attributable to the quarter in which they fall.

R994-405-801. Services in Education Institutions - General Definition.

The intent of Subsection 35A-4-405(8) is to deny unemployment benefits during periods when the claimant's unemployment is due to school not being in session provided the claimant expects to return to work when school resumes. Schools have traditionally not been in session during the summer months, holidays and between terms. This circumstance is known to employees when they accept work for schools. It is for this reason that some people choose to work for schools, although many school employees routinely obtain employment during the vacation between regular school years. In extending coverage to school employees, it was intended that such coverage would only be available when the claimant is no longer attached in any way to a school and when the reason for the unemployment is not due to normal school recesses, or paid sabbatical leave.

R994-405-802. Elements Required for Denial.

(1) The disqualifying provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(8) apply only if all of the following elements are present.

(a) The Claimant is an Employee of an Educational Institution.

The claimant's benefits are based on employment for an educational institution or a governmental agency established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing services to an educational institution. The service performed for the educational institution may be in any capacity including professional employees teachers, researchers and principals and all non-professional employees including secretaries, lunch workers, teacher's aides, and janitors.

(b) School is Not in Session or the Claimant is on a Paid Sabbatical Leave.

Benefits are only denied if the week for which benefits are claimed is during a period between two successive academic years or a similar period between two regular terms whether or not successive, during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided in the contract, or during holiday recesses and customary vacation periods.

(c) The claimant has a reasonable assurance of returning to work for an educational institution at the next regular year or term.

R994-405-803. Educational Institution (School).

(1) To be considered an educational institution it is not necessary that the school be non-profit or that it be funded or controlled by a school district. However, the instruction provider must be sponsored by an "institution" which meets all of the following elements.

(a) An institution in which participants, trainees, or

students are offered an organized course of study or training designed to transfer to them knowledge, skills, information, doctrines, attitudes or abilities from, by or under the guidance of an instructor or teacher.

(b) The course of study or training which it offers is academic, technical, trade, or preparation for gainful employment in an occupation.

(c) The instruction provider is approved or, licensed to operate as a school by the State Board of Education or other government agency that is authorized to issue such license or permit.

(2) Head start programs operated by community based organizations, Indian tribes, or governmental associations as a side activity in a sponsorship role do not meet the definition of educational institution and therefore are not subject to the disqualifying provisions of this rule.

R994-405-804. Employee for an Educational Institution.

(1) All employees of an educational institution, even though not directly involved in educational activities, are subject to the disqualifying provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(8). Also employees of a state or local governmental entity are not eligible for benefits provided the entity was established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing services to or on behalf of an educational institution. For example, if a school bus driver is employed by the city rather than the school district, he is not subject to a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8).

(2) Ineligibility under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) shall only apply if any of the benefits are based in service for an educational institution. If the claimant had sufficient non-school employment in the base period to qualify for benefits, he may establish a claim based only on the non-school employment and benefits would be payable during the period between successive school terms, provided he is otherwise eligible. If the claimant continues to be unemployed when school commences, he may be entitled to benefits based upon the combined school and non-school employment. In most cases this would result in higher weekly and maximum benefit amounts, less the benefits already received. A revision of the monetary determination will be made effective the beginning of the week in which the claimant submits a written request for a revision to include school employment.

R994-405-805. Reasonable Assurance.

(1) "Reasonable assurance" is defined as a written, oral, or implied agreement that the employee will perform service in the same or similar capacity during the ensuing academic year, term, or remainder of a term.

(2) Reasonable Assurance Presumed.

A claimant is presumed to have implied reasonable assurance of employment during the next regular school year or term with an educational institution if he worked for the educational institution during the prior school term and there has been no change in the conditions of his employment which would indicate severance of the employment relationship. Under such circumstances benefits initially must be denied.

(3) Advised on Non-Recall.

If the claimant has been advised by proper school administrative authorities that he will NOT be offered employment when the next school term begins, benefits would not be denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(8).

(4) Offer of New Work by an Educational Institution.

Reasonable assurance is not limited to the same school where the claimant was employed during the base period or the same type of work, but includes any bona fide offer of suitable work at any educational institution. Reasonable assurance exists if the terms and conditions of any new work offered in the second term are not substantially less suitable, as defined by Subsection 35A-4-405(3), than the terms and conditions of the work performed during the first term. A disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) would begin with the week the employment is offered, and a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) may begin with the week in which the offered employment would become available. For example: if a claimant was advised that due to reduction in enrollment he will not be recalled by the school where he last worked as a teacher's aide, but he then obtains an offer of employment as a librarian from another school or another school district, a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) would be assessed beginning with the week in which the offer of employment was made to the claimant, and a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) would begin at the beginning of the school term if the work is not accepted.

(5) Separated Due to a Quit or Discharge.

If the employment relationship is severed either due to a quit or discharge, the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(8) do not apply, but Subsections 35A-4-405(1) or 35A-4-405(2) may apply and a disqualification, if assessed, would begin with the effective date of the claim even if the separation is at the end of a regular school term.

R994-405-806. Substitute Teachers.

A substitute teacher is treated the same as any other school employee. If the individual worked as a substitute teacher during the prior school term, he is presumed to have a reasonable assurance of having work under similar conditions during the next term and benefits must be denied when school is not in session. However, for any weeks that he is not called to work when school is in session, a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) would not apply.

R994-405-807. Period of Disqualification.

The effective date of the unemployment insurance claim does not have to begin between regular school terms for a disqualification to apply, but benefits shall be denied for a week which begins during a period when school is not in session or the claimant is on a paid sabbatical leave. A disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) can only be assessed for weeks that are:

(1) between two successive academic years or terms, or

(2) during a break in school activity which is between two regular terms even if the terms are not successive, including school vacations and holidays as well as the break between academic terms, or

(3) for weeks when the claimant is on a paid sabbatical leave if the claimant worked during the prior school year and has a contract or reasonable assurance of working in any capacity for an educational institution in the school term following the sabbatical leave. When the claimant is on an unpaid sabbatical leave benefits may be allowed provided he is otherwise eligible including the eligibility requirements of Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c).

R994-405-808. Retroactive Payments.

Retroactive payments under Subsection 35A-4-406(2) may be made after a disqualification has been assessed only if the claimant:

(1) is NOT a professional employee in an instructional, research or administrative capacity, and

(2) was not offered an opportunity for employment for an educational institution for the second academic years or terms, and

(3) filed weekly claims in a timely manner as instructed, and

(4) benefits were denied solely by reason of Subsection 35A-4-405(8).

R994-405-1001. Aliens - General Definition.

The protection provided by the unemployment insurance program is limited to American citizens and people who are lawfully admitted to the United States. It is not the intent of this program to subsidize people who have worked unlawfully or who cannot legally accept employment. All claimants will be required, as a condition of eligibility, to sign a declaration under penalty of perjury stating whether the individual is a citizen or national of the United States, or if not, whether the individual is lawfully admitted to the United States with permission to work. A claimant who certifies to lawful admission must present documentary evidence. A denial of benefits under Subsection 35A-4-405(10) can only be made if there is a preponderance of evidence that the claimant is not legally admitted to work. Benefits must be denied to claimants who are NOT United States citizens unless they are lawfully present BOTH during the base period of the claim and while filing for benefits. In addition, to be considered "available for work," a claimant must be legally authorized to work at the time benefits are claimed.

R994-405-1002. Alien Status.

(1) An alien may establish wage credits and qualify for benefit payments if he was:

(a) Lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the services were performed, or

(b) Lawfully present for the purpose of performing the services, or

(c) Permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed, or

(d) Granted the status of "refugee" or "asylee" by the Immigration and Nationality Act, United States Code Title 8, Section 1101 et seq.

(2) The status of temporary residence or the granting of work authorization does not confer retroactive lawful presence for purposes of monetary entitlement or work authorization.

R994-405-1003. Lawfully Admitted for Permanent Residence.

An individual who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence must be given a dated employment authorization or other appropriate work permit by INS.

R994-405-1004. Lawfully Present for the Purpose of Performing Services.

These are aliens with work permits issued by INS who have received permission to work in the United States. Aliens who do not possess INS documentation have not been processed through INS procedures and are not lawfully present in the United States. Aliens permitted to reside in the United States temporarily have privileges accorded by INS which may include work authorization. The claimant's work authorization must be printed on the document or stamped on the form.

R994-405-1005. Permanently Residing in U.S. Under Color of Law.

Eligibility can be established if:

(1) The INS knows of the alien's presence and has provided the alien with written assurance that deportation is not planned, and

(2) The alien is "permanently residing" which means the INS has given the alien permission to remain in the U.S. for an indefinite period of time. Individuals who have been granted the status of refugees or have been granted asylum have been defined by the INS as individuals who are permanently residing "under color of law."

R994-405-1006. Section 1182(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

For reference, 8 USC 1182(d)(5)(A) includes people, referred to as parolees, admitted under specific authorization given by the United States Attorney General and those paroled into the United States temporarily for emergent reasons or for reasons rooted in the public interest, including crew members refused shore leave which are admitted on parole for medical treatment. All of these individuals are issued INS forms endorsed to show work status.

R994-405-1007. Procedural Requirements.

(1) Verification of Status.

If the claimant states he is an alien, he must present documentary evidence of his alien status. Acceptable evidence includes:

(a) An alien registration document or other proof of immigration registration from INS that contains the individual's alien admission number or alien file number, or

(b) Other documents which constitute reasonable evidence indicating a satisfactory alien status such as a passport.

(2) Verification by the Department.

The Department must verify documentation referred to in Subsection R994-405-1007(1) with the INS through an automated system or other system designated by the INS. This system must protect the claimant's privacy as required by law. The Department must use the individual's alien file number or alien admission number as the basis for verifying the alien status. If the claimant provides other documents, the Department must submit a photocopy of the documents to INS for verification. Pending verification of the alien's documentation, the Department may not delay, deny, reduce or terminate the claimant's eligibility for benefits.

(3) Claimant Rights.

(a) Reasonable Opportunity to Submit Documentation.

The Department will provide the claimant with a reasonable opportunity to submit documentation establishing satisfactory alien status if such documentation is not presented at the time of filing. The Department will also provide the claimant reasonable opportunity to submit evidence of satisfactory alien status if the documentation presented is not verified by the INS. The claimant will initially be given three weeks to provide documentation or advise the Department as to any circumstances which would justify an extension of the time allowed. Failure to provide documentation or request an extension of time will result in a denial of benefits under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(e) or Sections R994-403-122e through R994-403-128e.

(b) Disqualification Restrictions.

The Department will not delay, deny, reduce or terminate a claimant's eligibility for benefits on the basis of alien status until a reasonable opportunity has been provided for the claimant to present required documentation or pending its verification after the claimant presents the documents. The claimant will be considered at fault in the creation of any overpayment, if benefits were paid based on the claimant's unverifiable assertion of legal admission.

(c) Notice of Disqualification.

When benefits are denied by reason of alien status, a written, appealable decision must be issued to the claimant stating the evidence upon which the denial is based, the findings of fact, and the conclusion of law.

R994-405-1008. Preponderance of Evidence.

Benefits will be denied only if the preponderance of evidence supports denial. Aliens are presumed lawfully admitted or lawfully present under the Immigration and Nationality Act until it is established by a preponderance of evidence that they are not lawfully admitted. The preponderance of evidence required to support a denial of benefits is not satisfied by a lack of evidence. Therefore, the claimant's certification as to citizenship or legal alien status

should be accepted while INS is being contacted for verification.

R994-405-1009. Availability for Work.

While filing for benefits, an alien must show authorization to work to be considered available for work as required under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c). An alien with temporary resident status may be granted authorization to engage in employment in the United States. In such cases the alien will be provided with an "employment authorized" endorsement or other appropriate work permit. Termination of "temporary residence status" can be made by the United States Attorney General only upon a determination that the alien is deportable.

R994-405-1010. Periods of Ineligibility.

Any wages earned during a period of time when the alien was not in legal status, cannot be used in the monetary determination, and a disqualification must be assessed under Subsection 35A-4-405(10). If the claimant was in legal status during a portion of the base period, only wages earned during that portion may be used to establish a claim. If the alien did earn sufficient wage credits while in legal status, but is no longer in legal status at the time the benefits are claimed, he is ineligible under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c) because he cannot legally obtain employment.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-406. Fraud and Fault.
R994-406-205. Obligation of Department Employees.

Employees of the Department are obligated, regardless of when the information is discovered, to bring to the attention of the proper Department representatives any information that may affect an individual's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits or information affecting the employer's contributions.

R994-406-401. Fault Overpayments - General Definition.

Subsection 35A-4-406(4) identifies the repayment requirements of individuals who have been overpaid due to fraud, or due to claimant fault not constituting fraud.

R994-406-402. Fraud.

(1) When the Department has evidence of an overpayment resulting from the claimant's failure to properly report material information, the claimant will be notified of the issue, given an opportunity to provide information concerning the issue, and told that payments are being held pending a decision. In such circumstances, payment of benefits for claims currently in process may be held for up to two weeks pending the issuance of a fraud or overpayment decision. Benefit payments which have not been paid for eligible weeks prior to the disqualification period under Subsection 35A-4-405(5), shall be used to reduce such an overpayment. 100% of the benefit check to which he is entitled will be used to reduce the overpayment.

(2) The overpayment and penalties for fraud are established only when benefits have been denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(5). The repayment amount is determined by Subsection 35A-4-405(5) and, following a decision, repayment must be made in cash before the claimant will be eligible to establish a waiting week credit or receive future benefit payments. Therefore, the overpayment and penalties cannot be offset.

R994-406-403. Claimant Fault.

(1) Elements of Fault.

Fault is established if all three of the following elements are present. If one or more element cannot be established, the overpayment does not fall under the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(5).

(a) Materiality.

Benefits were paid to which the claimant was not entitled.

(b) Control.

Benefits were paid based on incorrect information or an absence of information which the claimant reasonably could have provided.

(c) Knowledge.

The claimant had sufficient notice that the information might be reportable.

(2) Claimant Responsibility.

The claimant is responsible for providing all of the information requested of him in written documents regarding his Unemployment Insurance claim, as well as any verbal instructions given by a Department representative. Before certifying that he is eligible for benefits, he is under obligation to make proper inquiry if he has any questions to determine definitely what is required. Therefore, when a claimant has knowledge that certain information may affect his claim, but makes his own determination that the information is not material or if he ignores it, he is at fault.

(3) Receipt of Settlement or Back-Pay.

(a) A claimant is "at fault" for an overpayment created if he fails to advise the Department that grievance procedures are being pursued which may result in payment of wages for weeks he claims benefits.

(b) When the claimant advises the Department prior to receiving a settlement that he has filed a grievance with his employer, and he makes an assignment directing the employer to pay to the Department that portion of the settlement equivalent to the amount of unemployment compensation he receives, he will not be "at fault" if an overpayment is created due to payment of wages attributable to weeks for which he receives benefits. If the grievance is resolved in favor of the claimant and the employer was properly notified of the wage assignment, the employer is liable to immediately reimburse the Unemployment Insurance Fund upon settlement of the grievance. If reimbursement is not made to the Department consistent with the provisions of the Assignment, collection procedures will be initiated against the employer.

(c) If the claimant refuses to make an assignment of the wages he is claiming in a grievance proceeding, benefits will be withheld on the basis that he is not unemployed because he anticipates receipt of wages. In this case, the claimant should file weekly claims and if he does not receive back wages when the grievance is resolved, benefits will be paid for weeks properly claimed provided he is otherwise eligible.

R994-406-404. Method of Repayment of Fault Overpayments.

(1) When the claimant has been determined to be "at fault" in the creation of an overpayment, the overpayment must be repaid. If payment is made by personal check, no benefit checks will be released until the personal check has been honored by the bank. If the claimant is otherwise eligible and files for additional benefits during the same or any subsequent benefit year, 50% of the benefit check to which he is entitled will be used to reduce the overpayment.

(2) Discretion for Repayment.

(a) Full restitution is required of all overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-405(5). At the discretion of the Department, however, the claimant may not be required to make payments and legal collection proceedings may be held in abeyance. The overpayment will be deducted from future benefits payable during the current or subsequent benefit years. Discretion may be exercised:

(i) if the Department or the employer share fault in the creation of the overpayment, or

(ii) if installment payments would impose unreasonable hardship such as in the case of an individual with an income which does not provide for additional money beyond minimum living requirements.

(b) The Department cannot exercise repayment discretion for fraud overpayments and these amounts are subject to all collection procedures.

(3) Installment Payments.

(a) If repayment in full has not been made within 90 days of the first billing the Department shall enter into an agreement with the claimant whereby repayment of the money owed is collectible by monthly installments. The Department shall notify the claimant in writing of the minimum installment payment which the claimant is required to make. If the claimant is unable to make the minimum installment payments, he may request a review within ten days of the date written notice is mailed or delivered.

(b) Installment agreements shall be established as follows:

Overpayments Equaling Minimum Monthly Payment

$3,000 or less 50% of claimant's weekly benefit entitlement

3,001 to 5,000 100% of claimant's weekly benefit entitlement

5,001 to 10,000 125% of claimant's weekly benefit entitlement

10,001 or more 150% of claimant's weekly benefit entitlement

(c) Installment agreements will not be approved in amounts less than those established above except in cases of extreme hardship. An ability to make a minimal payment is

presumed if the claimant has a household income which is in excess of the poverty level guidelines as established by the federal government and used to grant waivers of overpayments under Subsection 35A-4-406(5). The installment agreement will be reviewed periodically and adjustments made based upon changes in the claimant's income or circumstance. A due date will be established for each installment agreement which is mutually agreed upon by the claimant and the Department.

(4) Collection Procedures.

(a) Billings are sent to claimants with overpayments on a monthly basis. After 30 days, if payment is not made, the account is considered delinquent. If no payment has been received in 90 days the individual is notified that a warrant will be filed unless a payment is received within 10 days. However, there may be other circumstances under which a warrant may be filed on any outstanding overpayment. A warrant attaches a lien to any personal or real property and establishes a judgment that is collectible under Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) All outstanding overpayments are reported to the State Auditor for collection whereby any refunds due to the individual from State income tax or any such rebates, refunds, or other amounts owed by the state and subject to legal attachment may be applied against the overpayment.

(5) Offset In Time.

Offset in time occurs when the claimant files valid weekly claims to replace weeks of benefits which were overpaid. When an overpayment is established after the claimant has exhausted all benefits, the claimant may file claims for additional weeks during the same benefit year provided he is otherwise eligible. Offset in time will be allowed on claims that have expired if a written request is made within 30 days of the notification of the overpayment. No offset in time will be allowed on overpayments established under Subsection 35A-4-405(5). One hundred percent (100%) of the weekly benefit amount for the weeks claimed will be credited against the established overpayment up to the amount of the balance owed to the Department. No penalty for late filing will be assessed when a claimant is otherwise eligible to file claims to offset in time.

R994-406-501. Non-Fault Overpayments - General Definition.

Subsection 35A-4-406(5) identifies the repayment requirements of individuals who have received an overpayment of benefits through no fault of their own. Such overpayments are referred to as "accounts not receivable" (ANR).

R994-406-502. Responsibility.

(1) The claimant is responsible for providing all of the information requested in written documents as well as any verbal request from a Department representative. If the claimant has provided such information, and then receives benefits to which he is not entitled through an error of the Department or an employer, he is not at fault for the overpayment.

(2) "Through no fault of his own" does not mean the claimant can shift responsibility for providing correct information to another person such as a spouse, parent, or friend. The claimant is responsible for all information required on his claim.

R994-406-503. Method of Repayment.

Even though the claimant is without fault in the creation of the overpayment, 50 percent of the claimant's weekly benefit amount will be deducted from any future benefits payable to him until the overpayment is repaid. No billings will be made and no collection procedures will be initiated.

R994-406-504. Waiver of Recovery of Overpayment.

(1) If waiver of recovery of overpayment is granted under Subsection 35A-4-406(5), the amount of the overpayment owing at the time the request is granted is withdrawn, forgiven or forgotten and the claimant has no further repayment obligation. Granting of a waiver will not be retroactive for any of the overpayment which has already been offset except if the offset was made pending a decision on a timely waiver request.

(a) Time Limitation for Requesting Waiver.

A waiver must be requested within 10 days of the notification of opportunity to request a waiver or within 10 days of the first offset of benefits following a reopening or upon a showing of a significant change of the claimant's financial circumstances. Good cause will be considered if the claimant can show the failure to request a waiver within these time limitations was due to circumstances which were reasonable or beyond his control.

(b) Basic Needs of Survival.

The claimant may be granted a waiver of the overpayment if recovery by 50 percent offset would create an inability to pay for the basic needs of survival for the immediate family, dependents and other household members. In making this waiver determination, the Department shall take into consideration all the potential resources of the claimant, the claimant's family, dependents and other household members. The claimant will be required to provide documentation of claimed resources. The claimant must also provide social security numbers of family members, dependents and household members. "Economically disadvantaged" for federal programs is defined as 70 percent of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL). "Inability to meet the basic needs of survival" is defined consistent with "economically disadvantaged." Therefore, if the claimant's total family resources in relation to family size are not in excess of 70 percent of the LLSIL, the waiver will be granted provided the economic circumstances are not expected to change within an indefinite period of time. Individual expenses will not be considered.

(c) Indefinite Period.

An indefinite period of time is defined as the current month and at least the next two months. Therefore, the duration of the financial hardship must be expected to last at least three months. If the claimant or household members expect to return to work within the three months the anticipated income will be included in determining if he lacks basic needs of survival for an indefinite period of time. Available resources will be averaged for the three months.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-508. Appeal Procedures.
R994-508-101. Right to Appeal an Initial Department Determination.

(1) An interested party has the right to appeal an initial Department determination on unemployment benefits or unemployment tax liability (contributions) by filing an appeal with the Appeals Unit or at any DWS Employment Center.

(2) The appeal must be in writing and either sent through the U.S. Mail, faxed, or delivered to the Appeals Unit, or submitted electronically through the Department's website.

(3) The appeal must be signed by an interested party unless it can be shown that the interested party has conveyed, in writing, the authority to another person or is physically or mentally incapable of acting on his or her own behalf. Providing the correct Personal Identification Number (PIN) when filing an appeal through the Department's website will be considered a signed appeal.

(4) The appeal should give the date of the determination being appealed, the social security number of any claimant involved, the employer number, a statement of the reason for the appeal, and any and all information which supports the appeal. The failure of an appellant to provide the information in this subsection will not preclude the acceptance of an appeal.

(5) The scope of the appeal is not limited to the issues stated in the appeal.

(6) If the claimant is receiving benefits at the time the appeal is filed, payments will continue pending the written decision of the ALJ even if the claimant is willing to waive payment. If benefits are denied as a result of the appeal, an overpayment will be established.

R994-508-102. Time Limits for Filing an Appeal from an Initial Department Determination.

(1) If the initial Department determination was delivered to the party, the time permitted for an appeal is ten calendar days. "Delivered to the party" means personally handed, faxed, or sent electronically to the party. If the determination was sent through the U.S. Mail, an additional five calendar days will be added to the time allowed for an appeal from the initial Department determination. Therefore, the amount of time permitted for filing an appeal from any initial Department determination sent through the U.S. Mail is fifteen calendar days unless otherwise specified on the decision.

(2) In computing the period of time allowed for filing an appeal, the date as it appears in the determination is not included. The last day of the appeal period is included in the computation unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Department offices are closed. If the last day permitted for filing an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time permitted for filing a timely appeal will be extended to the next day when Department offices are open.

(3) An appeal sent through the U.S. Mail is considered filed on the date shown by the postmark. If the postmark date cannot be established because it is illegible, erroneous, or omitted, the appeal will be considered filed on the date it was mailed if the sender can establish that date by competent evidence and can show that it was mailed prior to the date of actual receipt. If the date of mailing cannot be established by competent evidence, the appeal will be considered filed on the date it is actually received by the Appeals Unit as shown by the Appeals Unit's date stamp on the document or other credible evidence such as a written notation of the date of receipt. "Mailed" in this subsection means taken to the post office or placed in a receptacle which is designated for pick up by an employee who has the responsibility of delivering it to the post office.

R994-508-103. Untimely Appeal.

If it appears that an appeal was not filed in a timely manner, the appellant will be notified and given an opportunity to show that the appeal was timely or that it was delayed for good cause. If it is found that the appeal was not timely and the delay was without good cause, the ALJ or the Board will not have jurisdiction to consider the merits unless jurisdiction is established in accordance with provisions of Subsection 35A-4-406(2). Any decision with regard to jurisdictional issues will be issued in writing and delivered or mailed to all interested parties with a clear statement of the right of further appeal or judicial review.

R994-508-104. Good Cause for Not Filing Within Time Limitations.

A late appeal may be considered on its merits if it is determined that the appeal was delayed for good cause. Good cause is limited to circumstances where it is shown that:

(1) the appellant received the decision after the expiration of the time limit for filing the appeal, the appeal was filed within ten days of actual receipt of the decision and the delay was not the result of willful neglect;

(2) the delay in filing the appeal was due to circumstances beyond the appellant's control; or

(3) the appellant delayed filing the appeal for circumstances which were compelling and reasonable.

R994-508-105. Response to an Appeal.

A respondent is not required to file a written response to an appeal. A respondent may file a response if it does not delay the proceedings.

R994-508-106. Notice of the Hearing.

(1) All interested parties will be notified by mail, at least seven days prior to the hearing, of:

(a) the time and place of the hearing;

(b) the right to be represented at the hearing;

(c) the right to request an in-person hearing;

(d) the legal issues to be considered at the hearing;

(e) the procedure for submitting written documents;

(f) the consequences of not participating;

(g) the procedures and limitations for requesting a continuance or rescheduling; and

(h) the procedure for requesting an interpreter for the hearing, if necessary.

(2) When a new issue arises during the hearing, advance written notice may be waived by the parties after a full explanation by the ALJ of the issues and potential consequences.

(3) It is the responsibility of a party to notify and make arrangements for the participation of the party's representative and/or witnesses, if any.

(4) If a party has designated a person or professional organization as its agent, notice will be sent to the agent which will satisfy the requirement to give notice to the party.

R994-508-107. Department to Provide Documents.

The Appeals Unit will obtain the information which the Department used to make its initial determination and the reasoning upon which that decision was based and will send all of the Department's relevant documentary information to the parties with the notice of hearing.

R994-508-108. Discovery.

(1) Discovery is a legal process to obtain information which is necessary to prepare for a hearing. In most unemployment insurance hearings, informal methods of discovery are sufficient. Informal discovery is the voluntary exchange of information regarding evidence to be presented at the hearing, and witnesses who will testify at the hearing.

Usually a telephone call to the other party requesting the needed information is adequate. Parties are encouraged to cooperate in providing information. If this information is not provided voluntarily, the party requesting the information may request that the ALJ compel a party to produce the information through a verbal or written order or issuance of a subpoena. In considering the requests, the ALJ will balance the need for the information with the burden the requests place upon the opposing party and the need to promptly decide the appeal.

(2) The use of formal discovery procedures in unemployment insurance appeals proceedings are rarely necessary and tend to increase costs while delaying decisions. Formal discovery may be allowed for unemployment insurance hearings only if so directed by the ALJ and when each of the following elements is present:

(a) informal discovery is inadequate to obtain the information required;

(b) there is no other available alternative that would be less costly or less intimidating;

(c) it is not unduly burdensome;

(d) it is necessary for the parties to properly prepare for the hearing; and

(e) it does not cause unreasonable delays.

(3) Formal discovery includes requests for admissions, interrogatories, and other methods of discovery as provided by the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

R994-508-109. Hearing Procedure.

(1) All hearings will be conducted before an ALJ in such manner as to provide due process and protect the rights of the parties.

(2) The hearing will be recorded.

(3) The ALJ will regulate the course of the hearing to obtain full disclosure of relevant facts and to afford the parties a reasonable opportunity to present their positions.

(4) The decision of the ALJ will be based solely on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing.

(5) All testimony of the parties and witnesses will be given under oath or affirmation.

(6) All parties will be given the opportunity to provide testimony, present relevant evidence which has probative value, cross-examine any other party and/or other party's witnesses, examine or be provided with a copy of all exhibits, respond, argue, submit rebuttal evidence and/or provide statements orally or in writing, and/or comment on the issues.

(7) The evidentiary standard for ALJ decisions is a preponderance of the evidence. Preponderance means evidence which is of greater weight or more convincing than the evidence which is offered in opposition to it; that is, evidence which as a whole shows that the fact sought to be proved is more probable than not.

(8) The ALJ will direct the order of testimony and rule on the admissibility of evidence. The ALJ may, on the ALJ's own motion or the motion of a party, exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious.

(9) Oral or written evidence of any nature, whether or not conforming to the rules of evidence, may be accepted and will be given its proper weight. A party has the responsibility to present all relevant evidence in its possession. When a party is in possession of evidence but fails to introduce the evidence, an inference may be drawn that the evidence does not support the party's position.

(10) Official Department records, including reports submitted in connection with the administration of the Employment Security Act, may be considered at any time in the appeals process including after the hearing.

(11) Parties may introduce relevant documents into evidence. Parties must mail, fax, or deliver copies of those documents to the ALJ assigned to hear the case and all other interested parties so that the documents are received prior to the hearing. Failure to prefile documents may result in a delay of the proceedings. If a party has good cause for not submitting the documents prior to the hearing or if a party does not receive the documents sent by the Appeals Unit or another party prior to the hearing, the documents will be admitted after provisions are made to insure due process is satisfied. At his or her discretion, the ALJ can either:

(a) reschedule the hearing to another time;

(b) allow the parties time to review the documents at an in-person hearing;

(c) request that the documents be faxed during the hearing, if possible, or read the material into the record in case of telephone hearing; or

(d) leave the record of the hearing open, send the documents to the party or parties who did not receive them, and give the party or parties an opportunity to submit additional evidence after they are received and reviewed.

(12) The ALJ may, on his or her own motion, take additional evidence as is deemed necessary.

(13) With the consent of the ALJ, the parties to an appeal may stipulate to the facts involved. The ALJ may decide the appeal on the basis of those facts, or may set the matter for hearing and take further evidence as deemed necessary to decide the appeal.

(14) The ALJ may require portions of the testimony be transcribed as necessary for rendering a decision.

(15) All initial determinations made by the Department are exempt from the provisions of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA). Appeals from initial determinations will be conducted as formal adjudicative proceedings under UAPA.

R994-508-110. Telephone Hearings.

(1) Hearings are usually scheduled as telephonic hearings. Every party wishing to participate in the telephone hearing must call the Appeals Unit before the hearing and provide a telephone number where the party can be reached at the time of the hearing.

(2) If a party prefers an in-person hearing, the party must contact the ALJ assigned to hear the case and request that the hearing be scheduled as an in-person hearing. The request should be made sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that all other parties may be given notice of the change in hearing type and the opportunity to appear in person also. If the ALJ grants the request, all parties will be informed that the hearing will be conducted in person. Even if the hearing is scheduled as an in-person hearing, a party may elect to participate by telephone. In-person hearings are held in the office of the Appeals Unit unless the ALJ determines that another location is more appropriate. The Department is not responsible for any travel costs incurred by attending an in-person hearing.

(3) The Appeals Unit will permit collect calls from parties and their witnesses participating in telephone hearings; however, professional representatives not at the physical location of their client must pay their own telephone charges.

R994-508-111. Evidence, Including Hearsay Evidence.

(1) The failure of one party to provide information either to the Department initially or at the appeals hearing severely limits the facts available upon which to base a good decision. Therefore, it is necessary for all parties to actively participate in the hearing by providing accurate and complete information in a timely manner to assure the protection of the interests of each party and preserve the integrity of the unemployment insurance system.

(2) Hearsay, which is information provided by a source whose credibility cannot be tested through cross-examination, has inherent infirmities which make it unreliable.

(3) Evidence will not be excluded solely because it is hearsay. Hearsay, including information provided to the Department through telephone conversations and written statements will be considered, but greater weight will be given to credible sworn testimony from a party or a witness with personal knowledge of the facts.

(4) Findings of fact cannot be based exclusively on hearsay evidence unless that evidence is admissible under the Utah Rules of Evidence. All findings must be supported by a residuum of legal evidence competent in a court of law.

R994-508-112. Procedure For Use of an Interpreter at the Hearing.

(1) If a party notifies the Appeals Unit that an interpreter is needed, the Unit will arrange for an interpreter at no cost to the party.

(2) The ALJ must be assured that the interpreter understands the English language and understands the language of the person for whom the interpreter will interpret.

(3) The ALJ will instruct the interpreter to interpret, word for word, and not summarize, add, change, or delete any of the testimony or questions.

(4) The interpreter will be sworn to truthfully and accurately translate all statements made, all questions asked, and all answers given.

R994-508-113. Department a Party to Proceedings.

As a party to the hearing, the Department or its representatives have the same rights and responsibilities as other interested parties to present evidence, bring witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, give rebuttal evidence, and appeal decisions. The ALJ cannot act as the agent for the Department and therefore is limited to including in the record only that relevant evidence which is in the Department files, including electronically kept records or records submitted by Department representatives. The ALJ will, on his or her own motion, call witnesses for the Department when the testimony is necessary and the need for such witnesses or evidence could not have been reasonably anticipated by the Department prior to the hearing. If the witness is not available, the ALJ will, on his or her own motion, continue the hearing until the witness is available.

R994-508-114. Ex Parte Communications.

Parties are not permitted to discuss the merits or facts of any pending case with the ALJ assigned to that case or with a member of the Board prior to the issuance of the decision, unless all other parties to the case have been given notice and opportunity to be present. Any ex parte discussions between a party and the ALJ or a Board member will be reported to the parties at the time of the hearing and made a part of the record. Discussions with Department employees who are not designated to represent the Department on the issue and are not expected to participate in the hearing of the case are not ex parte communications and do not need to be made a part of the record.

R994-508-115. Requests for Removal of an ALJ from a Case.

A party may request that an ALJ be removed from a case on the basis of partiality, interest, or prejudice. The request for removal must be made to the ALJ assigned to hear the case. The request must be made prior to the hearing unless the reason for the request was not, or could not have been known prior to the hearing. The request must state specific facts which are alleged to establish cause for removal. If the ALJ agrees to the removal, the case will be assigned to a different ALJ. If the ALJ finds no legitimate grounds for the removal, the request will be denied and the ALJ will explain the reasons for the denial during the hearing. Appeals pertaining to the partiality, interest, or prejudice of the ALJ may be filed consistent with the time limitations for appealing any other decision.

R994-508-116. Rescheduling or Continuance of Hearing.

(1) The ALJ may adjourn, reschedule, continue, or reopen a hearing on the ALJ's own motion or on the motion of a party.

(2) If a party knows in advance of the hearing that they will be unable to proceed with or participate in the hearing on the date or time scheduled, the party must request that the hearing be rescheduled or continued to another day or time.

(a) The request must be received prior to the hearing.

(b) The request must be made orally or in writing to the ALJ who is scheduled to hear the case. If the request is not received prior to the hearing, the party must show cause for failing to make a timely request.

(c) The party making the request must provide evidence of cause for the request.

(3) Unless compelling reasons exist, a party will not normally be granted more than one request for a continuance.

R994-508-117. Failure to Participate in the Hearing and Reopening the Hearing After the Hearing Has Been Concluded.

(1) If a party fails to appear for or participate in the hearing, either personally or through a representative, the ALJ may take evidence from participating parties and will issue a decision based on the best available evidence.

(2) Any party failing to participate, personally or through a representative, may request that the hearing be reopened.

(3) The request must be in writing, must set forth the reason for the request, and must be mailed, faxed, or delivered to the Appeals Unit within ten days of the issuance of the decision issued under Subsection (1). If the request is made after the expiration of the ten-day time limit, the party requesting reopening must show good cause for not making the request within ten days. If no decision has yet been issued, the request should be made without unnecessary delay.

(4) If a request to reopen is not granted, the ALJ will issue a decision denying the request. A party may appeal a denial of the request to reopen to the Board within 30 days of the date of issuance of the decision. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the reason or reasons for the appeal. The appeal can only contest the denial of the request to set aside the default and not the underlying merits of the case.

(5) The ALJ may reopen a hearing on his or her own motion if it appears necessary to take continuing jurisdiction or if the failure to reopen would be an affront to fairness.

(6) If the request to reopen is made more than 30 days after the issuance of the ALJ's decision, the ALJ may consider the request or refer it to the Board to be treated as an appeal to the Board.

R994-508-118. What Constitutes Grounds to Reopen a Hearing.

(1) The request to reopen will be granted if the party was prevented from appearing at the hearing due to circumstances beyond the party's control.

(2) The request may be granted upon such terms as are just for any of the following reasons: mistake, inadvertence, surprise, excusable neglect, or any other reason justifying relief from the operation of the decision. The determination of what sorts of neglect will be considered excusable is an equitable one, taking into account all of the relevant circumstances including:

(a) the danger that the party not requesting reopening will be harmed by reopening;

(b) the length of the delay caused by the party's failure to participate including the length of time to request reopening;

(c) the reason for the request including whether it was within the reasonable control of the party requesting reopening;

(d) whether the party requesting reopening acted in good faith;

(e) whether the party was represented at the time of the hearing. Attorneys and professional representatives are expected to have greater knowledge of Department procedures and rules and are therefore held to a higher standard; and

(f) whether based on the evidence of record and the parties' arguments or statements, taking additional evidence might effect the outcome of the case.

(3) Requests to reopen are remedial in nature and thus must be liberally construed in favor of providing parties with an opportunity to be heard and present their case. Any doubt must be resolved in favor of granting reopening.

(4) Excusable neglect is not limited to cases where the failure to act was due to circumstances beyond the party's control.

(5) The ALJ has the discretion to schedule a hearing to determine if a party requesting reopening satisfied the requirements of this rule or may, after giving the other parties an opportunity to respond to the request, grant or deny the request on the basis of the record in the case.

R994-508-119. Withdrawal of Appeal.

A party who has filed an appeal with the Appeals Unit may request that the appeal be withdrawn. The request must explain the reasons for the withdrawal and be made to the ALJ assigned to hear the case, or the supervising ALJ if no ALJ has yet been assigned. The ALJ may deny the request if the withdrawal of the appeal would jeopardize the due process rights of any party. If the ALJ grants the request, the ALJ will issue a decision dismissing the appeal and the initial Department determination will remain in effect. The decision will inform the parties of the right to reinstate the appeal and the procedure for reinstating the appeal. A request to reinstate an appeal must be made within ten calendar days of the decision dismissing the appeal, must be in writing, and must show cause for the request. A request to reinstate made more than ten days after the dismissal will be treated as a late appeal.

R994-508-120. Prompt Notification of Decision.

Any decision by an ALJ or the Board which affects the rights of any party with regard to benefits, tax liability, or jurisdictional issues will be mailed to the last known address of the parties or delivered in person. Each decision issued will be in writing with a complete statement of the findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and will include or be accompanied by a notice specifying the further appeal rights of the parties. The notice of appeal rights shall state clearly the place and manner for filing an appeal from the decision and the period within which a timely appeal may be filed.

R994-508-121. Correction of Error and Augmentation of the Record.

A party may request correction of an ALJ decision if the request is made in writing and filed within 30 calendar days of the date of the decision. The ALJ retains jurisdiction to reopen the hearing, amend or correct any decision which is not final, or exercise continuing jurisdiction as provided by the rules pertaining to Utah Code Subsections 35A-4-406(2) and 35A-4-406(3) unless the Board has accepted an appeal. If the ALJ agrees to grant the request for correction, a new decision will be issued and new appeal rights to the Board will be established. If the ALJ denies the request, the request will be treated as an appeal to the Board.

R994-508-122. Finality of Decision.

The ALJ's decision is binding on all parties and is the final decision of the Department unless appealed within 30 days of date the decision was issued.

R994-508-201. Attorney Fees.

(1) An attorney or other authorized representative may not charge or receive a fee for representing a claimant in an action before the Department without prior approval by an ALJ or the Board. The Department is not responsible for the payment of the fee, only the regulation and approval of the fee. The Department does not regulate fees charged to employers.

(2) Fees will not be approved in excess of 25 percent of the claimant's maximum potential regular benefit entitlement unless such a limitation would preclude the claimant from pursuing an appeal to the Court of Appeals and/or the Supreme Court or would deprive the client of the right to representation.

R994-508-202. Petition for Approval of Fee.

(1) If a fee is to be charged, a written petition for approval must be submitted by the claimant's representative to the ALJ before whom the representative appeared, or to the supervising ALJ if no hearing was scheduled. An approval form can be obtained through the Appeals Unit. Prior to approving the fee, a copy of the petition will be sent to the claimant and the claimant will be allowed ten days from the date of mailing to object to the fee. At the discretion of the ALJ, the fee may be approved as requested, adjusted to a lower amount, or disallowed in its entirety.

(2) If the case is appealed to the Board level, the claimant's representative must file a new petition with the Board if additional fees are requested.

R994-508-203. Criteria for Evaluation of Fee Petition.

The appropriateness of the fee will be determined using the following criteria:

(1) the complexity of the issues involved;

(2) the amount of time actually spent in;

(a) preparation of the case;

(b) attending the hearing;

(c) preparation of a brief, if required. Unless an appeal is taken to the Court of Appeals, fees charged for preparation of briefs or memoranda will not ordinarily be approved unless the ALJ requested or preapproved the filing of the brief or memoranda; and

(d) further appeal to the Board, the Court of Appeals, and/or the Supreme Court.

(3) The quality of service rendered including:

(a) preparedness of the representative;

(b) organization and presentation of the case;

(c) avoidance of undue delays. An attorney or representative should make every effort to go forward with the hearing when it is originally scheduled to avoid leaving the claimant without income or an unnecessary overpayment; and,

(d) the necessity of representation. If the ALJ or the Board determines that the claimant was not in need of representation because of the simplicity of the case or the lack of preparation on the part of the representative, only a minimal fee may be approved or, in unusual circumstances, a fee may be disallowed.

(4) The prevailing fee in the community. The prevailing fee is the rate charged by peers for the same type of service. In determining the prevailing fee for the service rendered, the Department may consider information obtained from the Utah State Bar Association, Lawyer's Referral Service, or other similar organizations as well as similar cases before the Appeals Unit.

R994-508-204. Appeal of Attorney's Fee.

The claimant or the authorized representative may appeal the fee award to the Board within 30 days of the date of issuance of the ALJ's decision. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the reason or reasons for the appeal.

R994-508-301. Appeal From a Decision of an ALJ.

If the ALJ's decision did not affirm the initial Department determination, the Board will accept a timely appeal from that decision if filed by an interested party. If the decision of the ALJ affirmed the initial Department determination, the Board has the discretion to refuse to accept the appeal or request a review of the record by an individual designated by the Board. If the Board refuses to accept the appeal or requests a review of the record as provided in statute, the Board will issue a written decision declining the appeal and containing appeal rights.

R994-508-302. Time Limit for Filing an Appeal to the Board.

(1) The appeal from a decision of an ALJ must be filed within 30 calendar days from the date the decision was issued by the ALJ. This time limit applies regardless of whether the decision of the ALJ was sent through the U.S. Mail or personally delivered to the party. "Delivered to the party" means personally handed, faxed, or sent electronically to the party. No additional time for mailing is allowed.

(2) In computing the period of time allowed for filing a timely appeal, the date as it appears in the ALJ's decision is not included. The last day of the appeal period is included in the computation unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when the offices of the Department are closed. If the last day permitted for filing an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time permitted for filing a timely appeal will be extended to the next day when the Department offices are open.

(3) The date of receipt of an appeal to the Board is the date the appeal is actually received by the Board, as shown by the Department's date stamp on the document or other credible evidence such as a written or electronic notation of the date of receipt, and not the post mark date from the post office. If the appeal is faxed to the Board, the date of receipt is the date recorded on the fax.

(4) Appeals to the Board which appear to be untimely will be handled in the same way as untimely appeals to the ALJ in rules R994-508-103 and R994-508-104.

R994-508-303. Procedure for Filing an Appeal to the Board.

(1) An appeal to the Board from a decision of an ALJ must be in writing and include:

(a) the name and signature of the party filing the appeal. Accessing the Department's website for the purpose of filing an appeal and providing a correct PIN will be considered a signed appeal;

(b) the name and social security number of the claimant in cases involving claims for unemployment benefits;

(c) the grounds for appeal; and

(d) the date when the appeal was mailed or sent to the Board.

(2) The appeal must be mailed, faxed, delivered to, or filed electronically with the Board.

(3) An appeal which does not state adequate grounds, or specify alleged errors in the decision of the ALJ, may be summarily dismissed.

R994-508-304. Response to an Appeal to the Board.

Interested parties will receive notice that an appeal has been filed and a copy of the appeal and will be given 15 days from the date the appeal was mailed to the party to file a response. Parties are not required to file a response. A party filing a response should mail a copy to all other parties and the Board.

R994-508-305. Decisions of the Board.

(1) The Board has the discretion to consider and render a decision on any issue in the case even if it was not presented at the hearing or raised by the parties on appeal.

(2) Absent a showing of unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Board will not consider new evidence on appeal if the evidence was reasonably available and accessible at the time of the hearing before the ALJ.

(3) The Board has the authority to request additional information or evidence, if necessary.

(4) The Board my remand the case to the Department or the ALJ when appropriate. (5) A copy of the decision of the Board, including an explanation of the right to judicial review, will be delivered or mailed to the interested parties.

R994-508-306. Reconsideration of a Decision of the Board.

A party may request reconsideration of a decision of the Board in accordance with Utah Code Subsection 63-46b-13.

R994-508-307. Withdrawal of Appeal to the Board.

A party who has filed an appeal from a decision of an ALJ may request that the appeal be withdrawn. The request must explain the reasons for the withdrawal by making a written statement to the Board explaining the reasons for the withdrawal. The Board may deny such a request if the withdrawal of the appeal jeopardizes the due process rights of any party. If the Board grants the request, a decision dismissing the appeal will be issued and the underlying decision will remain in effect. The decision will inform the party of the right to reinstate the appeal and the procedure for reinstating the appeal. A request to reinstate an appeal under this subsection must be made within 30 days of the decision dismissing the appeal, must be in writing, and must show cause for the request. A request to reinstate made more than ten days after the dismissal will be treated as a late appeal.

R994-508-401. Jurisdiction and Reconsideration of Decisions.

(1) An initial Department determination or a decision of an ALJ or the Board is not final until the time permitted for the filing of an appeal has elapsed. There are no limitations on the review of decisions until the appeal time has elapsed.

(2) After a determination or decision has become final, the Department may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any interested party, review a determination or decision and issue a new decision or determination, if appropriate, if there has been a change of conditions or a mistake as to facts. The reconsideration must be made at, or with the approval of, the level where the last decision on the case was made or is currently pending.

(a) A change in conditions may include a change in the law which would make reconsideration necessary in fairness to the parties who were adversely affected by the law change. A change in conditions may also include an unforeseeable change in the personal circumstances of the claimant or employer which would have made it reasonable not to file a timely appeal.

(b) A mistake as to facts is limited to material information which was the basis for the decision. A mistake as to facts may include information which is misunderstood or misinterpreted, but does not include an error in the application of the act or the rules provided the decision is made under the correct section of the act. A mistake as to facts can only be found if it was inadvertent. If the party alleging the mistake intentionally provided the wrong information or intentionally withheld information, the Department will not exercise jurisdiction under this paragraph.

(3) The Department is not required to take jurisdiction in all cases where there is a change in conditions or a mistake as to facts. The Department will weigh the administrative burden of making a redetermination against the requirements of fairness and the opportunities of the parties affected to file an appeal. The Department may decline to take jurisdiction if the redetermination would have little or no effect.

(4) Any time a decision or determination is reconsidered, all interested parties will be notified of the new information and provided with an opportunity to participate in the hearing, if any, held in conjunction with the review. All interested parties will receive notification of the redetermination and be given the right to appeal.

(5) A review cannot be made after one year from the date of the original determination except in cases of fraud or claimant fault. In cases of fault or fraud, the Department has continuing jurisdiction as to overpayments. In cases of fraud, the Department only has jurisdiction to assess the penalty provided in Utah Code Subsection 35A-4-406 for a period of one year after the discovery of the fraud.

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