

R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.**R33-3. Source Selection and Contract Formation.****R33-3-1. Competitive Sealed Bidding; Multi-Step Sealed Bidding.**

3-101 Content of the Invitation For Bids.

(1) Use. The Invitation for Bids is used to initiate a competitive sealed bid procurement.

(2) Content. The Invitation for Bids include the following:

(a) Instructions and information to bidders concerning the bid submission requirements, including the time and closing date for submission of bids, the address of the office to which bids are to be delivered, and any other special information;

(b) The purchase description, evaluation factors, delivery or performance schedule, and inspection and acceptance requirements not included in the purchase description;

(c) The contract terms and conditions, including warranty and bonding or other security requirements, as applicable.

(3) Incorporation by Reference. The Invitation for Bids may incorporate documents by reference provided that the Invitation for Bids specifies where the documents can be obtained.

(4) Acknowledgement of Amendments. The Invitation for Bids shall require the acknowledgement of the receipt of all amendments issued.

3-102 Bidding Time. Bidding time is the period of time between the date of distribution of the Invitation for Bids and the date set for opening of bids. In each case bidding time will be set to provide bidders a reasonable time to prepare their bids. A minimum of 10 calendar days shall be provided unless a shorter time is deemed necessary for a particular procurement as determined in writing by the Chief Procurement Officer.

3-103 Bidder Submissions.

(1) Bid Form. The Invitation for Bids shall provide a form which shall include space in which the bid price shall be inserted and which the bidder shall sign and submit along with all other necessary submissions.

(2) Electronic Bids. The Invitation for Bids may state that electronic bids will be considered whenever they are received at the designated office by the time specified for bid opening.

(3) Bid Samples and Descriptive Literature.

(a) Descriptive literature means information available in the ordinary course of business which shows the characteristics, construction, or operation of an item and assists the purchasing agency in considering whether the item meets requirements or criteria set forth in the invitation.

(b) Bid sample means a sample to be furnished by a bidder to show the characteristics of the item offered in the bid.

(c) Bid samples or descriptive literature may be required when it is necessary to evaluate required characteristics of the items bid.

(d) Samples of items, when called for in the Invitation for Bids, must be furnished free of expense, and if not destroyed by testing, will upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Samples submitted by the successful bidder may be held for comparison with merchandise furnished and will not necessarily be returned. Samples must be labeled or otherwise identified as called for by the purchasing agency.

(4) Bid Security. Bid and performance bonds or other security may be required for supply contracts or service contracts as the procurement officer deems advisable to protect the interests of the purchasing agency. Any requirements must be set forth in the solicitation. Bid or performance bonds should not be used as a substitute for a determination of bidder or offeror responsibility.

(5) Bid Price. Bid prices submitted in response to an invitation for bids must stand alone and may not be dependent upon a bid submitted by any other bidder. A bid reliant upon the submission of another bidder will not be considered for

award.

3-104 Public Notice.

(1) Distribution. Invitation for Bids or notices of the availability of Invitation for Bids shall be mailed or otherwise furnished to a sufficient number of bidders for the purpose of securing reasonable competition. Notices of availability shall indicate where, when, and for how long Invitation for Bids may be obtained; generally describe the supply, service, or construction desired; and may contain other appropriate information. Where appropriate, the procurement officer may require payment of a fee or a deposit for the supplying of the Invitation for Bids.

(2) Publication. Every procurement in excess of \$50,000 shall be publicized in any or all of the following:

(a) in a newspaper of general circulation;

(b) in a newspaper of local circulation in the area pertinent to the procurement;

(c) in industry media; or

(d) in a government internet website or publication designed for giving public notice.

(3) Public Availability. A copy of the Invitation for Bids shall be made available for public inspection at the procurement officer's office.

3-105 Bidder List; Prequalification.

(1) Purpose. Lists of qualified prospective bidders may be compiled and maintained by purchasing agencies for the purpose of soliciting competition on various types of supplies, services, and construction. Qualifications for inclusion on the lists may include legal competence to contract and capabilities for production and distribution as considerations. However, solicitations shall not be restricted to prequalified suppliers, and unless otherwise provided inclusion or exclusion on the name of a business does not determine whether the business is responsible with respect to a particular procurement or otherwise capable of successfully performing a contract.

(2) Public Availability. Subject to procedures established by the procurement officer, names and addresses on bidder lists shall be available for public inspection.

3-106 Pre-Bid Conferences.

Pre-bid conferences may be conducted to explain the procurement requirements. They shall be announced to all prospective bidders known to have received an Invitation for Bids. The conference should be held long enough after the Invitation for Bids has been issued to allow bidders to become familiar with it, but sufficiently before bid opening to allow consideration of the conference results in preparing their bids. Nothing stated at the pre-bid conference shall change the Invitation for Bids unless a change is made by written amendment as provided in section 3-107 and the Invitation for Bids and the notice of the pre-bid conference shall so provide. If a written summary of the conference is deemed advisable by the procurement officer, a copy shall be supplied to all those prospective bidders known to have received an Invitation for Bids and shall be available as a public record.

3-107 Amendments to Invitation for Bids.

(1) Application. Amendments should be used to:

(a) make any changes in the Invitation for Bids including changes in quantity, purchase descriptions, delivery schedules, and opening dates;

(b) correct defects or ambiguities; or

(c) furnish to other bidders information given to one bidder if the information will assist the other bidders in submitting bids or if the lack of information would be inequitable to other bidders.

(2) Form. Amendments to Invitation for bids shall be identified as such and shall require that the bidder acknowledge receipt of all amendments issued.

(3) Distribution. Amendments shall be sent to all prospective bidders known to have received an Invitation for

Bids.

(4) **Timeliness.** Amendments shall be distributed within a reasonable time to allow prospective bidders to consider them in preparing their bids. If the time set for bid opening will not permit proper preparation, to the extent possible the time shall be increased in the amendment or, if necessary, by telegram or telephone and confirmed in the amendment.

3-108 Pre-Opening Modification of Withdrawal of Bids.

(1) **Procedure.** Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written or electronic notice received in the office designated in the Invitation for Bids prior to the time set for bid opening.

(2) **Disposition of Bid Security.** Bid security, if any, shall be returned to the bidder when withdrawal of the bid is permitted.

(3) **Records.** All documents relating to the modification or withdrawal of bids shall be made a part of the appropriate procurement file.

3-109 Late Bids, Late Withdrawals, and Late Modifications.

(1) **Definition.** Any bid, withdrawal, or modification received at the address designated in the Invitation for Bids after the time and date set for opening of bids at the place designated for opening is late.

(2) **Treatment.** No late bid, late modification, or late withdrawal will be considered unless received before contract award, and the bid, modification, or withdrawal would have been timely but for the action or inaction of personnel directly serving the procurement activity.

(3) **Records.** Records equivalent to those required in section 3-108 (3) shall be made and kept for each late bid, late modification, or late withdrawal.

3-110 Receipt, Opening, and Recording of Bids.

(1) **Receipt.** Upon receipt, all bids and modifications will be time stamped, but not opened. Bids submitted through electronic means shall be received in such a manner that the time and date of submittal, along with the contents of such bids shall be securely stored until the time and date set for bid opening. They shall be stored in a secure place until bid opening time.

(2) **Opening and Recording.** Bids and modifications shall be opened publicly, in the presence of one or more witnesses, at the time and place designated in the Invitation for Bids. The names of the bidders, the bid price, and other information as is deemed appropriate by the procurement officer, shall be read aloud or otherwise be made available. The opened bids shall be available for public inspection except to the extent the bidder designates trade secrets or other proprietary data to be confidential as set forth in subsection (3) of this section. Material so designated shall accompany the bid and shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate public inspection of the nonconfidential portion of the bid. Make and model, and model or catalogue numbers of the items offered, deliveries, and terms of payment shall be publicly available at the time of bid opening regardless of any designation to the contrary. Bids submitted through electronic means shall be received in such a manner that the requirements of this section can be readily met.

(3) **Confidential Data.** The procurement officer shall examine the bids to determine the validity of any requests for nondisclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary data identified in writing. If the parties do not agree as to the disclosure of data, the procurement officer shall inform the bidders in writing what portions of the bids will be disclosed.

3-111 Mistakes in Bids.

(1) If a mistake is attributable to an error in judgment, the bid may not be corrected. Bid correction or withdrawal by reason of an inadvertent, nonjudgmental mistake is permissible, but at the discretion of the procurement officer and to the extent it is not contrary to the interest of the purchasing agency or the

fair treatment of other bidders.

(2) **Mistakes Discovered Before Opening.** A bidder may correct mistakes discovered before bid opening by withdrawing or correcting the bid as provided in section 3-108.

(3) **Confirmation of Bid.** When it appears from a review of the bid that a mistake has been made, the bidder should be requested to confirm the bid. Situations in which confirmation should be requested include obvious, apparent errors on the face of the bid or a bid unreasonably lower than the other bids submitted. If the bidder alleges mistake, the bid may be corrected or withdrawn if the conditions set forth in subsection (1), (4) and (6) of this section are met.

(4) **Mistakes Discovered After Opening But Before Award.** This subsection sets forth procedures to be applied in three situations described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) below in which mistakes in bids are discovered after opening but before award.

(a) **Minor Informalities.** Minor informalities are matters of form rather than substance evident from the bid document, or insignificant mistakes that can be waived or corrected without prejudice to other bidders; that is, the effect on price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions is not significant. The procurement officer may waive these informalities. Examples include the failure of a bidder to:

(i) return the number of signed bids required by the Invitation for Bids;

(ii) sign the bid, but only if the unsigned bid is accompanied by other material indicating the bidder's intent to be bound;

(iii) acknowledge receipt of an amendment to the Invitation for Bids, but only if:

(A) it is clear from the bid that the bidder received the amendment and intended to be bound by its terms; or

(B) the amendment involved had a negligible effect on price, quantity, quality, or delivery.

(C) **Mistakes Where Intended Bid is Evident.** If the mistake and the intended bid are clearly evident on the face of the bid document, the bid shall be corrected to the intended bid and may not be withdrawn. Examples of mistakes that may be clearly evident on the face of the bid document are typographical errors, errors in extending unit prices, transpositional errors, and arithmetical errors.

(D) **Mistakes Where Intended Bid is Not Evident.** A bidder may be permitted to withdraw a low bid if:

(i) a mistake is clearly evident on the face of the bid document but the intended bid is not similarly evident; or

(ii) the bidder submits proof of evidentiary value which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made.

(5) **Mistakes Discovered After Award.** Mistakes shall not be corrected after award of the contract.

(6) **Written Approval or Denial Required.** The procurement officer shall approve or deny, in writing, a bidder's request to correct or withdraw a bid. Approval or denial may be so indicated on the bidder's written request for correction or withdrawal.

3-112 Bid Evaluation and Award.

(1) **General.** The contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bids. The Invitation for Bids shall set forth the requirements and criteria which will be used to determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. No bid shall be evaluated for any requirements or criteria that are not disclosed in the Invitation for Bids. An Invitation for Bids, a Request for Proposals, or other solicitation may be canceled, or any or all bids or proposals may be rejected, in whole or in part, when it is the best interests of the purchasing agency as determined by the purchasing agency. In the event of cancellation of the solicitation or rejection of all bids or proposals received in

response to a solicitation, the reasons for cancellation or rejection shall be made a part of the bid file and shall be available for public inspection and the purchasing agency shall (a) re-solicit new bids using the same or revised specifications; or (b) withdraw the requisition for supplies or services.

(2) Responsibility and Responsiveness. Responsibility of prospective contractors is covered by subpart 3-7 of these rules. Responsiveness of bids is covered by Subsection 63G-6-103(24) and responsive bidder is defined in Subsection 63G-6-103(25).

(3) Product Acceptability. The Invitation for Bids shall set forth the evaluation criteria to be used in determining product acceptability. It may require the submission of bid samples, descriptive literature, technical data, or other material. It may also provide for:

(a) inspection or testing of a product prior to award for such characteristics as quality or workmanship;

(b) examination of such elements as appearance, finish, taste, or feel; or

(c) other examinations to determine whether it conforms with any other purchase description requirements. The acceptability evaluation is not conducted for the purpose of determining whether one bidder's item is superior to another but only to determine that a bidder's offering is acceptable as set forth in the Invitation for Bids. Any bidder's offering which does not meet the acceptability requirements shall be rejected.

(4) Determination of Lowest Bidder. Bids will be evaluated to determine overall economy for the intended use, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bids. Examples of criteria include transportation cost, energy cost, ownership and other identifiable costs or life-cycle cost formulae. Evaluation factors need not be precise predictors of actual future costs, but to the extent possible the evaluation factors shall:

(a) be reasonable estimates based upon information the purchasing agency has available concerning future use; and

(b) treat all bids equitably.

(5) Extension of Time for Bid or Proposal Acceptance. After opening bids or proposals, the procurement officer may request bidders or offerors to extend the time during which their bids or proposals may be accepted, provided that, with regard to bids, no other change is permitted. The reasons for requesting an extension shall be documented.

(6) Only One Bid or Proposal Received. If only one responsive bid is received in response to an Invitation for Bids, including multi-step bidding, an award may be made to the single bidder if the procurement officer finds that the price submitted is fair and reasonable, and that either other prospective bidders had reasonable opportunity to respond, or there is not adequate time for resolicitation. Otherwise, the bid may be rejected and:

(a) new bids or offers may be solicited;

(b) the proposed procurement may be canceled; or

(c) if the procurement officer determines in writing that the need for the supply of service continues but that the price of the one bid is not fair and reasonable and there is no time for resolicitation or resolicitation would likely be futile, the procurement may then be conducted under subpart 3-4 or subpart 3-5, as appropriate.

(7) Multiple or Alternate Bids or Proposals. Unless multiple or alternate bids or offers are specifically provided for, the solicitation shall state they will not be accepted. When prohibited, the multiple or alternate bids or offers shall be rejected although a clearly indicated base bid shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid or offer submitted by the bidder or offeror. The provisions of this subsection shall be set forth in the solicitation, and if multiple or alternate bids are allowed, it shall specify their treatment.

3-113 Tie Bids.

(1) Definition. Tie bids are low responsive bids from

responsible bidders that are identical in price.

(2) Award. Award shall not be made by drawing lots, except as set forth below, or by dividing business among identical bidders. In the discretion of the procurement officer, award shall be made in any permissible manner that will discourage tie bids. Procedures which may be used to discourage tie bids include:

(a) where identical low bids include the cost of delivery, award the contract to the bidder closest to the point of delivery;

(b) award the contract to the identical bidder who received the previous award and continue to award succeeding contracts to the same bidder so long as all low bids are identical;

(c) award to the identical bidder with the earliest delivery date;

(d) award to a Utah resident bidder or for a Utah produced product where other tie bids are from out of state;

(e) if price is considered excessive or for other reason the bids are unsatisfactory, reject all bids and negotiate a more favorable contract in the open market; or

(f) if no permissible method will be effective in discouraging tie bids and a written determination is made so stating, award may be made by drawing lots.

(3) Record. Records shall be made of all Invitations for Bids on which tie bids are received showing at least the following information:

(a) the Invitation for Bids;

(b) the supply, service, or construction item;

(c) all the bidders and the prices submitted; and

(d) procedure for resolving tie bids. A copy of each

record shall be sent to the Attorney General if the tie bids are in excess of \$50,000.

3-114 Multi-Step Sealed Bidding.

(1) Definition. Multi-step sealed bidding is a two-phase process consisting of a technical first phase composed of one or more steps in which bidders submit unpriced technical offers to be evaluated by the purchasing agency, and a second phase in which those bidders whose technical offers are determined to be acceptable during the first phase have their price bids considered. It is designed to obtain the benefits of competitive sealed bidding by award of a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, and at the same time obtain the benefits of the competitive sealed proposals procedure through the solicitation of technical offers and the conduct of discussions to arrive at technical offers and terms acceptable to the purchasing agency and suitable for competitive pricing.

(2) Use. The multi-step sealed bidding method will be used when the procurement officer deems it to the advantage of the purchasing agency. Multi-step sealed bidding will thus be used when it is considered desirable:

(a) to invite and evaluate technical offers to determine their acceptability to fulfill the purchase description requirements;

(b) to conduct discussions for the purposes of facilitating understanding of the technical offer and purchase description requirements and, where appropriate, obtain supplemental information, permit amendments of technical offers, or amend the purchase description;

(c) to accomplish subsections (a) and (b) of this section prior to soliciting priced bids; and

(d) to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with the competitive sealed bidding procedures.

3-115 Pre-Bid Conferences in Multi-Step Sealed Bidding.

Prior to the submission of unpriced technical offers, a pre-bid conference as contemplated by section 3-106 may be conducted by the procurement officer. The procurement officer may also hold a conference of all bidders in accordance with section 3-106 at any time during the evaluation of the unpriced technical offers.

3-116 Procedure for Phase One of Multi-Step Sealed Bidding.

(1) Form. Multi-step sealed bidding shall be initiated by the issuance of an Invitation for Bids in the form required by section 3-101. In addition to the requirements set forth in section 3-101, the multi-step Invitation for Bids shall state:

- (a) that unpriced technical offers are requested;
- (b) whether price bids are to be submitted at the same time as unpriced technical offers; if they are, the price bids shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope;
- (c) that it is a multi-step sealed bid procurement, and priced bids will be considered only in the second phase and only from those bidders whose unpriced technical offers are found acceptable in the first phase;
- (d) the criteria to be used in the evaluation of the unpriced technical offers;
- (e) that the purchasing agency, to the extent the procurement officer finds necessary, may conduct oral or written discussions of the unpriced technical offers;
- (f) that bidders may designate those portions of the unpriced technical offers which contain trade secrets or other proprietary data which are to remain confidential; and
- (g) that the item being procured shall be furnished generally in accordance with the bidder's technical offer as found to be finally acceptable and shall meet the requirements of the Invitation for Bids.

(2) Amendments to the Invitation for Bids. After receipt of unpriced technical offers, amendments to the Invitation for Bids shall be distributed only to bidders who submitted unpriced technical offers and they shall be allowed to submit new unpriced technical offers or to amend those submitted. If, in the opinion of the procurement officer, a contemplated amendment will significantly change the nature of the procurement, the Invitation for Bids shall be canceled in accordance with Subsection R33-3-112(1) of these rules and a new Invitation for Bids issued.

(3) Receipt and Handling of Unpriced Technical Offers. Unpriced technical offers shall be opened publicly, identifying only the names of the bidders. Technical offers and modifications shall be time stamped upon receipt and held in a secure place until the established due date. After the date established for receipt of bids, a register of bids shall be open to public inspection and shall include the name of each bidder, and a description sufficient to identify the supply, service, or construction item offered. Prior to the award of the selection of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following phase two, technical offerors shall be shown only to purchasing agency personnel having a legitimate interest in them. Bidders may request nondisclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary data identified in writing.

(4) Evaluation of Unpriced Technical Offers. The unpriced technical offers submitted by bidders shall be evaluated solely in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bids. The unpriced technical offers shall be categorized as:

- (a) acceptable;
- (b) potentially acceptable, that is, reasonably susceptible of being made acceptable; or
- (c) unacceptable. The procurement officer shall record in writing the basis for finding an offer unacceptable and make it part of the procurement file.

The procurement officer may initiate phase two of the procedure if, in the procurement officer's opinion, there are sufficient acceptable unpriced technical offers to assure effective price competition in the second phase without modification or alteration of the offers. If the procurement officer finds that this is not the case, the procurement officer shall issue an amendment to the Invitation for Bids or engage in technical discussions as set forth in subsection (5) of this

section.

(5) Discussion of Unpriced Technical Offers. Discussion of its technical offer may be conducted by the procurement officer with any bidder who submits an acceptable or potentially acceptable technical offer. During the course of these discussions the procurement officer shall not disclose any information derived from one unpriced technical offer to any other bidder. Once discussions are begun, any bidder who has not been notified that its offer has been finally found unacceptable may submit supplemental information modifying or otherwise amending its technical offer at any time until the closing date established by the procurement officer. This submission may be made at the request of the procurement officer or upon the bidder's own initiative.

(6) Notice of Unacceptable Unpriced Technical Offer. When the procurement officer determines a bidder's unpriced technical offer to be unacceptable, the officer shall notify the bidder. The bidders shall not be afforded an additional opportunity to supplement technical offers.

3-117 Mistakes During Multi-Step Sealed Bidding.

Mistakes may be corrected or bids may be withdrawn during phase one:

- (a) before unpriced technical offers are considered;
- (b) after any discussions have commenced under section 3-116(5) (procedure for Phase One of Multi-Step Sealed Bidding, Discussion of Unpriced Technical Offers); or
- (c) when responding to any amendment of the Invitation for Bids. Otherwise mistakes may be corrected or withdrawal permitted in accordance with section 3-111.

3-118 Carrying Out Phase Two.

(1) Initiation. Upon the completion of phase one, the procurement officer shall either:

- (a) open price bids submitted in phase one from bidders whose unpriced technical offers were found to be acceptable; provided, however, that the offers have remained unchanged, and the Invitation for Bids has not been amended; or
 - (b) invite each acceptable bidder to submit a price bid.
- (2) Conduct. Phase two is to be conducted as any other competitive sealed bid procurement except:
- (a) as specifically set forth in section 3-114 through section 3-120 of these rules; and
 - (b) no public notice need be given of this invitation to submit.

3-119 Procuring Governmental Produced Supplies or Services.

Purchasing agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring supplies produced or services performed incident to programs such as industries of correctional or other governmental institutions. The procurement officer shall determine whether the supplies or services meet the purchasing agency's requirements and whether the price represents a fair market value for the supplies or services. If it is determined that the requirements cannot thus be met or the price is not fair and reasonable, the procurement may be made from the private sector in accordance with the Utah Procurement Code. When procurements are made from other governmental agencies, the private sector need not be solicited to compete against them.

3-120 Purchase of Items Separately from Construction Contract.

The procurement officer is authorized to determine whether a supply item or group of supply items shall be included as a part of, or procured separately from, any contract for construction.

3-121 Exceptions to Competitive Sealed Bid Process.

(1) The Chief Procurement Officer, head of a purchasing agency or designee may utilize alternative procurement methods to purchase items such as the following when determined to be more practicable or advantageous to the state.

- (a) Used vehicles

(b) Livestock

(2) Alternative procurement methods including informal price quotations and direct negotiations may be used by the Chief Procurement Officer, head of the purchasing agency or designee for the following:

(a) Hotel conference facilities and services

(b) Speaker honorariums

(3) Documentation of the alternative procurement method utilized shall be part of the contract file.

3-130 Reverse Auctions.

(1) Definition. In accordance with Utah Code Annotated Section 63G-6-402 a "reverse auction" means a process where:

(a) contracts are awarded in a open and interactive environment, which may include the use of electronic media; and

(b) bids are opened and made public immediately, and bidders given opportunity to submit revised, lower bids, until the bidding process is complete.

(2) Reverse auction is a two-phase process consisting of a technical first phase composed of one or more steps in which bidders submit unpriced technical offers to be evaluated against the established criteria by the purchasing agency, and a second phase in which those bidders whose technical offers are determined to be acceptable during the first phase submit their price bids through a reverse auction.

(3) Use. The reverse auction method will be used when the procurement officer deems it to the advantage of the purchasing agency.

3-131 Pre-Bid Conferences in Reverse Auctions.

Prior to the submission of unpriced technical offers, a pre-bid conference as contemplated by section 3-106 may be conducted by the procurement officer. The procurement officer may also hold a conference of all bidders in accordance with section 3-106 at any time during the evaluation of the unpriced technical offers, or to explain the reverse auction process.

3-132 Procedure for Phase One of Reverse Auctions.

(1) Form. A reverse auction shall be initiated by the issuance of an Invitation for Bids in the form required by section 3-101. In addition to the requirements set forth in section 3-101, the reverse auction Invitation for Bids shall state:

(a) that unpriced technical offers are requested;

(b) that it is a reverse auction procurement, and priced bids will be considered only in the second phase and only from those bidders whose unpriced technical offers are found acceptable in the first phase;

(c) the criteria to be used in the evaluation of the unpriced technical offers;

(d) that the purchasing agency, to the extent the procurement officer finds necessary, may conduct oral or written discussions of the unpriced technical offers;

(e) that bidders may designate those portions of the unpriced technical offers which contain trade secrets or other proprietary data which are to remain confidential; and

(f) the manner which the second phase reverse auction will be conducted.

(2) Amendments to the Invitation for Bids. After receipt of unpriced technical offers, amendments to the Invitation for Bids shall be distributed only to bidders who submitted unpriced technical offers and they shall be allowed to submit new unpriced technical offers or to amend those submitted. If, in the opinion of the procurement officer, a contemplated amendment will significantly change the nature of the procurement, the Invitation for Bids shall be canceled in accordance with Subsection R33-3-112(1) of these rules and a new Invitation for Bids issued.

(3) Receipt and Handling of Unpriced Technical Offers. Unpriced technical offers shall be opened publicly identifying only the names of the bidders. Technical offers and modifications shall be time stamped upon receipt and held in a

secure place until the established due date. After the date established for receipt of bids, a register of bids shall be open to public inspection and shall include the name of each bidder, and a description sufficient to identify the supply, service, or construction offered. Prior to the selection of the lowest bid of a responsive and responsible bidder following phase two, technical offers shall remain confidential and shall be available only to purchasing agency personnel and those involved in the selection process having a legitimate interest in them.

(4) Non-Disclosure of Proprietary Data. Bidders may request nondisclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary data identified in writing. If a bidder has requested in writing the non-disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary data so identified, the procurement officer shall examine the request in the proposal to determine its validity prior to the beginning of phase two. If the parties do not agree as to the disclosure of data, the procurement officer shall inform the bidder in writing what portion of the bid will be disclosed and that, unless the bidder withdraws the bid it will be disclosed.

(5) Evaluation of Unpriced Technical Offers. The unpriced technical offers submitted by bidders shall be evaluated solely in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bids. The unpriced technical offers shall be categorized as:

(a) acceptable;

(b) potentially acceptable, that is, reasonably susceptible of being made acceptable; or

(c) unacceptable. The procurement officer shall record in writing the basis for finding an offer unacceptable and make it part of the procurement file.

The procurement officer may initiate phase two of the procedure if, in the procurement officer's opinion, there are sufficient acceptable unpriced technical offers to assure effective price competition in the second phase without modification or alteration of the offers. If the procurement officer finds that this is not the case, the procurement officer shall issue an amendment to the Invitation for Bids or engage in technical discussions as set forth in subsection (6) of this section.

(6) Discussion of Unpriced Technical Offers. Discussion of its technical offer may be conducted by the procurement officer with any bidder who submits an acceptable or potentially acceptable technical offer. During the course of these discussions the procurement officer shall not disclose any information derived from one unpriced technical offer to any other bidder. Once discussions are begun, any bidder who has not been notified that its offer has been finally found unacceptable may submit supplemental information modifying or otherwise amending its technical offer at any time until the closing date established by the procurement officer. This submission may be made at the request of the procurement officer or upon the bidder's own initiative.

(7) Notice of Unacceptable Unpriced Technical Offer. When the procurement officer determines a bidder's unpriced technical offer is unacceptable, the officer shall notify the bidder. After this notification the bidder shall not be afforded an additional opportunity to modify their technical offer.

3-133 Carrying Out Phase Two of Reverse Auctions.

(1) Upon the completion of phase one, the procurement officer shall invite those technically qualified bidders to participate in phase two of the reverse auction which is an open and interactive process where pricing is submitted, made public immediately, and bidders are given opportunity to submit revised, lower bids, until the bidding process is closed.

(2) The invitation for bids shall:

(a) establish a date and time for the beginning of phase two;

(b) establish a closing date and time. The closing date and time need not be a fixed point in time, but may remain

dependent on a variable specified in the invitation for bids.

(3) Following receipt of the first bid after the beginning of phase two, the lowest bid price shall be posted, either manually or electronically, and updated as other bidders submit their bids.

(a) At any time before the closing date and time a bidder may submit a lower bid, provided that the price is below the then lowest bid.

(b) Bid prices may not be increased after the beginning of phase two.

3-134 Mistakes During Reverse Auctions.

(1) Mistakes may be corrected or bids may be withdrawn during phase one:

(a) before unpriced technical offers are considered;

(b) after any discussions have commenced under section 3-132(5) (procedure for Phase One of Reverse Auctions, Discussion of Unpriced Technical Offers); or

(c) when responding to any amendment of the Invitation for Bids. Otherwise mistakes may be corrected or withdrawal permitted in accordance with section 3-111.

(2) A phase two bid may be withdrawn only in accordance with 3-111. If a bid is withdrawn, a later bid submitted by the same bidder may not be for a higher price. If the lowest responsive bid is withdrawn after the closing date and time, the procurement officer may cancel the solicitation or reopen phase two bidding to all bidders deemed technically qualified through phase one by giving notice to those bidders of the new date and time for the beginning of phase two and the new closing date and time.

R33-3-2. Competitive Sealed Proposals.

3-201 Use of Competitive Sealed Proposals.

(1) Appropriateness. Competitive sealed proposals may be a more appropriate method for a particular procurement or type of procurement than competitive sealed bidding, after consideration of factors such as:

(a) whether there may be a need for price and service negotiation;

(b) whether there may be a need for negotiation during performance of the contract;

(c) whether the relative skills or expertise of the offerors will have to be evaluated;

(d) whether cost is secondary to the characteristics of the product or service sought, as in a work of art; and

(e) whether the conditions of the service, product or delivery conditions are unable to be sufficiently described in the Invitation for Bids.

(2) Determinations.

(a) Except as provided in Section 63G-6-408 of the Utah Procurement Code, before a solicitation may be issued for competitive sealed proposals, the procurement officer shall determine in writing that competitive sealed proposals is a more appropriate method for contracting than competitive sealed bidding.

(b) The procurement officer may make determinations by category of supply, service, or construction item rather than by individual procurement. Procurement of the types of supplies, services, or construction so designated may then be made by competitive sealed proposals without making the determination competitive sealed bidding is either not practicable or not advantageous. The officer who made the determination may modify or revoke it at any time and the determination should be reviewed for current applicability from time to time.

(3) Professional Services. For procurement of professional services, whenever practicable, the competitive sealed proposal process shall be used. Examples of professional services generally best procured through the RFP process are accounting and auditing, court reporters, x-ray technicians, legal, medical, nursing, education, actuarial, veterinarians, and research. The procurement officer will make the determination. Architecture

and engineering professional services are to be procured in compliance with R33-5-510.

3-202 Content of the Request for Proposals.

The Request for Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with section 3-101 provided that it shall also include:

(a) a statement that discussions may be conducted with offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, but that proposals may be accepted without discussions; and

(b) a statement of when and how price should be submitted.

3-203 Proposal Preparation Time.

Proposal preparation time shall be set to provide offerors a reasonable time to prepare their proposals. A minimum of 10 calendar days shall be provided unless a shorter time is deemed necessary for a particular procurement as determined in writing by the procurement officer.

3-204 Form of Proposal.

The manner in which proposals are to be submitted, including any forms for that purpose, may be designated as a part of the Request for Proposals.

3-204.1 Protected Records.

The following are protected records and will be redacted subject to the procedures described below. From any public disclosure of records as allowed by the Governmental Records Access and Management act (GRAMA) Title 63G, Chapter 2 of the Utah Code. The protections below apply to the various procurement records including records submitted by offerors and their subcontractors or consultants at any tier.

(a) Trade Secrets. Trade Secrets, as defined in Section 13-24-2, will be protected and not be subject to public disclosure if the procedures of R33-3-204.2 are met.

(b) Certain commercial information or nonindividual financial information. Commercial information or nonindividual financial information subject to the provisions of Section 63G-2-305(2) will be a protected record and not be subject to public disclosure if the procedures of R33-3-204.2 are met.

(c) Other Protected Records under GRAMA. There will be no public disclosure of other submitted records that are subject to non-disclosure or being a protected record under a GRAMA statute provided that the requirements of R33-3-204.2 are met unless GRAMA requires such nondisclosure without any preconditions.

3-204.2 Process For Requesting Non-Disclosure. Any person (firm) who believes that a record should be protected under R33-3-204.1 shall include with their proposal or submitted document:

(a) a written indication of which provisions of the submittal(s) are claimed to be considered for business confidentiality (including trade secret or other reason for non-disclosure under GRAMA); and

(b) a concise statement of reasons supporting each claimed provision of business confidentiality.

3-204.3 Notification. The person who complies with R33-3-204.2 shall be notified by the governmental entity prior to the public release of any information for which business confidentiality has been asserted.

3.204.4 Non-Disclosure and Dispute Process. Except as provided by court order, the governmental entity to whom the request for a record is made under GRAMA, may not disclose a record claimed to be protected under R33-3-204.1 but which the governmental entity or State Records Committee determines should be disclosed until the period in which to bring an appeal expires or the end of the appeals process, including judicial appeal. This R33-3-204-4 does not apply where the claimant, after notice, has waived the claim by not appealing or intervening before the records committee. To the extent provided by law, the parties to a dispute regarding the release of

a record may agree in writing to an alternative dispute resolution process.

3-204.5 Timing of Public Disclosure. Any allowed public disclosure of records submitted in the competitive sealed proposal process will only be made after the selection of the successful offeror(s) has been made public.

3-205 Public Notice.

Public notice shall be given by distributing the Request for Proposals in the same manner provided for distributing an Invitation for Bids under section 3-104.

3-206 Pre-Proposal Conferences.

Pre-proposal conferences may be conducted in accordance with section 3-106. Any conference should be held prior to submission of initial proposals.

3-207 Amendments to Request for Proposals.

Amendments to the Request for Proposals may be made in accordance with section 3-107 prior to submission of proposals. After submission of proposals, amendments to the Request for Proposals shall be distributed only to offerors who submitted proposals and they shall be allowed to submit new proposals or to amend those submitted. An amendment to the Request for Proposals may be issued through a request for submission of Best and Final Offers. If, in the opinion of the procurement officer, a contemplated amendment will significantly change the nature of the procurement, the Request for Proposals shall be canceled and a new Request for Proposals issued.

3-208 Modification or Withdrawal of Proposals.

Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the established due date in accordance with section 3-108. For the purposes of this section and section 3-209, the established due date is either the date and time announced for receipt of proposals or receipt of modifications to proposals, if any; or if discussions have begun, it is the date and time by which best and final offers must be submitted, provided that only offerors who submitted proposals by the time announced for receipt of proposals may submit best and final offers.

3-209 Late Proposals, Late Withdrawals, and Late Modifications.

(1) Definition. Except for modification allowed pursuant to negotiation, any proposal, withdrawal, or modification received after the established due date and time at the place designated for receipt of proposals is late.

(2) Treatment. No late proposal, late modification, or late withdrawal will be considered unless received before contract award, and the late proposal would have been timely but for the action or inaction of personnel directly serving the procurement activity.

(3) Records. All documents shall be kept relating to the acceptance of any late proposal, modification or withdrawal.

3-210 Receipt and Registration of Proposals.

(1) Proposals shall be opened publicly, identifying only the names of the offerors. Proposals submitted through electronic means shall be received in such a manner that the time and date of submittal, along with the contents of such proposals shall be securely stored until the time and date set for opening. Proposals and modifications shall be time stamped upon receipt and held in a secure place until the established due date. After the date established for receipt of proposals, a register of proposals shall be open to public inspection and shall include for all proposals the name of each offeror, the number of modifications received, if any, and a description sufficient to identify the supply, service, or construction item offered. Prior to award proposals and modifications shall be shown only to purchasing agency personnel having a legitimate interest in them.

3-211 Evaluation of Proposals.

(1) Evaluation Factors in the Request for Proposals. The Request for Proposals shall state all of the evaluation factors and their relative importance, including price.

(2) Evaluation. The evaluation shall be based on the evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals. Numerical rating systems may be used but are not required. Factors not specified in the Request for Proposals shall not be considered in determining award of contract.

(3) Classifying Proposals. For the purpose of conducting discussions under section 3-212, proposals shall be initially classified as:

(a) acceptable;

(b) potentially acceptable, that is, reasonably susceptible of being made acceptable; or

(c) unacceptable.

3-212 Proposal Discussion with Individual Offerors.

(1) "Offerors" Defined. For the purposes of this section, the term "offerors" includes only those businesses submitting proposals that are acceptable or potentially acceptable. The term shall not include businesses which submitted unacceptable proposals.

(2) Purposes of Discussions. Discussions are held to facilitate and encourage an adequate number of potential contractors to offer their best proposals, by amending their original offers, if needed.

(3) Conduct of Discussions. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussions and revisions of proposals. The procurement officer should establish procedures and schedules for conducting discussions. If before, or during discussions there is a need for clarification or change of the Request for Proposals, it shall be amended in compliance with R33-3-2(3-207) to incorporate this clarification or change. Auction techniques and disclosure of any information derived from competing proposals are prohibited. Any oral clarification or change of a proposal shall be reduced to writing by the offeror.

(4) Best and Final Offers. The procurement officer shall establish a common time and date for submission of best and final offers. Best and final offers shall be submitted only once unless the procurement officer makes a written determination before each subsequent round of best and final offers demonstrating another round is in the purchasing agency's interest, and additional discussions will be conducted or the purchasing agency's requirements will be changed. Otherwise, no discussion of, or changes in, the best and final offers shall be allowed prior to award. Offerors shall also be informed that if they do not submit a notice of withdrawal or another best and final offer, their immediate previous offer will be construed as their best and final offer.

3-213 Mistakes in Proposals.

(1) Mistakes Discovered Before the Established Due Date. An offeror may correct mistakes discovered before the time and date established for receipt of proposals by withdrawing or correcting the proposal as provided in section 3-208.

(2) Confirmation of Proposal. When it appears from a review of the proposal before award that a mistake has been made, the offeror should be asked to confirm the proposal. If the offeror alleges mistake, the proposal may be corrected or withdrawn during any discussions that are held or if the conditions set forth in subsection (3) of this section are met.

(3) Mistakes Discovered After Receipt But Before Award. This subsection sets forth procedures to be applied in four situations in which mistakes in proposals are discovered after receipt of proposals but before award.

(a) During Discussions; Prior to Best and Final Offers. Once discussions are commenced with any offeror or after best and final offers are requested, any offeror may freely correct any mistake by modifying or withdrawing the proposal until the time and date set for receipt of best and final offers.

(b) Minor Informalities. Minor informalities, unless otherwise corrected by an offeror as provided in this section, shall be treated as they are under competitive sealed bidding.

(c) Correction of Mistakes. If discussions are not held or if the best and final offers upon which award will be made have been received, mistakes may be corrected and the correct offer considered only if:

(i) the mistake and the correct offer are clearly evident on the face of the proposal in which event the proposal may not be withdrawn; or

(ii) the mistake is not clearly evident on the face of the proposal, but the offeror submits proof of evidentiary value which clearly and convincingly demonstrates both the existence of a mistake and the correct offer and the correction would not be contrary to the fair and equal treatment of other offerors.

(d) Withdrawal of Proposals. If discussions are not held, or if the best and final offers upon which award will be made have been received, the offeror may be permitted to withdraw the proposal if:

(i) the mistake is clearly evident on the face of the proposal and the correct offer is not; or

(ii) the offeror submits proof of evidentiary value which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made but does not demonstrate the correct offer or, if the correct offer is also demonstrated, to allow correction on the basis that the proof would be contrary to the fair and equal treatment of other offerors.

(4) Mistakes Discovered After Award. Mistakes shall not be corrected after award of the contract.

3-214 Award.

(1) Award Documentation. A brief written justification statement shall be made showing the basis on which the award was found to be most advantageous to the state taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals.

(2) One Proposal Received. If only one proposal is received in response to a Request for Proposals, the procurement officer may, as the officer deems appropriate, either make an award or, if time permits, resolicit for the purpose of obtaining additional competitive sealed proposals.

3-215 Publicizing Awards.

(1) After the selection of the successful offeror(s), notice of award shall be available in the purchasing agency's office and may be available on the internet.

(2) The following shall be disclosed to the public after notice of the selection of the successful offeror(s) and after receipt of a GRAMA request and payment of any lawfully enacted and applicable fees:

(a) the contract(s) entered into as a result of the selection and the successful proposal(s), except for those portions that are to be non-disclosed under R33-3-204;

(b) the unsuccessful proposals, except for those portions that are to be non-disclosed under R33-3-204;

(c) the rankings of the proposals;

(d) the names of the members of any selection committee (reviewing authority);

(e) the final scores used by the selection committee to make the selection, except that the names of the individual scorers shall not be associated with their individual scores or rankings.

(f) the written justification statement supporting the selection, except for those portions that are to be non-disclosed under R33-3-204.

(3) After due consideration and public input, the following has been determined by the Procurement Policy Board to impair governmental procurement proceedings or give an unfair advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contract or agreement with a governmental entity, and will not be disclosed by the governmental entity at any time to the public including under any GRAMA request:

(a) the names of individual scorers in relation to their individual scores or rankings;

(b) non-public financial statements; and

(c) past performance and reference information, which is not provided by the offeror and which is obtained as a result of the efforts of the governmental entity. To the extent such past performance or reference information is included in the written justification statement, it is subject to public disclosure.

3-216 Exceptions to Competitive Sealed Proposal Process.

(1) As authorized by Section 63G-6-408(1) the Chief Procurement Officer or designee may determine that for a given request it is either not practicable or not advantageous for the state to procure a commodity or service referenced in section 3-201 above by soliciting competitive sealed proposals. When making this determination, the Chief Procurement Officer may take into consideration whether the potential cost of preparing, soliciting and evaluating competitive sealed proposals is expected to exceed the benefits normally associated with such solicitations. In the event of that it is so determined, the Chief Procurement Officer, head of a purchasing agency or designee may elect to utilize an alternative, more cost effective procurement method, which may include direct negotiations with a qualified vendor or contractor.

(2) Documentation of the alternative procurement method selected shall state the reasons for selection and shall be made a part of the contract file.

3-217 Multiple Award Contracts for Human Service Provider Services.

The Chief Procurement Officer, head of a purchasing agency or designee may elect to award multiple contracts for Human Service Provider Services through a competitive sealed proposal process by first determining the appropriate fee to be paid to providers and then contracting with all providers meeting the criteria established in the RFP. However this specialized system of contracting for human service provider services may only be used when:

(1) The agency has performed an appropriate analysis to determine appropriate rates to be paid;

(2) The agency files contain adequate documentation of the reasons the contractor was awarded the contract and the reasons for selecting a particular contractor to provide the service to each client; and

(3) The agency has a formal written complaint and appeal process, notice of which is provided to the contractors, and an internal audit function to insure that selection of the contractor from the list of awarded contractors was fair, equitable and appropriate.

R33-3-3. Small Purchases.

3-301 Authority to Make Small Purchases.

(1) Amount. The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer or purchasing agency may use these procedures if the procurement is estimated to be less than \$50,000 for supplies, services or construction. If these procedures are not used, the other methods of source selection provided in Section 63G-6-410 of the Utah Procurement Code and these rules shall apply.

(2) Existing Statewide Contracts. Supplies, services, or construction items available under statewide contracts or similar agreements shall be procured under these agreements in accordance with the provisions or requirements for use and not under this subpart unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Procurement Officer.

(3) Available from One Business Only. If the supply, service, or construction item is available only from one business, the sole source procurement method set forth in subpart 3-4 of these rules shall be used.

(4) Division of Requirements. Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided to avoid using the other source selection methods set forth in Section 63G-6-410 of the Utah Procurement Code.

3-302 Small Purchases of Supplies, Services or

Construction Between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

(1) Procedure. Insofar as it is practical for small purchases of supplies, services or construction between \$5,000 and \$50,000, no less than two businesses shall be solicited to submit electronic, telephone or written quotations. Award shall be made to the business offering the lowest acceptable quotation.

(2) Records. The names of the businesses offering quotations and the date and amount of each quotation shall be recorded and maintained as a public record.

3-303 Small Purchases of \$5,000 or Less.

The Chief Procurement Officer shall delegate to state agencies the ability to make purchases up to \$5,000 without involvement of the Division of Purchasing and General Services. For purchases up to \$1,000, the agency may select the best source without seeking competitive quotes. For purchases over \$1,000 and up to \$5,000, agencies shall obtain price competition, and shall purchase the item from the vendor offering the lowest quote. Unless otherwise delegated requests for all purchases over \$5,000, and sole source purchases exceeding \$1,000 shall be submitted to the Division of Purchasing and General Services.

3-304 Small Purchases of Services of Professionals, Providers, and Consultants.

If it is expected that the services of professionals, providers, and consultants can be procured for less than \$50,000, the procedures specified in this subpart may be used.

R33-3-4. Sole Source Procurement.

3-401 Conditions For Use of Sole Source Procurement.

Sole source procurement shall be used only if a requirement is reasonably available from a single supplier. A requirement for a particular proprietary item does not justify a sole source procurement if there is more than one potential bidder or offeror for that item.

Examples of circumstances which could necessitate sole source procurement are:

- (1) where the compatibility of equipment, accessories, replacement parts, or service is the paramount consideration;
- (2) where a sole supplier's item is needed for trial use or testing;
- (3) procurement of items for resale;
- (4) procurement of public utility services.

The determination as to whether a procurement shall be made as a sole source shall be made by the procurement officer. Each request shall be submitted in writing by the using agency. The officer may specify the application of the determination and its duration. In cases of reasonable doubt, competition should be solicited. Any request by a using agency that a procurement be restricted to one potential contractor shall be accompanied by an explanation as to why no other will be suitable or acceptable to meet the need.

3-401.5 Notice of Proposed Sole Source Procurement.

Public notice for sole source procurements exceeding \$50,000 shall be given by the Procurement Officer as provided in R33-3-104 (2). The notice shall be published at least 5 working days in advance of when responses must be received in order that firms have an adequate opportunity to respond to the notice. The notice shall contain a brief statement of the proposed procurement, the proposed sole source supplier and the sole source justification. The notice shall invite comments regarding the proposed sole source and provide for a closing date for comments. The Procurement Officer shall consider the comments received before proceeding with the Sole Source procurement.

3-402 Negotiation in Sole Source Procurement.

The procurement officer shall conduct negotiations, as appropriate, as to price, delivery, and terms.

3-403 Unsolicited Offers.

- (1) Definition. An unsolicited offer is any offer other than

one submitted in response to a solicitation.

(2) Processing of Unsolicited Offers. If a purchasing agency that receives an unsolicited offer is not authorized to enter into a contract for the supplies or services offered, the head of the agency shall forward the offer to the procurement officer who has authority with respect to evaluation, acceptance, and rejection of the unsolicited offers.

(3) Conditions for Consideration. To be considered for evaluation an unsolicited offer:

(a) must be sufficiently detailed to allow a judgment to be made concerning the potential utility of the offer to the purchasing agency; and

(b) may be subject to testing under terms and conditions specified by the agency.

R33-3-5. Emergency Procurements.

3-501 Definition of Emergency Conditions.

An emergency condition is a situation which creates a threat to public health, welfare, or safety as may arise by reason of floods, epidemics, riots, equipment failures, or other reason as may be determined by the Chief Procurement Officer or designee. The existence of this condition creates an immediate and serious need for supplies, services, or construction that cannot be met through normal procurement methods.

3-502 Scope of Emergency Procurements.

Emergency procurement shall be limited to only those supplies, services, or construction items necessary to meet the emergency.

3-503 Authority to Make Emergency Procurements.

The Chief Procurement Officer may delegate in writing to any purchasing agency authority to make emergency procurements of up to an amount set forth in the delegation.

3-504 Source Selection Methods.

(1) General. The source selection method used shall be selected with a view to the end of assuring that the required supplies, services, or construction items are procured in time to meet the emergency. Given this constraint, competition that is practicable shall be obtained.

(2) After Unsuccessful Competitive Sealed Bidding. Competitive sealed bidding is unsuccessful when bids received pursuant to an Invitation for Bids are unreasonable, noncompetitive, or the low bid exceeds available funds as certified by the appropriate fiscal officer, and time or other circumstances will not permit the delay required to resolicit competitive sealed bids. If emergency conditions exist after or are brought about by an unsuccessful attempt to use competitive sealed bidding, an emergency procurement may be made.

3-505 Determination of Emergency Procurement.

The procurement officer or the agency official responsible for procurement shall make a written determination stating the basis for an emergency procurement and for the selection of the particular supplier. The determination shall be sent promptly to the Chief Procurement Officer.

R33-3-6. Responsibility.

3-601 Standards of Responsibility.

(1) Standards. Among factors to be considered in determining whether the standard of responsibility has been met are whether a prospective contractor has:

(a) available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility, and personnel resources and expertise, or the ability to obtain them, necessary to indicate capability to meet all contractual requirements;

(b) a satisfactory record of integrity;

(c) qualified legally to contract with the purchasing agency; and

(d) unreasonably failed to supply any necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility.

Nothing shall prevent the procurement officer from establishing additional responsibility standards for a particular procurement, provided that these additional standards are set forth in the solicitation.

(2) Information Pertaining To Responsibility. A prospective contractor shall supply information requested by the procurement officer concerning the responsibility of the contractor. If the contractor fails to supply the requested information, the procurement officer shall base the determination of responsibility upon any available information or may find the prospective contractor nonresponsible if the failure is unreasonable.

3-602 Ability to Meet Standards.

The prospective contractor may demonstrate the availability of necessary financing, equipment, facilities, expertise, and personnel by submitting upon request:

- (1) evidence that the contractor possesses the necessary items;
- (2) acceptable plans to subcontract for the necessary items;
- or
- (3) a documented commitment from, or explicit arrangement with, a satisfactory source to provide the necessary items.

3-603 Written Determination of Nonresponsibility Required.

If a bidder or offeror who otherwise would have been awarded a contract is found nonresponsible, a written determination of nonresponsibility setting forth the basis of the finding shall be prepared by the procurement officer. The determination shall be made part of the procurement file.

R33-3-7. Types of Contracts.

3-701 Policy Regarding Selection of Contract Types.

(1) General. The selection of an appropriate contract type depends on factors such as the nature of the supplies, services, or construction to be procured, the uncertainties which may be involved in contract performance, and the extent to which the purchasing agency or the contractor is to assume the risk of the cost of performance of the contract. Contract types differ in the degree of responsibility assumed by the contractor for the costs of performance and the amount and kind of profit incentive offered the contractor to achieve or exceed specified standards or goals.

Among the factors to be considered in selecting any type of contract are:

- (a) the type and complexity of the supply, service, or construction item being procured;
- (b) the difficulty of estimating performance costs such as the inability of the purchasing agency to develop definitive specifications, to identify the risks to the contractor inherent in the nature of the work to be performed, or otherwise to establish clearly the requirements of the contract;
- (c) the administrative costs to both parties;
- (d) the degree to which the purchasing agency must provide technical coordination during the performance of the contract;
- (e) the effect of the choice of the type of contract on the amount of competition to be expected;
- (f) the stability of material or commodity market prices or wage levels;
- (g) the urgency of the requirement;
- (h) the length of contract performance; and
- (i) federal requirements.

The purchasing agency should not contract in a manner that would place an unreasonable economic risk on the contractor, since this action would tend to jeopardize satisfactory performance on the contract.

(2) Use of Unlisted Contract Types. The provisions of this subpart list and define the principal contract types. In addition,

any other type of contract, except cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost, may be used provided the procurement officer determines in writing that this use is in the purchasing agency's best interest.

3-702 Fixed-Price Contracts.

(1) General. A fixed-price contract is the preferred and generally utilized type of contract. A fixed-price contract places responsibility on the contractor for the delivery of the product or the complete performance of the services or construction in accordance with the contract terms at a price that may be firm or subject to contractually specified adjustments. The fixed-price contract is appropriate for use when there is a reasonably definitive requirement, as in the case of construction or standard commercial products. The use of a fixed-price contract when risks are unknown or not readily measurable in terms of cost can result in inflated prices and inadequate competition; poor performance, disputes, and claims when performance proves difficult; or excessive profits when anticipated contingencies do not occur.

(2) Firm Fixed-Price Contract. A firm fixed-price contract provides a price that is not subject to adjustment.

(3) Fixed-Price Contract with Price Adjustment.

(a) A fixed-price contract with price adjustment provides for variation in the contract price under special conditions defined in the contract, other than customary provisions authorizing price adjustments due to modifications to the work. The formula or other basis by which the adjustment in contract price can be made shall be specified in the solicitation and the resulting contract. However, clauses providing for most-favored-customer prices for the purchasing agency, that is, the price to the purchasing agency will be lowered to the lowest priced sales to any other customer made during the contract period, shall not be used. Examples of conditions under which adjustments may be provided in fixed-price contracts are:

- (i) changes in the contractor's labor contract rates;
- (ii) changes due to rapid and substantial price fluctuations, which can be related to an accepted index; and
- (iii) when a general price change alters the base price.

(b) If the contract permits unilateral action by the contractor to bring about the condition under which a price increase may occur, the contract shall reserve to the purchasing agency the right to reject the price increase and terminate the contract without cost or damages. Notice of the price increase shall be given by the contractor in the manner and within the time specified in the contract.

3-703 Cost-Reimbursement Contracts.

(1) General. The cost-reimbursement contract provides for payment to the contractor of allowable costs incurred in the performance of the contract as determined in accordance with part 7 of these rules and provided in the contract. This type of contract establishes at the outset an estimated cost for the performance of the contract and a dollar ceiling which the contractor may not exceed without prior approval of subsequent ratification by the procurement officer and, in addition, may provide for payment of a fee. The contractor agrees to perform as specified in the contract until the contract is completed or until the costs reach the specified ceiling, whichever occurs first.

This contract type is appropriate when the uncertainties involved in contract performance are of a magnitude that the cost of contract performance cannot be estimated with sufficient reasonableness to permit use of any type of fixed-price contract. In addition, a cost-reimbursement contract necessitates appropriate monitoring by purchasing agency personnel during performance so as to give reasonable assurance that the objectives of the contract are being met. It is particularly suitable for research, development, and study-type contracts.

(2) Determination Prior to Use. A cost-reimbursement contract may be used only when the procurement officer

determines in writing that:

(a) a contract is likely to be less costly to the purchasing agency than any other type or that it is impracticable to obtain otherwise, the supplies, services, or construction;

(b) the proposed contractor's accounting system will permit timely development of all necessary cost data in the form required by the specific contract type contemplated; and

(c) the proposed contractor's accounting system is adequate to allocate costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(3) Cost Contract. A cost contract provides that the contractor will be reimbursed for allowable costs incurred in performing the contract.

(4) Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee Contract. This is a cost-reimbursement type contract which provides for payment to the contractor of an agreed fixed fee in addition to reimbursement of allowable, incurred costs. The fee is established at the time of contract award and does not vary whether the actual cost of contract performance is greater or less than the initial estimated cost established for the work. Thus, the fee is fixed but not the contract amount because the final contract amount will depend on the allowable costs reimbursed. The fee is subject to adjustment only if the contract is modified to provide for an increase or decrease in the work specified in the contract.

3-704 Cost Incentive Contracts.

(1) General. Cost incentive contracts provide for the sharing of cost risks between the purchasing agency and the contractor. This type of contract provides for the reimbursement to the contractor of allowable costs incurred up to a ceiling amount and establishes a formula in which the contractor is rewarded for performing at less than target cost or is penalized if it exceeds target cost. Profit or fee is dependent on how effectively the contractor controls cost in the performance of the contract.

(2) Fixed-Price Cost Incentive Contract.

(a) Description. In a fixed-price cost incentive contract, the parties establish at the outset a target cost, a target profit, a cost-sharing formula which provides a percentage increase or decrease of the target profit depending on whether the cost of performance is less than or exceeds the target cost, and a ceiling price. After performance of the contract, the actual cost of performance is arrived at based on the total incurred allowable cost as determined in accordance with part 7 of these rules and as provided in the contract. The final contract price is then established in accordance with the cost-sharing formula using the actual cost of performance. The final contract price may not exceed the ceiling price. The contractor is obligated to complete performance of the contract, and, if actual cost exceeds the ceiling price, the contractor suffers a loss.

(b) Objective. The fixed-price cost incentive contract serves three objectives. It permits the establishment of a firm ceiling price for performance of the contract which takes into account uncertainties and contingencies in the cost of performance. It motivates the contractor to perform the contract economically since cost is in inverse relation to profit; the lower the cost, the higher the profit. It provides a flexible pricing mechanism for establishing a cost sharing responsibility between the purchasing agency and contractor depending on the nature of the supplies, services, or construction being procured, the length of the contract performance, and the performance risks involved.

(3) Cost-Plus Contract with Cost Incentive Fee. In a cost-plus contract with cost incentive fee, the parties establish at the outset a target cost; a target fee; a cost-sharing formula for increase or decrease of fee depending on whether actual cost of performance is less than or exceeds the target cost, with maximum and minimum fee limitations; and a cost ceiling which represents the maximum amount which the purchasing agency is obligated to reimburse the contractor. The contractor

continues performance until the work is complete or costs reach the ceiling specified in the contract, whichever first occurs. After performance is complete or costs reach the ceiling, the total incurred, allowable costs reimbursed in accordance with part 7 of these rules and as provided in the contract are applied in the cost-sharing formula to establish the incentive fee payable to the contractor. This type contract gives the contractor a stronger incentive to efficiently manage the contract than a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract provides.

(4) Determinations Required. Prior to entering into any cost incentive contract, the procurement officer shall make the written determination required by subsections 3-703(2)(b) and (c) of these rules. In addition, prior to entering any cost-plus contract with cost incentive fee, the procurement officer shall include in the written determination the determination required by subsection 3-703(2)(a) of these rules.

3-705 Performance Incentive Contracts.

In a performance incentive contract, the parties establish at the outset a pricing basis for the contract, performance goals, and a formula for increasing or decreasing the compensation if the specified performance goals are exceeded or not met. For example, early completion may entitle the contractor to a bonus while late completion may entitle the purchasing agency to a price decrease.

3-706 Time and Materials Contracts; Labor Hour Contracts.

(1) Time and Materials Contracts. Time and materials contracts provide for payment for materials at cost and labor performed at an hourly rate which includes overhead and profit. These contracts provide no incentives to minimize costs or effectively manage the contract work. Consequently, all such contracts shall contain a stated cost ceiling and shall be entered into only after the procurement officer determines in writing that:

(a) personnel have been assigned to closely monitor the performance of the work; and

(b) no other type of contract will suitably serve the purchasing agency's purpose.

(2) Labor Hour Contracts. A labor hour contract is the same as a time and materials contract except the contractor supplies no material. It is subject to the same considerations, and the procurement officer shall make the same determinations before it is used.

3-707 Definite Quantity and Indefinite Quantity Contracts.

(1) Definite Quantity. A definite quantity contract is a fixed-price contract that provides for delivery of a specified quantity of supplies or services either at specified times or when ordered.

(2) Indefinite Quantity. An indefinite quantity contract is a contract for an indefinite amount of supplies or services to be furnished as ordered that establishes unit prices of a fixed-price type. Generally an approximate quantity or the best information available is stated in the solicitation. The contract may provide a minimum quantity the purchasing agency is obligated to order and may also provide for a maximum quantity provision that limits the purchasing agency's obligation to order. The time of performance of an indefinite quantity contract may be extended upon agreement of the parties provided the extension is for 90 days or less and the procurement officer determines in writing that it is not practical to award another contract at the time of the extension.

(3) Requirements Contracts. A requirements contract is an indefinite quantity contract for supplies or services that obligates the purchasing agency to order all the actual, normal requirements of designated using agencies during a specified period of time; and for the protection of the purchasing agency and the contractor. Invitations for Bids and resulting requirements contracts shall include a provision. However, the purchasing agency may reserve in the solicitation and in the

resulting contract the right to take bids separately if a particular quantity requirement arises which exceeds an amount specified in the contract. Requirements contracts shall contain an exemption from ordering under the contract when the procurement officer approves a finding that the supply or service available under the contract will not meet a nonrecurring, special need of the purchasing agency.

3-708 Progressive and Multiple Awards.

(1) Progressive Award. A progressive award is an award of portions of a definite quantity requirement to more than one contractor. Each portion is for a definite quantity and the sum of the portions is the total definite quantity procured. A progressive award may be in the purchasing agency's best interest when awards to more than one bidder or offeror for different amounts of the same item are needed to obtain the total quantity or the time or times of delivery required.

(2) Multiple Award. A multiple award is an award of an indefinite quantity contract for one or more similar supplies or services to more than one bidder or offeror, and the purchasing agency is obligated to order all of its actual, normal requirements for the specified supplies or services from those contractors. A multiple award may be in the purchasing agency's best interest when award to two or more bidders or offerors for similar products is needed for adequate delivery, service, or availability, or for product compatibility. In making a multiple award, care shall be exercised to protect and promote the principles of competitive solicitation. All eligible users of the contract shall be named in the solicitation, and it shall be mandatory that the requirements of the users that can be met under the contract be obtained in accordance with the contract, provided, that:

(a) the purchasing agency shall reserve the right to take bids separately if a particular quantity requirement arises which exceeds an amount specified in the contract; or

(b) the purchasing agency shall reserve the right to take bids separately if the procurement officer approves a finding that the supply or service available under the contract will not meet a nonrecurring special need of the agency.

(3) Intent to Use. If a progressive or multiple award is anticipated prior to issuing a solicitation, the method of award shall be stated in the solicitation.

3-709 Leases.

(1) Use. A lease may be entered into provided:

(a) it is in the best interest of the purchasing agency;

(b) all conditions for renewal and costs of termination are set forth in the lease; and

(c) the lease is not used to avoid a competitive procurement.

(2) Competition. Lease and lease-purchase contracts are subject to the requirements of competition which govern the procurement of supplies.

(3) Lease with Purchase Option. A purchase option in a lease may be exercised only if the lease containing the purchase option was awarded under competitive bidding or competitive proposals, unless the requirement can be met only by the supply or facility being leased as determined in writing by the procurement officer. Before exercising this option, the procurement officer shall:

(a) investigate alternative means of procuring comparable supplies or facilities; and

(b) compare estimated costs and benefits associated with the alternative means and the exercise of the option, for example, the benefit of buying new state of the art data processing equipment compared to the estimated, initial savings associated with exercise of a purchase option.

3-710 Multi-Year Contracts; Installment Payments.

(1) Use. A contract may be entered into which extends beyond the current fiscal period provided any obligation for payment in a succeeding fiscal period is subject to the

availability of funds.

(2) Termination. A multi-year contract may be terminated without cost to the purchasing agency by reason of unavailability of funds for the purpose or for lack of performance by the contractor. Termination for other reason shall be as provided by the contract.

(3) Installment Payments. Supply contracts may provide for installment purchase payments, including interest charges, over a period of time. Installment payments, however, should be used judiciously in order to achieve economy and not to avoid budgetary restraints, and shall be justified in writing by the head of the using agency. Heads of using agencies shall be responsible for ensuring that statutory or other prohibitions are not violated by use of installment provisions and that all budgetary or other required prior approvals are obtained. No agreement shall be used unless provision for installment payments is included in the solicitation document.

3-711 Contract Option.

(1) Provision. Any contract subject to an option for renewal, extension, or purchase, shall have had a provision included in the solicitation. When a contract is awarded by competitive sealed bidding, exercise of the option shall be at the purchasing agency's discretion only, and not subject to agreement or acceptance by the contractor.

(2) Exercise of Option. Before exercising any option for renewal, extension, or purchase, the procurement officer should attempt to ascertain whether a competitive procurement is practical, in terms of pertinent competitive and cost factors, and would be more advantageous to the purchasing agency than renewal or extension of the existing contract.

R33-3-8. Cost or Pricing Data and Analysis; Audits.

3-801 Scope.

This subpart sets forth the pricing policies which are applicable to contracts of any type and any included price adjustments when cost or pricing data are required to be submitted.

3-802 Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data.

(1) Submission of Cost or Pricing Data - Required. Cost or pricing data shall be required in support of a proposal leading to:

(a) the pricing of any contract expected to exceed \$100,000 to be awarded by competitive sealed proposals or sole source procurement; or

(b) the pricing of any adjustment to any contract, including a contract, awarded by competitive sealed bidding, whether or not cost pricing data was required in connection with the initial pricing of the contract, as requested by the procurement officer. However, this requirement shall not apply when unrelated and separately priced adjustments for which cost or pricing data would not be required are consolidated for administrative convenience.

(2) Submission of Cost or Pricing Data - Permissive. After making determination that circumstances warrant action, the procurement officer may require the offeror or contractor to submit cost or pricing data in any other situation except where the contract award is made pursuant to competitive sealed bidding. Generally, cost or pricing data should not be required where the contract or modification is less than \$2,000. Moreover, when less than complete cost analysis will provide a reasonable pricing result on awards or for change orders without the submission of complete cost or pricing data, the procurement officer shall request only that data considered adequate to support the limited extent of the cost analysis needed and need not require certification.

(3) Exceptions. Cost or pricing data need not be submitted and certified:

(a) where the contract price is based on:

(i) adequate price competition;

(ii) established catalog prices or market prices, if trade discounts are reflected in the prices; or

(iii) prices set by law or rule; or

(b) when the procurement officer determines in writing that the requirements for submitting cost or pricing data may be waived and the reasons for the waiver are stated in the determination. A copy of the determination shall be kept in the contract file and made available to the public upon request. If, after cost or pricing data were initially requested and received, it is determined that adequate price competition does exist, the data need not be certified.

If, despite the existence of an established catalog price or market price, the procurement officer considers that a price appears unreasonable, cost or pricing data may be requested. Where the reasonableness of the price can be assured by limited data pertaining to the differences in the item or services, requests should be so limited.

3-803 Submission of Cost or Pricing Data and Certification.

Cost or pricing data shall be submitted to the procurement officer at the time and in the manner prescribed in these rules or as otherwise from time to time prescribed by the procurement officer. When the procurement officer requires the offeror or contractor to submit cost or pricing data in support of any proposal, the data shall either be actually submitted or specifically identified in writing. When cost or pricing data is required, the data is to be submitted prior to beginning price negotiation and the offeror or contractor is required to keep the submission current throughout the negotiations. The offeror or contractor shall certify, as soon as practicable after agreement is reached on price, that the cost or pricing data submitted is accurate, complete, and current as of a mutually determined date prior to reaching agreement. Certification shall be made using the certificate set forth in section 3-804 of this subpart. A refusal by the offeror to supply the required data shall be referred to the procurement officer whose duty shall be to determine in writing whether to disqualify the noncomplying offeror, to defer award pending further investigation, or to enter into the contract. A refusal by a contractor to submit the required data to support a price adjustment shall be referred to the procurement officer who shall determine in writing whether to further investigate the price adjustment, not to allow any price adjustment, or to set the amount of the price adjustment.

3-804 Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data.

(1) Form of Certificate. When cost or pricing data must be certified, the certificate set forth below shall be included in the contract file along with any award documentation required under these rules. The offeror or contractor shall be required to submit the certificate as soon as practicable after agreement is reached on the contract price or adjustment.

"CERTIFICATE OF CURRENT COST OR PRICING DATA

This is to certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, cost or pricing data as defined in the Utah Procurement Rules submitted, either actually or by specific identification in writing, to the procurement officer in support of . . . , are accurate, complete, and current as of date, month and year. . . The effective date shall be the date when price negotiations were concluded and the contract price was agreed to. The responsibility of the offeror or contractor is not limited by the personal knowledge of the offeror's or contractor's negotiator if the offeror or contractor had information reasonably available at the time of agreement, showing that the negotiated price is not based on accurate, complete, and current data.

This certification includes the cost or pricing data supporting any advance agreement(s) between the offeror and the purchasing agency which are part of the proposal.

Firm
Name

Title

Date of Execution . . . (This date should be as close as practical to the date when the price negotiations were concluded and the contract price was agreed to.)"

(End of Certificate)

(2) Limitation of Representation. Because the certificate pertains to cost or pricing data, it is not to be construed as a representation as to the accuracy of the offeror's or contractor's judgment on the estimated portion of future costs or projections. It does, however, apply to the data upon which the offeror's or contractor's judgment is based. A certificate of current cost or pricing data is not a substitute for examination and analysis of the offeror's or contractor's proposal.

(3) Inclusion of Notice and Contract Clause. Whenever it is anticipated that a certificate of current cost or pricing data may be required, a clause giving notice of this requirement shall be included in the solicitation. If a certificate is required, the contract shall include a clause giving the purchasing agency a contract right to a price adjustment, that is, to a reduction in the price to what it would have been if the contractor had submitted accurate, complete, and current data.

(4) Exercise of Option. The exercise of an option at the price established in the initial negotiation in which certified cost or pricing data were used does not require recertification or further submission of data.

3-805 Defective Cost or Pricing Data.

(1) Overstated Cost or Pricing Data. If certified cost or pricing data is subsequently found to have been inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent as of the date stated in the certificate, the purchasing agency shall be entitled to an adjustment of the contract price, including profit or fee, to exclude any significant sum by which the price, including profit or fee, was increased because of the defective data. It is assumed that overstated cost or pricing data increased the contract price in the amount of the defect plus related overhead and profit or fee. Unless there is a clear indication that the defective data were not used or relied upon, the price should be reduced in this amount. In establishing that the defective data caused an increase in the contract price, the procurement officer is not expected to reconstruct the negotiation by speculating as to what would have been the mental attitudes of the negotiating parties if the correct data had been submitted at the time of agreement on price.

(2) Understated Cost or Pricing Data. In determining the amount of an adjustment, the contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment for any understated cost or pricing data submitted in support of price negotiations for the same pricing action up to the amount of the purchasing agency's claim for over stated cost or pricing data arising out of the same pricing action.

(3) Dispute as to Amount. If the contractor and the procurement officer cannot agree as to the amount of adjustment due to defective cost or pricing data, the procurement officer shall set an amount in accordance with subsections 3-805(1) and 3-805(2) of this subpart.

3-806 Price Analysis Techniques.

Price analysis is used to determine if a price is reasonable and acceptable. It involves a comparison of the prices for the same or similar items or services. Examples of price analysis criteria include:

- (1) price submissions of other prospective bidders or offerors;
- (2) prior price quotations and contract prices charged by any bidder, offeror, or contractor;
- (3) prices published in catalogs or price lists; and
- (4) prices available on the open market.

In making an analysis, consideration must be given to any differing delivery factors and contractual provisions, terms and conditions.

3-807 Cost Analysis Techniques.

(1) General. Cost analysis includes the appropriate verification of cost or pricing data, and the use of this data to evaluate:

- (a) specific elements of costs;
- (b) the necessity for certain costs;
- (c) the reasonableness of amounts estimated for the necessary costs;
- (d) the reasonableness of allowances for contingencies;
- (e) the basis used for allocation of indirect costs;
- (f) the appropriateness of allocations of particular indirect costs to the proposed contract; and
- (g) the reasonableness of the total cost or price.

(2) Evaluations. Evaluations of cost or pricing data should include comparisons of costs and prices of an offeror's cost estimates with those of other offerors and any independent price and cost estimates. They shall also include consideration of whether the costs are reasonable and allocable under these rules.

3-808 Audit.

(1) The procurement officer may, at reasonable times and places, audit or cause to be audited, the books and records of a contractor, prospective contractor, subcontractor, or prospective subcontractor which are related to:

- (a) the cost or pricing data submitted;
- (b) a contract, including subcontracts, other than a firm fixed-price contract, awarded pursuant to these rules and the Utah Procurement Code.

(2) An audit performed by an auditor selected or approved by the procurement officer shall be submitted containing at least the following information:

- (a) for cost and pricing data audits:
 - (i) a description of the original proposal and all submissions of cost or pricing data;
 - (ii) an explanation of the basis and the method used in preparing the proposal;
 - (iii) a statement identifying any cost or pricing data not submitted but examined by the auditor which has a significant affect on the proposed cost or price;
 - (iv) a description of any deficiency in the cost or pricing data submitted and an explanation of its affect on the proposal;
 - (v) a statement summarizing those major points where there is a disagreement as to the cost or pricing data submitted; and
 - (vi) a statement identifying any information obtained from other sources;
- (b) the number of invoices or reimbursement vouchers submitted by the contractor or subcontractor for payment;
- (c) the use of federal assistance funds; or
- (d) the fluctuation of market prices affecting the contract.

The scope of the audit may be limited by the procurement officer.

(3) For contract audits, the scope of the report will depend on the scope of the audit ordered. However, the report should contain specific reference to the terms of the contract to which the audited data relates and a statement of the degree to which the auditor believes the audited data evidence compliance with those terms.

3-809 Retention of Books and Records.

(1) Relating to Cost and Pricing Data. Any contractor who receives a contract, change order, or contract modification for which cost or pricing data is required shall maintain the books and records that relate to the cost or pricing data for three years from the date of final payment under the contract.

(2) Relating to Other than Firm Fixed-Price Contracts. Books and records that relate to a contract in excess of \$25,000, including subcontracts, other than a firm fixed-price contract, shall be maintained:

- (a) by a contractor, for three years from the date of final payment under the contract; and
- (b) by a subcontractor, for three years from the date of

final payment under the subcontract.

R33-3-9. Plant or Site Inspection; Inspection of Supplies or Services.

3-901 Inspection of Plant or Site.

Circumstances under which the purchasing agency may perform inspections include inspections of the contractor's plant or site in order to determine:

- (1) whether the standards set forth in section 3-601 have been met or are capable of being met; and
- (2) if the contract is being performed in accordance with its terms.

3-902 Access to Plant or Place of Business.

The purchasing agency may enter a contractor's or subcontractor's plant or place of business to:

- (1) inspect supplies or services for acceptance by the purchasing agency pursuant to the terms of a contract;
- (2) audit cost or pricing data or audit the books and records of any contractor or subcontractor pursuant to Section 63G-6-415 subsection (5) of the Utah Procurement Code; and
- (3) investigate in connection with an action to debar or suspend a person from consideration for award of contracts pursuant to Section 63G-6-804 of the Utah Procurement Code.

3-903 Inspection of Supplies and Services.

(1) Provisions for Inspection. Contracts may provide that the purchasing agency may inspect supplies and services at the contractor's or subcontractor's facility and perform tests to determine whether they conform to solicitation requirements or, after award, to contract requirements, and are acceptable. These inspections and tests shall be conducted in accordance with the terms of the solicitation and contract.

(2) Trial Use and Testing. The procurement officer is authorized to establish operational procedures governing the testing and trial use of various equipment, materials, and supplies by any using agency, and the relevance and use of resulting information to specifications and procurements.

3-904 Conduct of Inspections.

(1) Inspectors. Inspections or tests shall be performed so as not to unduly delay the work of the contractor or subcontractor. No inspector may change any provision of the specifications or the contract without written authorization of the procurement officer. The presence or absence of an inspector shall not relieve the contractor or subcontractor from any requirements of the contract.

(2) Location. When an inspection is made in the plant or place of business of a contractor or subcontractor, the contractor or subcontractor shall provide without charge all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the person performing the inspection or testing.

(3) Time. Inspection or testing of supplies and services performed at the plant or place of business of any contractor or subcontractor shall be performed at reasonable times.

3-905 Inspection of Construction Projects.

On-site inspection of construction shall be performed in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.**R33-6. Modification and Termination of Contracts for Supplies and Services.****R33-6-101. Revisions to Contract Clauses.**

The clauses set forth in this rule may be varied for use in a particular contract at the discretion of the procurement officer.

R33-6-102. Changes Clause.

Changes Clause in Fixed-Price Contracts. In fixed-price contracts, the following clause may be inserted:

"Changes"

Change Order. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the procurement officer may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

(1) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the purchasing agency,

(2) method of shipment or packing; or

(3) place of delivery.

Adjustments of Price or Time or Performance. If any change order increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, an adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract. Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the purchasing agency promptly and duly makes provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written change order under the Change Order paragraph of this clause, unless the period is extended by the procurement officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment.

Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract."

R33-6-103. Stop Work Order Clause.

(1) Use of Clause. This clause is authorized for use in any fixed-price contract under which work stoppage may be required for reasons such as advancements in the state of the art, production modifications, engineering changes or realignment of programs.

(2) Use of Orders.

(a) Because stop work orders may result in increased costs by reason of standby costs, these orders will be issued only with prior approval of the procurement officer.

(b) Stop work orders shall include, as appropriate:

(i) a clear description of the work to be suspended;

(ii) instructions as to the issuance of further orders by the contractor for material or services.

(c) If an extension of the stop work order is necessary, it must be evidenced by a supplemental agreement as soon as feasible after a stop work order is issued. Any cancellation of a stop work order shall be subject to the same approvals as were required for the issuance of the order.

(3) Clause.

"Stop Work Order"

Order to Stop Work. The procurement officer, may, by written order to the contractor, at any time, and without notice to any surety, require the contractor to stop all or any part of the work called for by this contract. This order shall be for a

specified period after the order is delivered to the contractor. Any order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, the contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or as legally extended, the procurement officer shall either:

(a) cancel the stop work order;

(b) terminate the work covered by the order; or

(c) terminate the contract.

Cancellation or Expiration of the Order. If a stop work order issued under this clause is properly canceled, the contractor shall have the right to resume work. An appropriate adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule or contract price, or both, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:

(a) the stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the contractor's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this contract; and

(b) the contractor asserts a claim for such an adjustment within 30 days after the end of the period of work stoppage.

Termination of Stopped Work. If the work covered by the order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order shall be allowed by adjustment or otherwise and the adjustment shall be in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract."

R33-6-104. Variations in Estimated Quantities Clause.

(1) Definite Quantity Contracts. The following clause may be used in definite quantity supply or service contracts:

Variation in Quantity

Upon the agreement of the parties, the quantity of supplies or services, or both, specified in this contract may be increased provided:

(a) the unit prices for the increased quantity increment will remain the same; and

(b) an increase will either be more economical than awarding another contract or that it would not be practical to award another contract."

(2) Indefinite Quantity Contracts. No clause is provided here. However, the solicitation and contract should include:

(a) the minimum quantity, if any, the purchasing agency is obligated to order and the contractor to provide;

(b) whether there is an approximate quantity the purchasing agency expects to order and how this quantity relates to the minimum and maximum quantities that may be ordered under the contract;

(c) whether there is a maximum quantity the purchasing agency may order and the contractor must provide; and

(d) whether the purchasing agency is obligated to order its actual requirements under the contract, with exception for a stated quantity, which if exceeded, separate bids will be solicited.

R33-6-105. Price Adjustment Clause.

The following clause may be used when price adjustments are anticipated:

Price Adjustment

Price Adjustment Methods. Any adjustment in contract price pursuant to the application of a clause in this contract shall be made in one or more of the following ways:

(1) by agreement on a fixed-price adjustment;

(2) by unit prices specified in the contract;

(3) in another manner as the parties may mutually agree;

or

(4) in the absence of agreement between the parties, by a unilateral determination by the procurement officer of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, plus

appropriate profit or fee.

Submission of Cost or Pricing Data. The contractor shall provide cost or pricing data for any price adjustment subject to the provisions of the Cost or Pricing Data section of the Utah State Procurement Rules."

R33-6-106. Termination for Default Clause.

Termination For Default

Default. If the contractor refuses or fails to timely perform any of the provisions of this contract, with sufficient diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, the procurement officer may notify the contractor in writing of the nonperformance, and if not promptly corrected, such officer may terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the contract or part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. The contractor shall continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services elsewhere.

Contractor's Duties. Notwithstanding termination of the contract and subject to any directions from the procurement officer, the contractor shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the purchasing agency has an interest.

Compensation. Payment for completed supplies delivered and accepted by the purchasing agency shall be at the contract price. The purchasing agency may withhold amounts due the contractor as the procurement officer deems to be necessary to protect the purchasing agency against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the purchasing agency for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.

Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance. The contractor shall not be in default by reason or any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms if the failure arises out of acts of God; acts of the public enemy; acts of the state and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather.

Upon request of the contractor, the procurement officer shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly, subject to the rights of the purchasing agency.

Erroneous Termination for Default. If after notice of termination of the contractor's right to proceed under the provision of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to the termination for convenience clause."

R33-6-107. Liquidated Damages Clause.

Liquidated Damages

When the contractor is given notice of delay or nonperformance and fails to cure in the time specified, in addition to any other damages that are applicable, the contractor shall be liable for \$..... per calendar day from date set for cure until either the purchasing agency reasonably obtains similar supplies or services if the contractor is terminated for default, or until the contractor provides the supplies or services if the contractor is not terminated for default. To the extent that the contractor's delay or nonperformance is excused under the Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance paragraph

of the Termination for Default Clause of this contract, liquidated damages shall not be due the purchasing agency.

R33-6-108. Termination for Convenience Clause.

Termination For Convenience

Termination. The procurement officer may, when the interests of the purchasing agency so require, terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the agency. The procurement officer shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective. This in no way implies that the purchasing agency has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

Contractor's Obligations. The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The procurement officer may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the purchasing agency. The contractor must still complete and deliver to the purchasing agency the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations to do so.

Compensation.

(1) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within 90 days from the effective date of termination, the procurement officer may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with subparagraph (c) of this paragraph.

(2) The procurement officer and the contractor may agree to a settlement provided the contractor has filed a termination claim supported by cost or pricing data and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs, reduced by payments previously made by the purchasing agency, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials made under agreement, and the contract price of the work not terminated.

(3) Absent complete agreement under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the procurement officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this subparagraph:

(a) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;

(b) costs incurred in preparing to perform the terminated portion of the work plus a fair and reasonable profit on a portion of the work not including anticipatory profit or consequential damages, less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services; provided, however, that if it appears that the contractor would have sustained a loss if the entire contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss;

(c) costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to the Contractor's Obligations paragraph of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with subparagraph (c) (ii) of this paragraph;

(d) the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor including accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the contract and for the termination and settlement of subcontracts,

together with reasonable storage, transportation, and other costs incurred in connection with the protection or disposition of property allocable to the terminated portion of this contract. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(4) Cost claimed or agreed to under this section shall be in accordance with applicable sections of the Utah State Procurement Rules."

R33-6-109. Novation, Assignment or Change of Name.

(1) Assignment. No contract is transferable, or otherwise assignable, without the written consent of the procurement officer provided, however, that a contractor may assign monies receivable under a contract after due notice to the purchasing agency.

(2) Recognition of a Successor in Interest; Novation. When in the best interest of the purchasing agency, a successor in interest may be recognized in a novation agreement in which the transferor and the transferee shall agree that:

(a) the transferee assumes all of the transferor's obligations;

(b) the transferor waives all rights under the contract as against the agency; and

(c) unless the transferor guarantees performance of the contract by the transferee, the transferee shall, if required, furnish a satisfactory performance bond.

(3) Change of Name. When a contractor requests to change the name in which it holds a contract with a purchasing agency, the procurement officer responsible for the contract shall, upon receipt of a document indicating a change of name, enter into an agreement with the requesting contractor to effect such a change of name. The agreement changing the name should specifically indicate that no other terms and conditions of the contract are changed.

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R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.**R33-9. Insurance Procurement.****R33-9-101. Standard Bidding Method.**

All new or renewal liability insurance purchases regardless of premium size and all other new or renewal insurance purchases over \$5,000 annual premium will be made after advertisement for public bid, in accordance with these rules, except in cases of emergency for nonliability policies. In awarding the bid, the procurement officer shall consider the following:

- (1) financial resources of agent, broker and underwriting company;
- (2) quality of prior service rendered to the state;
- (3) service facilities available in-state;
- (4) service reputation;
- (5) insurance experience and expertise;
- (6) coverages and services to be provided; and
- (7) any other reasonable factors which will provide the best possible coverage and service to the purchasing agency.

R33-9-102. Alternate Bidding Method.

To avoid oversaturation of limited primary or reinsurance markets, a two-step bidding method may be used at the option of the procurement officer.

(1) All interested agents and brokers would be required to qualify for final bidding according to reasonable selection criteria such as: similar accounts in office; size of firm; background of firm principles; specialized knowledge or expertise; and any other reasonable factors which will provide the best possible coverage for the purchasing agency. At least three unaffiliated brokers or agents must qualify for final bidding.

(2) The prequalified group of final bidders must submit a list of markets to the procurement officer in order of preference. The procurement officer will then, as equitably as possible, assign no more than five and no less than three markets to each final bidder, based upon their preferences.

Bidders will then submit an official bid for each assigned market, according to bid specifications.

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R68. Agriculture and Food, Plant Industry.**R68-3. Utah Fertilizer Act Governing Fertilizers and Soil Amendments.****R68-3-1. Authority.**

Promulgated under authority of Section 4-2-2 and 4-13-4.

R68-3-2. Registration of Products.

A. All fertilizer or soil amendment products distributed in Utah shall be officially registered with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

1. Application for registration shall be made to the Department upon forms prescribed and provided by the Department and shall include the following information for each product:

- a. The net weight,
- b. The brand and grade,
- c. The guaranteed analysis,
- d. The name and address and phone number of the registrant.

e. The label for each product registered.

f. Any waste-derived fertilizer distributed as a single ingredient product or blended with other fertilizer ingredients must be identified as "waste-derived fertilizer" by the registrant in the application for registration. "Waste-derived fertilizer" shall include any commercial fertilizer that is derived from an industrial byproduct, coproduct or other material that would otherwise be disposed of if a market for reuse were not an option, but does not include fertilizers derived from biosolids or biosolids products regulated under Environmental Protection Agency Code of Federal Regulation, Section 503.

g. The registrant of a waste-derived fertilizer shall state in the application for registration the levels of non-nutritive metals (including but not limited to arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead and selenium). The registrant will provide a laboratory report or other documentation verifying the levels of the non-nutritive metals in the waste-derived fertilizer.

2. The Commissioner may require submission of the complete formula of any fertilizer or soil amendment if it shall be deemed necessary for administration of the Utah Fertilizer Act. If it appears to the Commissioner that the composition of the product is such as to warrant the proposed claims for it, and if the product and its labeling and any other information which may be required to be submitted comply with the requirements of the act, the products shall be registered.

a. Before registering any soil amendment the Commissioner shall require evidence to substantiate the claims made for the soil amendment and proof of the value and usefulness of the soil amendment. Such supportive data shall accompany the application for registration and shall be obtained from one or more State Experiment Stations. Cost for such research shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Final decision concerning registration of a soil amendment shall be made by the Commissioner following evaluation of all evidence presented.

3. The registrant is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all information submitted concerning application for registration of a fertilizer or soil amendment product.

4. Once a fertilizer or soil amendment is registered under the act, no further registration is required, as long as the label does not differ in any respect.

5. Whenever the name of fertilizer or soil amendment product is changed or there are changes in the product ingredients or guaranteed analysis, a new registration shall be required. Other labeling changes shall not require re-registration, but the registrant shall submit copies of all changes to the Department as soon as they are effective. A reasonable time may be permitted to dispose of properly labeled stocks of the old product.

6. A registration fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), per product shall be paid by the applicant annually.

7. Each registration is renewable for a period of one year upon payment of the annual renewal fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), per product which shall be paid on or before December 31 of each year. If the renewal of a fertilizer or soil amendment registration is not filed prior to January 1 of any year, an additional fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed per product and added to the original registration fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the registration renewal for that fertilizer or soil amendment shall be issued.

8. A distributor is not required to register each grade of commercial fertilizer or soil amendment formulated by a consumer before mixing, but is required to register the name under which the business of blending or mixing is conducted and to pay an annual blender's license fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2). A blender's license shall expire at midnight on December 31 of the year in which it is issued. A blender's license is renewable for a period of one year upon the payment of an annual license renewal fee. For Each renewal of a fertilizer or soil amendment blender's license not filed prior to January 1 of any one year, an additional fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2), shall be assessed and added to the original license fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the license shall be issued.

9. Beginning January 1, 1991 and on a semi-annual basis, fertilizer and soil amendment products sold in the State of Utah will be assessed a fee determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-2(2). This assessment shall be paid by the manufacturer or distributor on or before February 1st each year for the sales period July 1 through December 31 and again on or before August 1st each year for the sales period January 1 through June 30. The amount of assessment will be determined by records of the previous six month's sales.

R68-3-3. Product Labeling.

A. Each container of packaged fertilizer distributed in Utah shall bear a label showing the following information:

1. net weight,
2. brand and grade,
3. guaranteed analysis,
4. name and address of the registrant,
5. lot number.

B. Each container of packaged soil amendment distributed in Utah shall bear a label showing the following:

1. net weight,
2. brand name,
3. name and percentages of the soil amending ingredients,
4. purpose of product,
5. directions for application of product,
6. name and address of the registrant,
7. lot number.

C. When any reference is made upon the label, labeling, or graphic material of a commercial fertilizer or soil amendment to "trace elements," "minor elements," "secondary elements," "plant foods" or similar generalized terms, each individual plant food to which such term refers must be listed upon the label.

D. No guarantee for a plant food element may be shown upon a label which is not listed upon the application for registration of the fertilizer or soil amendment material.

E. If guarantees for secondary plant foods and trace elements are listed upon the label of a fertilizer of soil amendment, they must be represented in terms of the element, and the minimum amount of each which may be guaranteed in the labeling of any fertilizer or soil amendment product is as follows:

TABLE

Calcium (Ca)	1.00%	Copper (Cu)	0.05%
Magnesium (Mg)	0.50%	Iron (Fe)	0.10%
Sulfur (S)	1.00%	Manganese (Mn)	0.05%
Boron (B)	0.02%	Molybdenum (Mo)	0.0005%
Cobalt (Co)	0.0005%	Sodium (Na)	0.10%
Chlorine (Cl)	0.10%	Zinc (Zn)	0.05%

F. No specialty fertilizer label shall bear a statement that connotes or infers the presence of a slowly available plant nutrient unless the nutrient or nutrients are identified. When a fertilizer label infers or connotes that the nitrogen is slowly available through use of "organic," "organic nitrogen," "ureaform," "long lasting," or similar terms, the guaranteed analysis must indicate the percentage of water insoluble nitrogen in the material. When the water insoluble nitrogen is less than 15% of the total nitrogen, the label shall bear no reference to "long lasting," "organic," or similar terms.

G. Pesticides may be added to registered fertilizers or soil amendments provided:

1. The fertilizers and soil amendments and the pesticides are officially registered.
2. Each container or package containing a fertilizer or soil amendment pesticide mixture shall have attached a label showing the information stated in Subsection R68-3-2(2)(a) of these rules and in Section 4-14-4.

R68-3-4. Deficiencies of Ingredients.

A commercial fertilizer shall be deemed deficient if the analysis of nutrients is below the guarantee by an amount exceeding the values in the following schedule or if the overall index value of the fertilizer is below 98%.

TABLE
ALLOWABLE DEFICIENCIES

Guarantee Percent	Nitrogen Percent	Available Phosphoric Acid	Potash Percent
04 or less	0.49	0.67	0.41
05	0.51	0.67	0.43
06	0.52	0.67	0.47
07	0.54	0.68	0.53
08	0.55	0.68	0.60
09	0.57	0.68	0.65
10	0.58	0.69	0.70
12	0.61	0.69	0.79
14	0.63	0.70	0.87
16	0.67	0.70	0.94
18	0.70	0.71	1.01
20	0.73	0.72	1.08
22	0.75	0.72	1.15
24	0.78	0.73	1.21
26	0.81	0.73	1.27
28	0.83	0.74	1.33
30	0.86	0.75	1.39
32 or more	0.88	0.76	1.44

R68-3-5. Values of Ingredients.

The Department shall annually publish the monetary values per unit of nitrogen, available phosphoric acid, and soluble potash in commercial fertilizer in this state, which may be used as a basis for assessing monetary penalties for ingredient deficiencies as provided under section 4-13-6.

R68-3-6. Unlawful Acts.

A. Any person who has committed any acts included but not limited to those listed below is in violation of the Utah Fertilizer Act or rules promulgated thereunder and is subject to penalties provided for in Section 4-2-14:

1. Made false or fraudulent claims through any media misrepresenting the effect of fertilizers or soil amendments offered for sale in Utah;
2. Neglected or, after notice, refused to comply with the provisions of the act, these rules, or any lawful order of the

Commissioner;

3. Made false or fraudulent records, invoices, or reports;
4. Used fraud or misrepresentations in making application for, or renewal of a registration or license;
5. Distributed commercial fertilizer or soil amendments which contain seeds or other viable plant parts or noxious weeds.
6. Distributed any waste-derived fertilizer that has not been identified in the registration application.

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

This rule shall be known as the "Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act Rule".

R156-55a-102. Definitions.

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

(1) "Construction trades instructor", as used in Subsection 58-55-301(2)(o) is clarified to mean the education facility which is issued the license as a construction trades instructor. It does not mean individuals employed by the facility who may teach classes.

(2) "Construction trades instruction facility" means the facility which is granted the license as a construction trades instructor as specified in Subsection 58-55-301(2)(o) and as clarified in R156-55a-102(1).

(3) "Employee", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(12)(a) and 58-55-102(14), means a person providing labor services in the construction trades who works for a licensed contractor, or the substantial equivalent of a licensed contractor as determined by the Division, for compensation who has federal and state taxes withheld and workers' compensation and unemployment insurance provided by the person's employer.

(4) "Incidental", as used in Subsection 58-55-102(36), means work which:

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

(b) arises from and is directly related to work performed in the licensed specialty classification and does not exceed 10 percent of the overall contract and does not include performance of any electrical or plumbing work unless specifically included in the specialty classification description under Subsection R156-55a-301(2).

(5) "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.

(6) "Mechanical", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(18) and 58-55-102(29), means the work which may be performed by a S350 HVAC Contractor under Section R156-55a-301.

(7) "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.

(8) "Qualifier", as used in Title 58, Chapter 55 and this rule, means the individual who demonstrates competence for a contractor or construction trades instruction facility license by passing the examinations, completing the experience requirements or holding the individual licenses that are prerequisite requirements to obtain the contractor or construction trades instruction facility license.

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

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

R156-55a-103. Authority.

This rule is adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) 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 engaged in work which is included in the items listed in Subsections R156-55a-301(4) and (5) is exempt from licensure in accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(1)(i).

(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) and pursuant to Subsection 58-55-102(18)(b) is clarified as follows:

(a) The General Building Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S202 - Solar Photovoltaic Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

(b) The General Building Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

B200 - Modular Unit Installation Contractor. Set up or installation of modular units as defined in Subsection 58-56-3(11) and constructed in accordance with Section 58-56-13. The scope of the work permitted under this classification includes construction of the permanent or temporary foundations, placement of the modular unit on a permanent or temporary foundation, securing the units together if required and securing the modular units to the foundations. Work excluded from this classification includes installation of factory built housing and connection of required utilities.

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(29) and pursuant to Subsection 58-55-102(29) is clarified as follows:

(a) The Residential and Small Commercial Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S202 - Solar Photovoltaic Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

(b) The Residential and Small Commercial Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

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 \$50,000 in total cost.

R200 - Factory Built Housing Contractor. Disconnection, setup, installation or removal 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 Instruction Facility. A General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility 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 Instruction Facility. A General Building Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility authorized to teach the construction trades and is subject to the scope of practice defined in Subsections 58-55-102(18) or 58-55-102(29).

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

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

I105 - Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility. A Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility is a construction trades instruction facility 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. The General Electrical Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

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.

S202 - Solar Photovoltaic Contractor. Fabrication, construction, installation, and repair of photovoltaic cell panels and related components including battery storage systems, distribution panels, switch gear, electrical wires, inverters, and other electrical apparatus for solar photovoltaic systems. Work excluded from this classification includes work on any alternating current system or system component.

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. The General Plumbing Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

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 Thermal Systems Contractor. Construction, repair and/or installation of solar thermal systems up to the system shut off valve or where the system interfaces with any other plumbing system.

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. Incidental work includes the installation of tub liners and wall systems.

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

S222 - Overhead and Garage Door Contractor. The installation of overhead and garage doors and door openers.

S230 - Siding Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and/or installation of siding.

S231 - Raingutter Installation Contractor. On-site fabrication and/or installation of rain gutters 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 - Cementitious Coating Systems Resurfacing and Sealing Contractor. Fabrication, construction, mixing, batching and installation of cementitious 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 and Plastering Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of drywall, gypsum, wallboard panels and assemblies. Preparation of drywall or plaster surfaces for suitable painting or finishing. Application to surfaces of coatings made of plaster, including the preparation of the surface and the provision of a base. This does not include applying stucco to lathe, plaster and other surfaces. 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.

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. Incidental work includes the installation of roof clamp ring to the roof drain.

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, including the installation of shower pans, 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. Incidental work includes the

installation of shower pans.

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. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

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. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

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. Incidental work includes the installation of shower pans.

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.

(a) grading and preparing land for architectural, horticultural, or decorative treatment;

(b) arrangement, and planting of gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, bushes, trees, or other decorative vegetation;

(c) construction of small decorative pools, tanks, fountains, hothouses, greenhouses, fences, walks, garden lighting of 50 volts or less, or sprinkler systems;

(d) construction of retaining walls except retaining walls which are intended to hold vehicles, structures, equipment or other non natural fill materials within the area located within a 45 degree angle from the base of the retaining wall to the level of where the additional weight bearing vehicles, structures, equipment or other non natural fill materials are located; or

(e) patio areas except that:

(i) no decking designed to support humans or structures shall be included; and

(ii) no concrete work designed to support structures to be placed upon the patio shall be included.

(f) This classification does not include running electrical or gas lines to any appliance.

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. The HVAC Contractor scope of practice does not include activities described in this Subsection

under specialty classification S354-Radon Mitigation Contractor unless the work is performed under the immediate supervision of an employee who holds a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

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.

S354 - Radon Mitigation Contractor. Layout, fabrication, and installation of a radon mitigation system. This classification does not include work on heat recovery ventilation or makeup air components which must be performed by an HVAC Contractor and does not include electrical wiring which must be performed by an Electrical Contractor.

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, prefabricated 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. Also included in painting on asphalt surfaces including striping, directional and other types of symbols or words.

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, Ornamental Iron and Guardrail Contractor. Fabrication, construction, and installation of fences, guardrails, handrails, 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, including the installation of venting and exhaust systems, provided the individual performing the installation is RMGA certified.

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.

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 solid 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. Includes the installation and attachment of equipment such as poles, basketball standards or other equipment.

S600 - General Stucco Contractor. Applying stucco to lathe, plaster and other surfaces.

S700 - Specialty License Contractor.

(a) A specialty license is a license that confines the scope of the allowable contracting work to a specialized area of construction which the Division grants on a case-by-case basis.

(b) When applying for a specialty license, an applicant, if requested, shall submit to the Division the following:

(i) a detailed statement of the type and scope of contracting work that the applicant proposes to perform; and

(ii) any brochures, catalogs, photographs, diagrams, or other material to further clarify the scope of the work that the applicant proposes to perform.

(c) A contractor issued a specialty license shall confine the contractor's activities to the field and scope of operations as outlined by the Division.

(3)(a) Any person holding a S215 Solar Systems Contractor license before the effective date of this rule may obtain a S202 Solar Photovoltaic Contractor license by submitting an affidavit demonstrating two years of experience that meets the requirements of R156-55a-302b no later than March 31, 2010.

(b) Any person holding a S271 Plastering and Stucco Contractor license before the effective date of this rule shall be issued a S270 General Drywall and Plastering Contractor license.

(c) Any person holding a S274 Drywall Contractor license before the effective date of this rule shall be issued a S270 General Drywall and Plastering Contractor license.

(d) Any person holding a S271 Plastering and Stucco Contractor license or an S270 General Drywall, Stucco and Plastering Contractor license before the effective date of this rule may obtain a S600 General Stucco Contractor license by submitting an affidavit demonstrating two years of experience that meets the requirements of R156-55a-302b no later than March 31, 2010.

(e) Any person holding any of the following licenses before the effective date of this rule shall be issued a S280 General Roofing Contractor license:

- (i) S281 Single Ply and Specialty Coating Contractor;
- (ii) S282 Build-up Roofing Contractor;
- (iii) S283 Shingle and Shake Roofing Contractor;
- (iv) S284 Tile Roofing Contractor; and
- (v) S285 Metal Roofing Contractor.

(4) The following activities are determined to not significantly impact the public health, safety and welfare and therefore do not require a contractor's license:

- (a) sandblasting;
- (b) pumping services;
- (c) tree stump or tree removal;
- (d) installation within a building of communication cables including phone and cable television;
- (e) installation of low voltage electrical as described in R156-55b-102(1);
- (f) construction of utility sheds, gazebos or other similar items which are personal property and not attached;
- (g) building and window washing, including power washing;
- (h) central vacuum systems installation;
- (i) concrete cutting;
- (j) interior decorating;
- (k) wall paper hanging;
- (l) drapery and blind installation;
- (m) welding on personal property which is not attached;
- (n) chimney sweepers other than repairing masonry;
- (o) carpet and vinyl floor installation; and
- (p) artificial turf installation.

(5) The following activities are those determined to not significantly impact the public health, safety and welfare beyond the regulations by other agencies and therefore do not require a contractor's license:

- (a) lead removal regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality;
- (b) asbestos removal regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality;
- (c) elevator installation and maintenance regulated by the Labor Commission; and
- (d) fire alarm installation regulated by the Fire Marshal.

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

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

- (a) the Utah Contractor Business - Law Examination; and
- (b) an approved trade classification specific examination, where required in Subsection (2).

(2) An approved trade classification specific examination is required for the following contractor license classifications:

- E100 - General Engineering Contractor
- B100 - General Building Contractor
- B200 - Modular Unit Installation Contractor
- R100 - Residential and Small Commercial Contractor
- R101 - Residential and Small Commercial Non Structural Remodeling and Repair Contractor
- I101 - General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility
- I102 - General Building Trades Instruction Facility
- I105 - Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility
- S212 - Irrigation Sprinkling Contractor
- S213 - Industrial Piping Contractor
- S215 - Solar Thermal Systems Contractor
- S216 - Residential Sewer Connection and Septic Tank Contractor

- S220 - Carpentry Contractor
- S222 - Overhead and Garage Door Contractor
- S230 - Siding Contractor
- S240 - Glass and Glazing Contractor
- S250 - Insulation Contractor
- S260 - General Concrete Contractor
- S270 - General Drywall and Plastering Contractor
- S280 - General Roofing Contractor
- S290 - General Masonry Contractor
- S293 - Marble, Tile and Ceramic Contractor
- S300 - General Painting Contractor
- S310 - Excavation and Grading Contractor
- S320 - Steel Erection Contractor
- S321 - Steel Reinforcing Contractor
- S330 - Landscaping Contractor
- S340 - Sheet Metal Contractor
- S350 - HVAC Contractor
- S351 - Refrigerated Air Conditioning Contractor
- S353 - Warm Air Heating Contractor
- S360 - Refrigeration Contractor
- S370 - Fire Suppression Systems Contractor
- S380 - Swimming Pool and Spa Contractor
- S390 - Sewer and Waste Water Pipeline Contractor
- S410 - Pipeline and Conduit Contractor
- S440 - Sign Installation Contractor
- S450 - Mechanical Insulation Contractor
- S490 - Wood Flooring Contractor
- S600 - General Stucco Contractor

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

(4) Qualifications to sit for examination.

(a) An applicant applying to take any examination specified in this Section must sign an affidavit verifying that an applicant has completed the experience required under Subsection R156-55a-302b.

(5) "Approved trade classification specific examination" means a trade classification specific examination:

- (a) given, currently or in the past, by the Division's contractor examination provider; or
- (b) given by another state if the Division has determined the examination to be substantially equivalent.

(6) An applicant for licensure who fails an examination may retake the failed examination as follows:

- (a) no sooner than 30 days following any failure up to three failures; and

(b) no sooner than six months following any failure thereafter.

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

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(ii), the minimum experience requirements are established as follows:

(1) Requirements for all license classifications:

(a) All experience shall be directly supervised by the applicant's employer.

(b) All experience shall be directly related to the scope of practice set forth in Section R156-55a-301 of the classification the applicant is applying for, as determined by the Division.

(c) One year of work experience means 2000 hours.

(d) No more than 2000 hours of experience during any 12 month period may be claimed.

(e) Except as described in Subsection (2)(c), experience obtained under the supervision of a construction trades instructor as a part of an educational program is not qualifying experience for a contractor's license.

(2) Requirements for E100 General Engineering, B100 General Building, R100 Residential and Small Commercial Building license classifications:

(a) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (1), an applicant for an R100, B100 or E100 license shall have within the past 10 years a minimum of four years experience as an employee of a contractor licensed in the license classification applied for, or the substantial equivalent of a contractor licensed in that license classification as determined by the Division.

(b) Two of the required four years of experience shall be in a supervisory or managerial position.

(c) A person holding a four year bachelors degree or a two year associates degree in Construction Management may have one year of experience credited towards the supervisory or managerial experience requirement.

(d) A person holding a Utah professional engineer license may be credited with satisfying one year toward the supervisory or managerial experience required for E100 contractor license.

(3) Requirements for S220 Carpentry, S280 General Roofing, S290 General Masonry, S320 Steel Erection, S350 Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning, S360 Refrigeration and S370 Fire Suppression Systems license classifications:

In addition to the requirements of paragraph (1), an applicant shall have within the past 10 years a minimum of four years of experience as an employee of a contractor licensed in the license classification applied for, or the substantial equivalent of a contractor licensed in that license classification as determined by the Division.

(4) Requirements for I101 General Engineering Trades Instruction Facility, I102 General Building Trades Instruction Facility, I103 Electrical Trades Instruction Facility, I104 Plumbing Trades Instruction Facility, I105 Mechanical Trades Instruction Facility license classifications:

An applicant for construction trades instruction facility license shall have the same experience that is required for the license classifications for the construction trade they will instruct.

(5) Requirements for other license classifications:

Except as set forth in Subsections (6) and (7), in addition to the requirements of paragraph (1), an applicant for contractor license classification not listed above shall have within the past 10 years a minimum of two years of experience as an employee of a contractor licensed in the license classification applied for, or the substantial equivalent of a contractor licensed in that license classification as determined by the Division.

(6) Requirements for S202 Solar Photovoltaic Contractor. In addition to the requirements of Subsections (1) and (5), an applicant shall hold a current certificate by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.

(7) Requirements for S354 Radon Mitigation Contractor. In addition to the requirements of Subsections (1) and (5), an applicant shall hold a current certificate issued by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP). Experience completed prior to the effective date of this rule does not need to be performed under the supervision of a licensed contractor. Experience completed after the effective date of this rule must be performed under the supervision of a licensed contractor who has authority to practice radon mitigation.

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

(1) Beginning at the effective date of this rule, each new applicant as a qualifier for licensure as a I103 Electrical Trades Instruction Facility shall also be licensed as a master electrician or a residential master electrician.

(2) Beginning at the effective date of this rule, each new applicant as a qualifier for licensure as a I104 Plumbing Trades Instruction Facility shall also be licensed as a master plumber or a residential master 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 by means of a certificate of insurance naming the Division as a certificate holder.

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 instruction facility 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 instruction facility 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 instruction facility 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 R156-1-308a(1).

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

(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 continuing education requirements set forth in Section R156-55a-303b.

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

(1) Required Hours. Pursuant to Subsection 58-55-501(21), each licensee shall complete a total of six hours of continuing education during each two year license term except that for the renewal term ending November 30, 2009, the continuing education must be completed between July 1, 2007 and November 30, 2009. A minimum of three hours shall be core education. The remaining three hours are to be professional education. Additional core education hours beyond the required amount may be substituted for professional education hours.

(a) "Core continuing education" is defined as construction codes, construction laws, OSHA 10 or OSHA 30 safety training, governmental regulations pertaining to the construction trades and employee verification and payment practices.

(b) "Professional continuing education" is defined as substantive subjects dealing with the practice of the construction trades, including land development, land use, planning and zoning, energy conservation, professional development, arbitration practices, estimating, finance and bookkeeping, marketing techniques, servicing clients, personal and property protection for the licensee and the licensee's clients and similar topics.

(c) The following course subject matter is not acceptable as core education or professional education hours: mechanical office and business skills, such as typing, speed reading, memory improvement and report writing; physical well-being or personal development, such as personal motivation, stress management, time management, dress for success, or similar subjects; presentations by a supplier or a supplier representative to promote a particular product or line of products; and meetings held in conjunction with the general business of the licensee or employer.

(d) The Division may defer or waive the continuing education requirements as provided in Section R156-1-308d.

(2) A continuing education course shall meet the following standards:

(a) Time. Each hour of continuing education course credit shall consist of 50 minutes of education in the form of seminars, lectures, conferences, training sessions or distance learning modules. The remaining ten minutes is to allow for breaks.

(b) Provider. The course provider shall meet the requirements of this Section and shall be one of the following:

- (i) a recognized accredited college or university;
- (ii) a state or federal agency;
- (iii) a professional association or organization involved in the construction trades; or

(iv) a commercial continuing education provider providing a program related to the construction trades.

(c) Content. The content of the course shall be relevant to the practice of the construction trades and consistent with the laws and rules of this state.

(d) Objectives. The learning objectives of the course shall be reasonably and clearly stated.

(e) Teaching Methods. The course shall be presented in a competent, well organized and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program.

(f) Faculty. The course shall be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training and experience.

(g) Distance learning. A course may be recognized for continuing education that is provided via Internet or through

home study courses provided the course verifies registration and participation in the course by means of a test which demonstrates that the participant has learned the material presented.

(h) Documentation. The course provider shall have a competent method of registration of individuals who actually completed the course, shall maintain records of attendance that are available for review by the Division and shall provide individuals completing the course a certificate which contains the following information:

- (i) the date of the course;
- (ii) the name of the course provider;
- (iii) the name of the instructor;
- (iv) the course title;
- (v) the hours of continuing education credit and type of credit (core or professional);
- (vi) the attendee's name; and
- (v) the signature of the course provider.

(3) On a random basis, the Division may assign monitors at no charge to attend a course for the purpose of evaluating the course and the instructor.

(4) Each licensee shall maintain adequate documentation as proof of compliance with this section, such as certificates of completion, course handouts and materials. The licensee shall retain this proof for a period of three years from the end of the renewal period for which the continuing education is due. Each licensee shall assure that the course provider has submitted the verification of attendance to the continuing education registry on behalf of the licensee as specified in Subsection (8).

(5) Licensees who lecture in continuing education courses meeting these requirements shall receive two hours of continuing education for each hour spent lecturing. However, no lecturing or teaching credit is available for participation in a panel discussion.

(6) 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. The contractor licensee shall assure that the course provider has submitted the verification of the electrician's attendance on behalf of the licensee to the continuing education registry as specified in Subsection (8).

(7) Licensees who obtain an initial license after March 31st of the renewal year shall not be required to meet the continuing education requirement for that renewal cycle.

(8) A course provider shall submit continuing education courses for approval to the continuing education registry and shall submit verification of attendance and completion on behalf of licensees attending and completing the program directly to the continuing education registry.

(9) The Division shall review continuing education courses which have been submitted through the continuing education registry and approve only those courses which meet the standards set forth under this Section.

(10) Continuing Education Registry.

(a) The Division shall designate an entity to act as the Continuing Education Registry under this rule.

(b) The Continuing Education Registry, in consultation with the Division and the Commission, shall:

(i) through its internet site electronically receive applications from continuing education course providers and shall submit the application for course approval to the Division for review and approval of only those programs which meet the standards set forth under this Section;

(ii) publish on their website listings of continuing education programs which have been approved by the Division, and which meet the standards for continuing education credit under this rule;

(iii) maintain accurate records of qualified continuing

education approved;

(iv) maintain accurate records of verification of attendance and completion, by individual licensee, which the licensee may review for compliance with this rule; and

(v) make records of approved continuing education programs and attendance and completion available for audit by representatives of the Division.

(c) Fees. A continuing education registry may charge a reasonable fee to continuing education providers or licensees for services provided for review and approval of continuing education programs.

R156-55a-304. Construction Trades Instruction Facility 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 instruction facilities.

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-305a. Exempt Contractors Filing Affirmation of Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance.

(1) Initial affirmation. In accordance with Subsection 58-55-305(1)(h)(ii)(F), any person claiming exemption under Subsection 58-55-305(1)(h) for projects with a value greater than \$1,000 but less than \$3,000 shall file a registration of exemption with the Division which includes:

(a) the identity and address of the person claiming the exemption; and

(b) a statement signed by the registrant verifying:

(i) that the person has public liability insurance in force which includes the Division being named as a certificate holder, the policy number, the expiration date of the policy, the insurance company name and contact information, and coverage amounts of at least \$100,000 for each incident and \$300,000 in total; and

(ii) that the person has workers compensation insurance in force which names the Division as a certificate holder, includes the policy number, the expiration date of the policy, the insurance company name and contact information; or

(iii) that the person does not hire employees and is therefore exempt from the requirement to have workers compensation insurance.

(2) Periodic reaffirmations required. The affirmation required under Subsection (1) shall be reaffirmed on or before November 30 of each odd numbered year.

R156-55a-306. Contractor Financial Responsibility - Division Audit.

In accordance with Subsections 58-55-306(2) and 58-55-102(16), the Division may consider various relevant factors in conducting an audit of the demonstration of financial responsibility including:

(1)(a) judgments, tax liens, collection actions, bankruptcy schedules and a history of late payments to creditors, including documentation showing the resolution of each of the above actions;

(b) the applicant's or licensee's financial statements and tax returns, including the ability to prepare or have prepared

competent and current financial statements and tax returns;

(c) an acceptable current credit report of the applicant or licensee which meets the following requirements:

(i) for individuals:

(A) a credit report from each of the three national reporting agencies, Trans Union, Experian, and Equifax; or

(B) a merged credit report of the agencies identified in Subsection (A) prepared by the National Association of Credit Managers (NACM); or

(ii) for entities, a business credit report such as an Experian Business Credit Report or a Dun and Bradstreet Report;

(d) the applicant's or licensee's explanation of the reasons for any financial difficulties and how the financial difficulties were resolved;

(e) any of the factors listed in Subsection R156-1-302 which may relate to failure to maintain financial responsibility;

(f) each of the factors listed in this Subsection regarding the financial history of the owners of the applicant or licensee;

(g) any guaranty agreements provided for the applicant or licensee; and

(h) any history of prior entities owned or operated by the owners of the applicant or licensee which have failed to maintain financial responsibility.

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 a teacher for a school licensed as a construction trades instruction facility 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 instruction facility 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, maintenance, cleaning, 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(3), 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(3), 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-309. Reinstatement Application Fee.

The application fee for a contractor applicant who is applying for reinstatement more than two years after the expiration of licensure, who has been engaged in unauthorized practice of contracting following the expiration of the applicant's license, shall be the current license application fee normally required for a new application rather than the reinstatement fee provided under R156-1-308g(3)(d).

R156-55a-311. Reorganization - Conversion 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.

Exception: A conversion from one form of entity to another

form where "Articles of Conversion" are filed with the Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code shall not require a new contractor application.

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 license shall be in an inactive status for more than six years.

(ii) Prior to a license being activated, a licensee shall meet the requirements of renewal.

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) and (3). 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 this rule 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 Commission as grounds for immediate suspension of the contractor's 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; and

(3) failing, upon request by the Division, to provide proof of insurance coverage within 30 days.

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).

R156-55a-503. Administrative Penalties.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-55-503, the following fine schedule shall apply to citations issued under Title 58, Chapter 55:

TABLE FINE SCHEDULE FIRST OFFENSE		
Violation	All Licenses Except Electrical or Plumbing	Electrical or Plumbing
58-55-308(2)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(1)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(2)	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
58-55-501(3)	\$ 800.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(9)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(10)	\$ 800.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(12)	N/A	\$ 500.00
58-55-501(14)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(19)	\$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(21)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
58-55-504(2)	\$ 500.00	N/A
SECOND OFFENSE		
58-55-308(2)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(1)	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
58-55-501(2)	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
58-55-501(3)	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
58-55-501(9)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(10)	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
58-55-501(12)	N/A	\$1,000.00
58-55-501(14)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(19)	\$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(21)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
58-55-504(2)	\$1,000.00	N/A
THIRD OFFENSE		

Double the amount for a second offense with a maximum amount not to exceed the maximum fine allowed under Subsection 58-55-503(4)(h).

(2) Citations shall not be issued for third offenses, except in extraordinary circumstances approved by the investigative supervisor.

(3) If multiple offenses are cited on the same citation, the fine shall be determined by evaluating the most serious offense.

(4) An investigative supervisor may authorize a deviation from the fine schedule based upon the aggravating or mitigating circumstances.

(5) The presiding officer for a contested citation shall have the discretion, after a review of the aggravating and mitigating circumstances, to increase or decrease the fine amount imposed by an investigator based upon the evidence reviewed.

R156-55a-504. Crane Operator Certifications.

In accordance with Subsection 58-55-504(2)(a) one of the following certifications is required to operate a crane on commercial construction projects:

(1) a certification issued by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators; or

(2) a certification issued by the Operating Engineers Certification Program formerly known as the Southern California Crane and Hoisting Certification Program.

R156-55a-602. Contractor License Bonds.

(1) Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 58-55-306(1)(b), a contractor shall provide a license bond issued by a surety acceptable to the Division in the amount of \$50,000 or such higher amount as may be determined by the Division and the Commission as provided for in Subsection R156-55a-602(3). An acceptable surety is one that is listed in the Department of Treasury, Fiscal Service, Circular 570, entitled "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" at the date of the bond.

(2) The coverage of the license bond shall include losses which may occur as the result of the contractor's violation of the unprofessional or unlawful provisions contained in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55.

(3) The amount of the bond specified under Subsection R156-55a-602(1) may be increased by an amount determined by the Commission and Division when the financial history of the applicant, including any of its owners holding more than 10 percent interest, indicates the \$50,000 bond is insufficient to reasonably cover risks to the public health, safety and welfare.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-60b. Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act Rule.

R156-60b-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act Rule".

R156-60b-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, or this rule:

(1) "AAMFT" means the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

(2) "Face to face supervision" as described in Subsection R156-60b-302a(1)(b)(vii) includes both individual and group supervision.

(3) "Group supervision" means supervision between the supervisor and no more than three supervisees, unless preapproved by the Board.

(4) "Individual supervision" means supervision between the supervisor and one or two supervisees in accordance with standards set forth in Subsection R156-60b-302b(1)(d).

(5) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 60, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-60b-502.

R156-60b-103. Authority - Purpose.

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 60, Part 3.

R156-60b-104. Organization - Relationship to R156-1.

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

R156-60b-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Education Requirements.

(1) Pursuant to Subsection 58-60-305(1)(d), an applicant applying for licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall:

(a) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of a master's or doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy at the time the applicant obtained the education; or

(b)(i) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from a program accredited by a professional accrediting body approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation of the American Council on Education at the time the applicant obtained the education.

(ii) A program under Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall include the following:

(A) six semester hours/nine quarter hours of course work in theoretical foundations of marital and family therapy;

(B) nine semester hours/12 quarter hours of course work in assessment and treatment in marriage and family therapy, including Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM);

(C) six semester hours/nine quarter hours of course work in human development and family studies which include ethnic minority issues, and gender issues including sexuality, sexual functioning, and sexual identity;

(D) three semester hours/four and one-half quarter hours in professional ethics;

(E) three semester hours/four and one-half quarter hours in research methodology and data analysis;

(F) three semester hours/four and one-half quarter hours in electives in marriage and family therapy; and

(G) a clinical practicum of not fewer than 600 hours which includes not fewer than 100 hours of face to face supervision and not fewer than 500 direct contact hours of face to face

supervised clinical practice of which not less than 250 hours shall be with couples or families who are physically present in the therapy room.

R156-60b-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Experience Requirements.

(1) Pursuant to Subsections 58-60-305(1)(e) and (f), an applicant shall complete marriage and family therapy and mental health therapy training consisting of a minimum of 4,000 hours of supervised training which shall:

(a) be completed in not less than two years;

(b) be completed while the applicant is an employee of a public or private agency engaged in mental health therapy;

(c) be completed under the supervision of a marriage and family therapist supervisor meeting the requirements under Section 58-60-307;

(d) include at least 100 hours of clinical face to face supervision spread uniformly throughout the training period;

(e) in accordance with Subsection 58-60-305(1)(f), include a minimum of 1000 hours of mental health therapy of which at least 500 hours are in couple or family therapy with two or more clients present; and

(f) hours completed in a group therapy session may count only if the supervisee functions as the primary therapist.

(2) An applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, who is not seeking licensure by endorsement based upon licensure in another jurisdiction, who has completed all or part of the marriage and family therapy training requirements outside the state, may receive credit for that training completed outside of the state if it is demonstrated by the applicant that the training completed outside the state is equivalent to and in all respects meets the requirements for training under Subsections 58-60-305(1)(e) and (f), and Subsection R156-60b-302b(1). The applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating by evidence satisfactory to the division and board that the training completed outside the state is equivalent to and in all respects meets the requirements under this subsection.

R156-60b-302c. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.

Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 58-60-305(1)(g), an applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist must pass the Examination of Marital and Family Therapy written for the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards.

R156-60b-302d. Qualifications to be a Marriage and Family Therapist Training Supervisor.

Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 58-60-307(1), to be qualified as a marriage and family therapist supervisor for training required under Subsections 58-60-305(1)(e) and (f), an individual shall:

(1) be licensed as a marriage and family therapist in good standing for not less than two years;

(2) be currently licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the state in which the training is being performed; and

(3) meet one of the following three options:

(a) be currently approved by AAMFT as a marriage and family therapist supervisor;

(b) have successfully completed a supervision course in a Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) accredited marriage and family therapy (MFT) program at an accredited university; or

(c)(i) have successfully completed 20 clock hours of instruction sponsored by AAMFT or the Utah Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (UAMFT).

(ii) The instruction under Subsection (3)(c)(i) shall include the following:

(A) four hours of review of models of MFT and

supervision;

(B) eight hours of MFT supervision processes and practice;

(C) four hours of research on effective outcomes and processes of supervision; and

(D) four hours of AAMFT Code of Ethics, state rules and case studies related to MFT supervision.

(4) Subsection (3) shall not apply to hours of supervised training completed on or before December 31, 2008 for applicants who submit their applications before January 1, 2010.

R156-60b-302e. Duties and Responsibilities of a Supervisor of Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Therapy Training.

The duties and responsibilities of a marriage and family therapist supervisor are further defined, clarified or established to provide the supervisor shall:

(1) be professionally responsible for the acts and practices of the supervisee which are a part of the required supervised training;

(2) be engaged in a relationship with the supervisee in which the supervisor is independent from control by the supervisee and in which the ability of the supervisor to supervise and direct the practice of the supervisee is not compromised;

(3) be available for advice, consultation, and direction consistent with the standards and ethics of the profession and the requirements suggested by the total circumstances including the supervisee's level of training, diagnosis of patients, and other factors known to the supervisee and supervisor;

(4) provide periodic review of the client records assigned to the supervisee;

(5) comply with the confidentiality requirements of Section 58-60-114;

(6) monitor the performance of the supervisee for compliance with laws, standards, and ethics applicable to the practice of marriage and family therapy and report violations to the division;

(7) supervise only a supervisee who is an employee of a public or private mental health agency;

(8) submit appropriate documentation to the division with respect to all work completed by the supervisee evidencing the performance of the supervisee during the period of supervised marriage and family therapist training and mental health therapist training, including the supervisor's evaluation of the supervisee's competence in the practice of marriage and family therapy and mental health therapy;

(9) complete four hours of the required 40 hours of continuing professional education directly related to marriage and family therapy supervisor training in each two year continuing professional education period established;

(10) supervise not more than three supervisees at any given time unless approved by the board and division;

(11) provide at least one hour of face to face supervision for each ten hours of client contact by the supervisee.

R156-60b-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licenses under Title 58, Chapter 60, is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a(1).

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

R156-60b-304. Continuing Education.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-60-105, there is hereby established a continuing education requirement for all individuals licensed under Title 58, Chapter 60, Part 3, as a marriage and family therapist.

(2) During each two year period commencing October 1st of each even numbered year, a marriage and family therapist shall be required to complete not fewer than 40 hours of continuing education directly related to the licensee's professional practice of which:

(a) at least 15 hours must be directly related to marriage and family therapy; and

(b) at least six hours must be in ethics/law, of which at least three hours must be directly related to marriage and family therapy.

(3) The required number of hours of continuing education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two year period shall be decreased in a pro-rata amount equal to any part of that two year period preceding the date on which that individual first became licensed.

(4) Continuing education under this section shall:

(a) be relevant to the licensee's professional practice;

(b) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training, and experience to provide continuing education relevant to the practice of a mental health therapist; and

(c) have a method of verification of attendance and completion.

(5) Credit for continuing education shall be recognized in accordance with the following:

(a) unlimited hours shall be recognized for continuing education completed in blocks of time of not less than one hour in formally established classroom courses, seminars, or conferences which meet the criteria listed in Subsection (4) above, and which are approved by, conducted by, or under the sponsorship of universities, colleges or professional associations, societies and organizations representing a licensed profession whose program objectives relate to the practice of mental health therapy;

(b) a maximum of 14 hours per two year period may be recognized for:

(i) teaching courses under Subsection (5)(a); or

(ii) supervision of an individual completing the experience requirement for licensure as a mental health therapist;

(c) a maximum of ten hours per two year period may be recognized for clinical readings, internet or distance learning courses directly related to practice as a mental health therapist; and

(d) a maximum of two hours per two year period may be for continuing education from the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

(6) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed continuing education for a period of four years.

(7) A licensee requesting a waiver of the continuing education requirement must comply with requirements as established by rule in R156-1-308d.

R156-60b-306. License Reinstatement - Requirements.

An applicant for reinstatement of his license after two years following expiration of that license shall be required to meet the following reinstatement requirements:

(1) upon request, meet with the board for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's current ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a marriage and family therapist and to make a determination of any additional education, experience or examination requirements which will be required before reinstatement;

(2) upon the recommendation of the board, establish a plan of supervision under an approved supervisor which may include up to 4000 hours of marriage and family therapy and mental health therapy training as a marriage and family therapist-temporary;

(3) pass the Examination of Marital and Family Therapy

of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapists if it is determined by the board that current taking and passing of the examination is necessary to demonstrate the applicant's ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a marriage and family therapist; and

(4) complete a minimum of 40 hours of professional education in subjects determined by the board as necessary to ensure the applicant's ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a marriage and family therapist.

R156-60b-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) acting as a supervisor or accepting supervision of a supervisor without complying with or ensuring the compliance with the requirements of Sections R156-60b-302d and R156-60b-302e;

(2) engaging in the supervised practice of mental health therapy when not in compliance with Subsections R156-60b-302b;

(3) engaging in and aiding or abetting conduct or practices which are dishonest, deceptive or fraudulent;

(4) engaging in or aiding or abetting deceptive or fraudulent billing practices;

(5) failing to establish and maintain appropriate professional boundaries with a client or former client;

(6) engaging in dual or multiple relationships with a client or former client in which there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client;

(7) engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact with a client with or without client consent;

(8) engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact with a former client within two years of documented termination of services;

(9) engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact at any time with a former client who is especially vulnerable or susceptible to being disadvantaged because of the client's personal history, current mental status, or any condition which could reasonably be expected to place the client at a disadvantage recognizing the power imbalance which exists or may exist between the marriage and family therapist and the client;

(10) engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact with client's relatives or other individuals with whom the client maintains a relationship when that individual is especially vulnerable or susceptible to being disadvantaged because of his personal history, current mental status, or any condition which could reasonably be expected to place that individual at a disadvantage recognizing the power imbalance which exists or may exist between the marriage and family therapist and that individual;

(11) physical contact with a client when there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client resulting from the contact;

(12) engaging in or aiding or abetting sexual harassment or any conduct which is exploitive or abusive with respect to a student, trainee, employee, or colleague with whom the licensee has supervisory or management responsibility;

(13) failing to render impartial, objective, and informed services, recommendations or opinions with respect to custodial or parental rights, divorce, domestic relationships, adoptions, sanity, competency, mental health or any other determination concerning an individual's civil or legal rights;

(14) exploiting a client for personal gain;

(15) use of a professional client relationship to exploit a person that is known to have a personal relationship with a client for personal gain;

(16) failing to maintain appropriate client records for a period of not less than ten years from the documented termination of services to the client;

(17) failing to obtain informed consent from the client or legal guardian before taping, recording or permitting third party observations of client care or records;

(18) failure to cooperate with the Division during an investigation; and

(19) failure to abide by provisions 1 to 8.8 of the Code of Ethics of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) as adopted by the AAMFT effective July 1, 2001, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

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R162. Commerce, Real Estate.**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 the licensee's 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 the licensee: a) is 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.

6.1.3.1. Disclosure of Licensed Status. Regardless of whether a person's license is in active or inactive status, a licensee shall not fail to disclose in writing on any agreement to buy, sell, lease or rent any real property as a principal that the licensee holds a Utah real estate license.

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 may 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 the licensee's 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 \$150 or less to an individual in appreciation for an unsolicited referral of a prospect which resulted in a real estate transaction.

6.1.10. Referrals and Provision of Settlement Services.

6.1.10.1. Referrals of Prospects to Lender or Mortgage Broker. A licensee may not receive a referral fee from a lender or a mortgage broker.

6.1.10.2. Providing Settlement Services. A licensee may not act as a real estate agent or broker in the same transaction in which the licensee also acts as a mortgage loan officer or loan originator, appraiser, escrow agent, or provider of title services.

6.1.11. Failure to Have Written Agency Agreement. A principal broker and a licensee acting on the principal broker's behalf shall have written agency agreements with their principals.

6.1.11.1. A principal broker and a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 a licensee acting on the principal broker's behalf who represent a buyer shall have a written agency agreement with the buyer defining the scope of the agency.

6.1.11.3. A principal broker and a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 27, 2008, Real Estate Purchase Contract (use of this form shall be mandatory beginning January 1, 2009);

(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) August 27, 2008, Seller Financing Addendum to Real Estate Purchase Contract;

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

(i) August 27, 2008, 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;

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;

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;

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; and

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 the licensee's respective client(s) or any unrepresented parties, the licensee's 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.

6.2.6.1.1. The blank in paragraph 5 of the approved Real Estate Purchase Contract for "Seller's Brokerage" shall be filled in with either the principal broker's individual name or the principal broker's brokerage name. Notwithstanding the fact that either the principal broker's name or the brokerage name may be shown in paragraph 5, filling in the name of the brokerage does not change the agency relationship with the seller.

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" and "seller".

6.2.6.3. Disclosure to other agents. An agent who has established an agency relationship with a principal shall disclose who the agent represents to another agent in a transaction 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;

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

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

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

(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 the licensee 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 the licensee by the principal broker with whom the licensee 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.

6.2.12.1. 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 who is offering the inducement must notify the principal broker of the party who will pay the commission that the inducement will be offered.

6.2.12.1.2. When the party who will pay the commission is not represented by a principal broker, the principal broker who is offering the inducement shall notify the party directly.

6.2.12.2. This rule does not:

(a) require notice under R162-6.2.12.1 to be given by one principal broker according to a specific method or form preferred by another principal broker; or

(b) 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 a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 the principal broker's 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 the principal broker's 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;

(b) The principal broker or a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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 the principal broker's 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 a licensee acting on the principal broker's 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.**R162-150. Appraisal Management Companies.****R162-150-1. Qualification for Registration or Renewal of Registration.**

(1) The Division may not register or renew the registration of an appraisal management company that:

(a) fails to comply with any provision of Utah Code Title 61, Chapter 2e, "Appraisal Management Company Registration and Regulation Act";

(b) fails to comply with Sections R162-150-2 or R162-150-3; or

(c) fails to pay to the Division the fee required for registration.

(2) The Division shall schedule a hearing before the board for an appraisal management company that:

(a)(i) applies for registration or renewal of registration;

(ii) has a control person who discloses, or the Division finds through its own research, an issue that might affect the control person's moral character; and

(iii) the Division determines that the board should be aware of the issue; or

(b) fails to provide an adequate explanation for the appraisal management company's:

(i) plan to ensure the use of licensed appraisers in good standing;

(ii) plan to ensure the integrity of the appraisal review process; or

(iii) plan for record keeping.

R162-150-2. Employee Qualifications.

(1) An appraisal management company seeking registration shall demonstrate to the Division that each person who selects an appraiser or reviews an appraiser's work for the appraisal management company:

(a) is a licensed or certified appraiser in good standing; or

(b) has taken and passed, within 6 months after initial registration, the 15 hour national Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) course.

(2) An appraisal management company seeking renewal of the company's registration shall demonstrate to the Division that each person who selects an appraiser or reviews an appraiser's work for the appraisal management company:

(a) is a licensed or certified appraiser in good standing; or

(b) has completed the seven hour national USPAP update course.

R162-150-3. Unprofessional Conduct.

(1) An appraisal management company commits unprofessional conduct if the appraisal management company:

(a) fails to disclose to the appraiser:

(i) the total compensation paid to the appraiser who performs the real estate appraisal activity, disclosed as a dollar amount; and

(ii) the total compensation retained by the appraisal management company in connection with the real estate appraisal activity, disclosed as a dollar amount;

(b) fails to require the appraiser to disclose in the body of the appraisal report:

(i) the total compensation paid to the appraiser who performs the real estate appraisal activity, disclosed as a dollar amount; and

(ii) the total compensation retained by the appraisal management company in connection with the real estate appraisal activity, disclosed as a dollar amount;

(c) requires an appraiser to modify any aspect of the appraisal report unless the modification complies with Utah Code Ann. Section 61-2e-307;

(d) requires an appraiser to prepare an appraisal report if the appraiser, in the appraiser's own professional judgment,

believes the appraiser does not have the necessary expertise for the specific geographic area;

(e) requires an appraiser to prepare an appraisal report under a time frame that the appraiser, in the appraiser's own professional judgment, believes does not afford the appraiser the ability to meet all the relevant legal and professional obligations;

(f) prohibits or inhibits communication between the appraiser and:

(i) the lender;

(ii) a real estate licensee; or

(iii) any other person from whom the appraiser, in the appraiser's own professional judgment, believes information would be relevant;

(g) requires the appraiser to do anything that does not comply with:

(i) USPAP; or

(ii) any assignment conditions and certifications required by the client;

(h) makes any portion of the appraiser's fee or the appraisal management company's fee contingent on a favorable outcome, including but not limited to:

(i) a loan closing; or

(ii) a specific dollar amount being achieved by the appraiser in the appraisal report; or

(i) requests, for the purpose of facilitating a mortgage loan transaction,

(i) a broker price opinion; or

(ii) any other real property price or value estimation that does not qualify as an appraisal.

(2) An appraisal management company commits unprofessional conduct and creates a violation by the appraiser of R162-107.1.6 if the appraisal management company requires the appraiser to:

(a) accept full payment; and

(b) remit a portion of the full payment back to the appraisal management company.

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R212. Community and Culture, History.**R212-13. Capital Funds Request Prioritization.****R212-13-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to establish the procedure regarding annual capital grant request prioritization by the Board of State History, in the Division of State History, within the Department of Community and Culture.

R212-13-2. Authority.

The division may make, amend, or repeal rules for the conduct of its business in governing the division in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

R212-13-3. Application Submission and Review.

The Board of State History shall accept applications for capital facilities grant prioritization through June 1 of each year.

All applications must be submitted electronically via the Department of Community and Culture (DCC) and its division web portals. Before July 1, Division staff will be allowed to redirect applications if it is determined the applicant would be better served if another DCC board reviewed the request. Applicants will be notified within five working days by the division if the division redirects the application to another division. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the board. By definition, capital facilities grants shall include new construction, preservation, restoration, and renovation.

Prioritization will be based on the following criteria:

- (1) Goals of application
- (2) Public benefit of project
- (3) Strategic value of partnerships

The Board shall submit its final prioritized list to DCC Administration at least three working days prior to September 30 of each year. Each board shall prepare a list of the requested capital facilities grants in a prioritized order and include a written explanation of the total grant amount requested and the basis for prioritization of requested grants on the list.

DCC Administration will submit the Board's prioritized lists to the DCC-assigned budget analyst in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the DCC-assigned analyst in the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office by September 30 of each year. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget will forward the prioritized lists to the Governor. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office will forward the prioritized lists to the appropriate members of the Legislature's Appropriations Subcommittee and leadership.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-470. Charter Schools.****R277-470-1. Definitions.**

- A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.
- B. "Charter schools" means schools acknowledged as charter schools by local boards of education under Section 53A-1a-515 and this rule or by the Board under Section 53A-1a-505.
- C. "Charter school application" means the official chartering document by which a prospective charter school seeks recognition and funding under Section 53A-1a-505. The application includes the basic elements of the charter to be established between the charter school and the chartering board.
- D. "Charter school deficiencies" means the following information:
- (1) a charter school is not satisfying financial obligations as required by Section 53A-1a-505 in the charter school's written contractual agreement;
 - (2) a charter school is not providing required documentation following reasonable warning;
 - (3) compelling evidence of fraud or misuse of funds by charter school governing board members or employees.
- E. "Charter school founding member" or "founding member" means an individual who had a significant role in the initial development of the charter school up until the first instructional day of school, the first year of operation, as submitted in writing to the State Charter School Board the first day of operation.
- F. "Charter school governing board" means the board designated by the charter school to make decisions for the operation of the school similar to a local board of education.
- G. "Days" means calendar days, unless specifically designated.
- H. "Expansion" means a proposed ten percent increase of students or grade level(s) in an operating charter school at a single location.
- I. "Local education agency (LEA)" means a local board of education, combination of school districts, other legally constituted local school authority having administrative control and direction of free public education within the state, or other entities as designated by the Board, and includes any entity with state-wide responsibility for directly operating and maintaining facilities for providing public education.
- J. "Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) accreditation" means the formal process for evaluation and approval under the Standards for Accreditation of the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools or the accreditation standards of the Board, available from the Utah State Office of Education Accreditation Specialist. Accreditation ensures that the credits/diploma a student earns is the result of a quality educational experience. The purpose of accreditation is to ensure excellence in education by holding schools accountable to rigorous standards and a process of continued improvement.
- K. "Neighborhood or traditional school" for purposes of this rule, means a public, non-charter school.
- L. "New charter school" as provided in Section 53A-21-401(5)(d) means any charter school through the first day of its second year with students, or a satellite school that requires a new location/campus.
- M. "No Child Left Behind (NCLB)" means the federal law under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title IX, Part A, 20 U.S.C. 7801.
- N. "On-going funds" means funds that are appropriated annually by the Legislature with the expectation that the funds shall continue to be appropriated annually.
- O. "Satellite school" means a charter school affiliated with an operating charter school having a common governing board and a similar program of instruction, but located at a different site or in a different geographical area. The parent school and all satellites shall be considered a single local education agency

(LEA) for purposes of public school funding and reporting.

P. "State Charter School Board" means the board designated in Section 53A-1a-501.5.

Q. "Subaccount" means the Charter School Building Subaccount consisting of funds provided under 53A-21-401(5)(b).

R. "Subaccount Committee" means the committee established by the Superintendent under Section 53A-21-401(6).

S. "Superintendent" means the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as designated under 53A-1-301.

T. "Urgent facility need" as provided in Section 53A-21-401(5)(d) means an unexpected exigency that affects the health and safety of students such as:

(1) to satisfy an unforeseen condition that precludes a school's qualification for an occupancy permit; or

(2) to address an unforeseen circumstance that keeps the school from satisfying provisions of public safety, public health or public school code.

U. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

V. "Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU)" means the unit of measure that is computed in accordance with the Minimum School Program Act for the purpose of distributing revenue on a uniform basis for each pupil.

R277-470-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board, Section 53A-1a-513 which directs the Board to distribute funds for charter school students directly to the charter school, Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and 20 U.S.C., Section 8063(3) which directs the Board to submit specific information prior to charter schools' receipt of federal funds.

B. The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures for authorizing, funding, and monitoring charter schools and for repealing charter school authorizations. The rule also establishes timelines as required by law to provide for adequate training for beginning charter schools.

R277-470-3. Maximum Authorized Charter School Students.

A. Local school boards may not approve district-chartered schools unless they notify the State Charter School Board by August 15 two years prior to opening of proposed district-chartered schools and estimated numbers of students.

B. The Board, in consultation with the State Charter School Board, may approve schools, expansions and satellite charter schools for the total number of students authorized under 53A-1a-502.5

C. District-chartered schools submitting applications shall be considered with all new charters.

R277-470-4. Charter School Orientation and Training.

A. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all charter school applicants shall attend orientation/training sessions designated by the State Charter School Board.

B. Orientation meetings shall be scheduled at least quarterly and be available electronically, as determined by the State Charter School Board.

C. Charter schools and applicants that attend orientation/training sessions shall be eligible for additional funds, upon approval, in an amount to be determined by the State Charter School Board provided through federal charter school funds or a General Fund appropriation to the extent of funds available. Charter school applicants that attend training and orientation sessions may receive priority for approval from the State Charter School Board and the Board.

D. Orientation/training sessions shall provide information

including:

- (1) charter school implementation requirements;
- (2) charter school statutory and Board requirements;
- (3) charter school financial and data management requirements;
- (4) charter school legal requirements;
- (5) federal requirements for charter school funding; and
- (6) other items as determined by the State Charter School Board.

R277-470-5. New or Expanding Charter School Notification to Prospective Students and Parents.

A. All charter schools opening or expanding by at least ten percent of overall enrollment or adding one or more grade levels after July 1, 2007 shall notify all families consistent with the schools' outreach plans described in the charter agreements of:

- (1) a new or expanding charter school's purpose, focus and governance structure, including names, qualifications, and contact information of governing board members;
- (2) the number of new students that will be admitted into the school by grade;
- (3) the proposed school calendar for the charter school including at a minimum the first and last days of school, scheduled holidays, pre-scheduled professional development days (no student attendance), and other scheduled non-school days;
- (4) the charter school's timelines for acceptance or rejection of new students consistent with Section 53A-1a-506.5;
- (5) a State-approved student charter school application (beginning with the 2008-09 school year);
- (6) procedures for transferring to or from a charter school, together with applicable timelines; and
- (7) provide for payment, if required, of a one-time fee per secondary school enrollment, not to exceed \$5.00, consistent with Section 53A-12-103.

B. Charter schools shall provide written notice of the information in R277-470-5A consistent with the school's outreach plan and at least 180 days before the proposed opening day of school.

C. Charter schools shall have an operative and readily accessible electronic website providing information required under R277-470-5A in place. The completed charter school website shall be provided to the State Charter School Board at least 180 days prior to the proposed opening day of school. The State Charter School Board shall require new charter schools to have websites that may be reviewed by the State Charter School Board prior to the schools posting the websites publicly.

R277-470-6. Transfer Student Criteria.

A. Charter schools shall allow students to transfer from one charter school to another and enroll students only consistent with Sections 53A-1a-506.5(2) through (6), including timelines.

B. Charter schools shall provide notice to a withdrawing student's school of residence consistent with Section 53A-1a-506.5(5) and using USOE-designated transfer forms.

C. Both charter schools and neighborhood schools shall enroll students and exchange student information consistent with 53A-1a-506.5(2)(c) and 53A-11-504 and using USOE-designated transfer forms.

D. Both charter schools and neighborhood schools shall have policies that provide procedures for properly excluding students and notifying students and parents under 53A-11-903 and 53A-11-904.

E. Neither neighborhood schools nor charter schools may discourage students from attending schools of choice in violation of state or federal law.

F. Neither charter schools nor neighborhood schools shall be required to enroll students who have been properly excluded from public schools under 53A-11-903 and 53A-11-904.

R277-470-7. Timelines - Charter School Starting Date.

A. The State Charter School Board shall accept a proposed starting date from a charter school applicant, or the State Charter School Board shall negotiate and recommend a starting date prior to recommending final charter approval to the Board.

B. A local or state-chartered school shall be approved by November 30, two years prior to the school year it intends to serve students in order to be eligible for state funds.

C. A local or state-chartered school shall acquire a facility and enter into a written agreement, or begin construction on a new or existing facility no later than January 1 of the year the school is scheduled to open. Each state-chartered school shall submit any lease, lease-purchase agreement, or other contract or agreement relating to the charter school's facilities or financing the charter school facilities to its chartering entity for review and advice prior to the charter school entering into the lease, agreement, or contract, consistent with Section 53A-1a-507(9).

D. If students are not enrolled and attending classes by October 1, a charter school shall not receive funding from the state for that school year.

E. Despite a charter school meeting starting dates, a charter school shall be required to satisfy R277-419 requirements of 180 days and 990 hours of instruction time, unless otherwise exempted by the Board under 53A-1a-511.

F. The Board may, following review of information, approve the recommended starting date or determine a different charter school starting date after giving consideration to the State Charter School Board recommendation.

R277-470-8. Remediating Charter School Financial Deficiencies.

A. Upon receiving credible information of charter school financial deficiencies, the State Charter School Board shall immediately direct a review or audit through the charter school governing board, by State Charter School Board staff, or by an independent auditor hired by the State Charter School Board.

B. The State Charter School Board or the Board through the State Charter School Board may direct a charter school governing board or the charter school administration to take reasonable action to protect state or federal funds consistent with Section 53A-1a-510.

C. The State Charter School Board or the Board in absence of the State Charter School Board action may:

- (1) allow a charter school governing board to hold a hearing to determine financial responsibility and assist the charter school governing board with the hearing process;
- (2) immediately terminate the flow of state funds; or
- (3) recommend cessation of federal funding to the school;
- (4) take immediate or subsequent corrective action with employees who are responsible for financial deficiencies; or
- (5) any combination of the foregoing (1), (2), (3) and (4).

D. The recommendation by the State Charter School Board shall be made within 20 school days of receipt of complaint of deficiency(ies).

E. The State Charter School Board may exercise flexibility for good cause in making recommendation(s) regarding deficiency(ies).

F. The Board shall consider and affirm or modify the State Charter School Board's recommendation(s) for remediating a charter school's financial deficiency(ies) within 60 days of receipt of information from the State Charter School Board.

G. In addition to remedies provided for in Section 53A-1a-509, the State Charter School Board may provide for a remediation team to work with the school.

R277-470-9. Charter School Financial Practices and Training.

A. Charter school business and financial staff shall attend USOE required business meetings for charter schools.

B. Local charter school board members and directors shall be invited to all applicable Board-sponsored training, meetings, and sessions for traditional school district financial personnel/staff if charter schools supply current staff information and addresses and indicate the desire to attend.

C. The Board shall work with other education agencies to encourage their inclusion of charter school representatives at training and professional development sessions.

D. A charter school shall appoint a business administrator consistent with Sections 53A-3-302 and 303. The business administrator shall be responsible for the submission of all financial and statistical information required by the Board.

E. The Board may interrupt disbursements to charter schools for failure to comply with financial and statistical information required by law or Board rules.

F. Charter schools are not eligible for necessarily existent small schools funding under Section 53A-17a-109(2) and R277-445.

G. Charter schools shall comply with R277-471, Oversight of School Inspections.

R277-470-10. Procedures and Timelines for Schools Chartered by Local Boards to Convert to Board-Chartered Schools.

A. A charter school chartered initially by a local board of education shall notify the local board that it will seek Board approval for a state conversion to its charter with adequate notice for the local board to make staffing decisions.

B. A locally chartered school shall operate successfully for at least nine months prior to applying for conversion to a Board chartered school.

C. A charter school shall submit an application to convert from a locally chartered school to a Board chartered school to the State Charter School Board; the State Charter School Board shall provide an application for schools seeking to convert.

D. The application may require some or all of the following, depending upon the school's longevity, successful operation and existing documentation at the USOE:

- (1) current board members and founding members;
- (2) audit and financial records:
 - (a) record of state payments received;
 - (b) record of contributions received by the school from inception to date;
 - (c) test scores, including calendar of testing;
 - (d) current employees: identifying assignments and licensing status, if applicable;
 - (e) student lists, including home addresses or uniform student identifiers for current students;
 - (f) school calendar for previous school year and prospective school year;
 - (g) course offerings, if applicable;
 - (h) affidavits, signed by all board members providing or certifying (documentation may be required):
 - (i) the school's nondiscrimination toward students and employees;
 - (ii) the school's compliance with all state and federal laws;
 - (iii) that all information on application provided is complete and accurate;
 - (iv) that school meets/complies with all health and safety codes/laws;
 - (v) that the school is current with all required policies (personnel, salaries, and fees), including board minutes for the most recent three months;
 - (vi) that the school is operating consistent with the school's charter;
 - (vii) the school's Annual Yearly Progress status under No Child Left Behind;
 - (viii) that there are no outstanding lawsuits or judgments or identifying outstanding lawsuits filed or judgments against

the school;

(ix) that the previous local board of education supports or does not support conversion;

E. Applications for conversion from locally chartered to Board chartered shall be considered by the State Charter School Board within 60 days of submission of complete applications, including all required documentation.

F. Following approval by the State Charter School Board, proposals of charter schools seeking conversion approval shall be submitted to the Board for review.

G. If an applicant is not accepted for conversion, the State Charter School Board shall provide adequate information for the charter school to review and revise its proposal and reapply no sooner than nine months from the previous conversion application.

H. The Board shall consider the conversion application within 45 days of State Charter School Board approval, or next possible monthly Board meeting, whichever is sooner.

I. Final approval or denial of conversion is final administrative action by the Board.

R277-470-11. Charter Schools and NCLB Funds.

A. Charter schools that desire to receive NCLB funds shall comply with the requirements of R277-470-11.

B. To obtain its allocation of NCLB formula funds, a charter school shall complete all appropriate sections of the Consolidated Utah Student Achievement Plan (CUSAP) and identify its economically disadvantaged students in the October upload of the Data Clearinghouse.

C. If the school does not operate a federal school lunch program, the school:

(1) shall determine the economically disadvantaged status for its students on the basis of criteria no less stringent than those established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for identifying students who qualify for reduced price lunch for the fiscal year in question; or

(2) may use the Charter School Declaration of Household Income form provided by the USOE for this purpose.

D. A school which does not use the form shall maintain equivalent documentation in its records, which may be subject to audit.

R277-470-12. Charter School Parental Involvement.

A. Charter schools shall encourage and provide opportunities for parental involvement in management decisions at the school level.

B. Charter schools that elect to receive School LAND Trust funds shall have a committee consisting of a majority of parents elected from parents of students currently attending the charter school that is designated to make decisions about the School LAND Trust funds consistent with R277-477-3E.

R277-470-13. Charter School Oversight and Monitoring.

A. The State Charter School Board shall provide direct oversight to the state's board chartered schools, including:

- (1) requiring that all charter schools shall be members of and accredited by NAAS;
- (2) annual review of student achievement indicators for all schools, disaggregated for various student subgroups;
- (3) quarterly review of summary financial records and disbursements and student enrollment;
- (4) annual review conducted through site visits or random audits of personnel matters such as employee licensure and evaluations;
- (5) regular review of other matters specific to effective charter school operations as determined by the USOE charter school staff; and
- (6) audits and investigations of claims of fraud or misuse of public assets or funds; and

(7) requiring that charter schools are in compliance with their charter agreement, as maintained by the USOE. It is presumed that the charter agreement maintained by the USOE is the final, official and complete agreement.

B. The Board retains the right to review or repeal charter school authorization based upon factors that may include:

- (1) financial deficiencies or irregularities; or
- (2) persistently low student achievement inconsistent with comparable schools; or
- (3) failure of the charter school to comply with state law, Board rules, or directives; or
- (4) failure to comply with currently approved charter commitments.

C. All charter schools shall amend their charters to include the following statement:

To the extent that any charter school's charter conflicts with applicable federal or state law or rule, the charter shall be interpreted and enforced to comply with such law or rule and all other provisions of the charter school shall remain in full force and effect.

D. District charter school authorizers shall:

- (1) visit a charter school at least once during its first year of operation;
- (2) visit a charter school as determined in the review process; and
- (3) provide written reports to the charter schools after the visits.

R277-470-14. Approved Charter School Expansion.

A. The following shall apply to requests for expansion for approved and operating charter schools:

- (1) The school satisfies all requirements of state law and Board rule.
- (2) The approved Charter Agreement shall provide for an expansion consistent with the request; or
- (3) The charter school governing board has submitted a formal amendment request to the State Charter School Board that provides documentation that:
 - (a) the school district in which the charter school is located has been notified of the proposed expansion in the same manner as required in Section 53A-1s-505(1);
 - (b) the school can accommodate the expansion within existing facilities or that necessary structures will be completed, meeting all requirements of law and Board rule, by the proposed date of operation;
 - (c) the school currently satisfies all requirements of state law and Board rule including adequate insurance, adequate parental involvement, compliance with all fiscal requirements, and adequate services for all special education students at the school;
 - (d) students at the school are performing on standardized assessments at an acceptable level with stable scores or scores showing an upward trend;
 - (e) adequate qualified administrators and staff shall be available to meet the needs of the increased number of students at the time the expansion is implemented.

B. The charter school governing board shall file a request with the State Charter School Board for an expansion no later than April 1 two years prior to the date of the proposed implementation of the expansion.

C. Expansion requests shall be considered by the State Charter School Board as part of the total number of charter school students allowed under 53A-1a-502.5(1).

R277-470-15. Satellite School for Approved Charter Schools.

A. An existing charter school may submit an amendment request to the State Charter School Board for a satellite school no later than April 1 two years prior to the date of the proposed

implementation of the satellite if the charter school fully satisfies the following:

- (1) The school currently satisfies all requirements of state law and Board rule including adequate insurance, adequate parental involvement, compliance with all fiscal requirements, and adequate services for all special education students at the school;
- (2) The school has operated successfully for at least three years;
- (3) Students at the school are performing on standardized assessments at an acceptable level with stable scores or scores showing an upward trend;
- (4) The proposed satellite school will provide educational services, assessment, and curriculum consistent with the services, assessment, and curriculum currently being offered at the existing charter school;
- (5) The school shall be financially stable; there have been no repeat findings of deficiencies on required outside audits for at least two consecutive years;
- (6) Adequate qualified administrators, including at least one onsite administrator, and staff are available to meet the needs of the proposed student population at the satellite site school;
- (7) The school has had an audit by Charter School Section staff regarding performance of the current charter agreement, contractual agreements, and financial records; and
- (8) The school provides any additional information or documentation requested by the Charter School Section staff or the Board.

(9) A satellite school that receives School LAND Trust funds shall have a School LAND Trust committee and satisfy all requirements for School LAND Trust committees consistent with R277-477.

B. The satellite school amendment request shall include the following:

- (1) Written certification from the charter school governing board that the charter school currently satisfies all requirements of state law and Board rule;
- (2) A detailed explanation of the governance structure for the satellite school, including appointed, elected and parent representation on the governing board, parental involvement and professional staff involvement in implementing the educational plan. The applicant charter school shall include at least two voting parent members representing the parents of students at the satellite school on its governing board; at least one parent shall be elected by parents of students attending the satellite school;
- (3) Information detailing the grades to be served, the number of students to be served and general information regarding the physical facilities anticipated to serve the school;
- (4) A detailed financial plan for the satellite school;
- (5) A signed acknowledgment by the charter school governing board certifying board members' understanding that a physical site for the building must be secured no later than January 1 of the year the satellite school is scheduled to open;
 - (a) the securing of the building site must be verified by a real estate closing document, signed lease agreement, or other contract indicating a right of occupancy pursuant to R277-470-7C;
 - (b) failure to secure a site by the required date may, at the discretion of the State Charter School Board, delay the opening of the satellite school for at least one academic year.

(6) Notification to both the school district in which the charter school is located and the school district of the proposed satellite school location in the same manner as required in Section 53A-1a-505(1);

(7) Written certification that no later than 15 days after securing a building site, the charter school governing board shall notify the school district in which the charter school

satellite school is located of the school location, grades served, and anticipated enrollment by grade with a copy of the notification sent to the State Charter School Board; and

(8) A signed acknowledgment by the charter school governing board that the board understands the satellite school shall be held accountable for its own AYP report and disaggregated financial data and reports.

C. The approval of the satellite school by the State Charter School Board requires ratification by the State Board of Education and will expire 24 months following such ratification if a building site has not been secured for the satellite school.

D. A charter school may not apply for more than three satellite locations.

R277-470-16. Transportation.

A. Charter schools are not eligible for to-and-from school transportation funds.

B. A charter school that provides transportation to students shall comply with Utah law Section 53-8-211.

C. A school district may provide transportation for charter school students on a space-available basis on approved routes.

(1) School districts may not incur increased costs or displace eligible students to transport charter school students.

(2) A charter school student shall board and leave the bus only at existing designated stops on approved bus routes or at identified destination schools.

(3) A charter school student shall board and leave the bus at the same stop each day.

(4) Charter school students and their parents who participate in transportation by the school district as guests shall receive notice of applicable district transportation policies and may forfeit with no recourse the privilege of transportation for violation of the policies.

R277-470-17. Charter School Building Subaccount.

A. The Board shall establish or reauthorize a Subaccount Committee consistent with 53A-21-401(6) by July 15 annually.

(1) The Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, may annually accept nominations of individuals who meet the qualifications of 53A-21-401(6)(a) from interested parties, including individuals nominating themselves, before June 1. The Board shall appoint five Subaccount Committee members; the Committee shall consider the Governor's nomination as one of the five appointees and the State Charter School Board's nomination as one of the five appointees.

(2) Per Section 53A-21-401(6)(a), the governor shall nominate one individual who meets the qualifications of 53A-21-401(6)(a) before the Board appoints Committee members.

(3) The State Charter School Board shall nominate one individual who meets the qualifications of Section 53A-21-401(6)(a) before June 1 consistent with R277-470-17A(1).

(4) Subaccount Committee members shall be appointed by the Board to terms that do not exceed three years.

(a) In order to stagger terms, terms of appointed Committee members shall be determined by the Board, upon the effective date of this rule.

(b) Future Committee members shall serve three year terms.

(c) The USOE Charter School Director or designee shall be a non-voting Subaccount Committee member.

B. The Subaccount Committee shall develop and the USOE shall make available a loan application that includes criteria designated under Sections 53A-21-401(6)(b) and (8).

C. The Subaccount Committee shall include other criteria or information from loan applicants that the committee or the Board determines to be necessary and helpful in making final recommendations to the Superintendent, the State Charter School Board and the Board. The Subaccount Committee shall also establish terms and conditions for loan repayment,

consistent with Section 53A-21-401(6)(b).

D. Applications for loans shall be accepted on an ongoing basis, subject to eligibility criteria and availability of funding.

(1) To apply for a loan, a charter school shall submit the information requested on the Board's most current loan application form together with the requested supporting documentation.

(2) The application shall include a resolution from the governing board of the charter school that the governing board, at a minimum:

(a) agrees to enter into the loan as provided in the application materials;

(b) agrees to the interest established by the Subaccount Committee and repayment schedule of the loan designated by the Subaccount Committee and the Board;

(c) agrees that loan funds shall only be used consistent with the purposes of Section 53A-21-401(5)(c) and the purpose of the approved charter;

(d) agrees to any and all audits or financial reviews ordered by the Subaccount Committee or the Board;

(e) agrees to any and all inspections or reviews ordered by the Subaccount Committee or the Board;

(f) understands that repayment, including interest, shall be deducted automatically from the charter school's monthly fund transfers, as appropriate.

E. The Subaccount Committee shall not make recommendations to the Superintendent, the State Charter School Board or the Board until the committee receives complete and satisfactory information from the applicant and the Subaccount Committee has reached a majority recommendation.

F. The submission of intentionally false, incomplete or inaccurate information from a loan applicant shall result in immediate cancellation of any previous loan(s), the requirement for immediate repayment of any funds received, denial of subsequent applications for a 12 month period from the date of the initial application, and possible Board revocation of a charter.

G. The Superintendent, in consultation with USOE and State Charter Board staff, shall review recommendations from the Subaccount Committee and make final recommendations to the Board.

H. The Superintendent shall submit final recommendations from the Subaccount Committee to the Board no more than 60 days after submission of all information and materials from the loan applicant to the Subaccount Committee.

I. The Board may request additional information from loan applicants or a reconsideration of a recommendation by the Subaccount Committee.

J. The Board's approval or denial of loan applications constitutes the final administrative action in the charter school building revolving loan process.

R277-470-18. Appeals Criteria and Procedures.

A. Only an operating charter school, a charter school that has been recommended by the State Charter School Board to the Board, or a charter school applicant that has met State Charter School Board requirements for review by the full State Charter School Board, may appeal State Charter School Board administrative decisions or recommendations to the Board.

B. Only the following State Charter School Board administrative decisions or recommendations may be appealed to the Board:

(1) recommendation for termination of a charter;

(2) recommendation for denial of expansions or satellite schools;

(3) recommendation for denial of local charter board proposed changes to approved charters;

(4) recommendation for denial or withholding of funds

from local charter boards; and

(5) recommendation for denial of a charter.

C. No other issues may be appealed.

D. Appeals procedures and timelines

(1) The State Charter School Board shall, upon taking any of the administrative actions under R277-470-17A:

(a) provide written notice of denial to the charter school or approved charter school;

(b) provide written notice of appeal rights and timelines to the local charter board chair or authorized agent; and

(c) post information about the appeals process on the State Charter School Board website and provide training to prospective charter school board members and staff regarding the appeals procedure.

(2) A local charter school board chair or authorized agent (appellant) may submit a written appeal to the State Superintendent within 14 calendar days of the State Charter School Board administrative action or recommendation.

(3) The Superintendent shall, in consultation with the Board chair, designate three to five Board members and a hearing officer, who is not a Board member, to act as an objective hearing panel.

(4) The hearing officer, in consultation with the Superintendent, shall set a hearing date and provide notice to all parties, including the State Charter School Board staff and State Charter School Board.

(5) The Hearing shall be held no more than 45 days following receipt of the written appeal.

(6) The hearing officer shall establish procedures that provide fairness for all parties, which may include:

(a) a request for parties to provide a written explanation of the appeal and related information and evidence;

(b) a determination of time limits and scope of testimony and witnesses;

(c) a determination for recording the hearing;

(d) preliminary decisions about evidence; and

(e) decisions about representation of parties.

(7) The hearing panel shall make written findings and provide an appeal recommendation to the Board no more than 10 calendar days following the hearing.

(8) The Board shall take action on the hearing report findings at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

(9) The recommendation of the State Charter School Board shall be in place pending the conclusion of the appeals process, unless the Superintendent in her sole discretion, determines that the State Charter School Board's recommendation or failure to act presents a serious threat to students or an imminent threat to public property or resources.

(10) All parties shall work to schedule and conclude hearings as fairly and expeditiously as possible.

(11) The Board's acceptance or rejection of the hearing report is the final administrative action on the issue.

R277-470-19. Miscellaneous Provisions.

A. The State Charter School Board and the Board shall, in the recommendation and approval process, consider and may give priority to charter school applications that target underserved student populations, among traditional public schools and operating charter schools.

(1) Underserved student populations may include low income students, students with disabilities, English Language Learners (ELL), or students in remote areas of the state who have limited access to the full range of academic courses;

(2) Priority may also be given to charter school applicants for proposed schools that do not have other charter schools within the school district; and

(3) To be given priority, the charter school application and proposed employee and site information shall support the school's designated focus.

B. The State Charter School Board shall provide a form on its website for individuals to report threats to health, safety, or welfare of students consistent with 53A-1a-510(3).

(1) Individuals making reports shall be directed to report suspected criminal activity to local law enforcement and suspected child abuse to local law enforcement or the Division of Child and Family Services consistent with 62A-4a-403 and 53A-11-605(4).

(2) Additionally, Individuals may report threats to the health, safety, or welfare of students to the local charter board.

(a) reports shall be made in writing;

(b) reports shall be timely;

(c) anonymous reports shall not be reviewed further.

(3) Local charter boards shall verify that potential criminal activity or suspected child abuse has been reported consistent with state law and this rule.

(4) Local charter boards shall act promptly to investigate disciplinary action, if appropriate, against students who may be participants in threatening activities or take appropriate and reasonable action to protect students or both.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-471. Oversight of School Inspections.****R277-471-1. Definitions.**

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Certified plans' examiner" means a professional who has current certification through the International Code Council which requires a rigorous testing program.

C. "Charter schools" means:

(1) schools acknowledged and operating as charter schools by local boards of education under Section 53A-1a-505 or by the Board under Section 53A-1a-515; and

(2) charter school applicants that have their applications approved by a chartering entity in accordance with Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, the Utah Charter Schools Act.

D. "Charter school responsible person or local charter school board building officer (charter school designee)" means the individual or authority designated by the charter school board who has direct administrative and operational control of charter school construction/renovation and has responsibility for the charter school's compliance with the Code on behalf of the charter school board.

E. "Certificate of inspection verification" means a form certifying that the entity responsible for providing inspection services has complied with the provisions of Sections 53A-20-104, 53A-20-105, 10-9a-305, 17-27a-305, and 58-56, Uniform Building Standards Act, as well as the provisions of this rule. The form available on the USOE School Finance and Statistics Section Web page: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/finance/facilities/default.htm>.

F. "Code" means the state-adopted construction code, including all statutes and administrative rules which control the construction, renovation, and inspection of Utah public school buildings.

G. "General plan" means a document that a municipality adopts that sets forth general guidelines for proposed future development of the land within the municipality, consistent with Section 10-9a-103(11).

H. "Public School District Building Official (SDBO)" means the individual or authority designated by the public school district who has direct administrative and operational control of school district construction/renovation and is responsible for the school district's compliance with the Code.

I. "Superintendent" means the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

J. "School Building Construction and Inspection Resource Manual (Resource Manual)" means a manual which identifies the processes and procedures a school district or charter school shall follow when constructing a new public school building or renovating existing buildings. The Resource Manual was developed by the USOE in response to legislative direction under Section 53A-20-104.5, and is available on the USOE School Finance and Statistics Section Web page: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/finance/facilities/default.htm>.

K. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-471-2. 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 permits the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities and permits the Board to interrupt disbursements of state aid to any school district or charter school which fails to comply with rules adopted by the Board.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide specific provisions for the oversight of permanent or temporary public school construction/renovation inspections and to identify local school board and charter school board responsibilities and accountability to the Board.

R277-471-3. School District Building Official, and Charter School Responsible Person.

A. Local boards of education and local charter school boards shall be accountable to ensure that all school district and charter school permanent or temporary construction, renovation, and inspection is conducted in accordance with the Code.

(1) Local school boards shall appoint a School District Building Official (SDBO) who has direct administrative and operational control of all construction, renovation, and inspection of public school district facilities within the school district and shall provide in writing the name of the SDBO to the USOE.

(2) Charter school boards shall be accountable to the State Charter School Board and the Board to ensure that all charter school permanent or temporary construction, renovation, and inspection is conducted in accordance with the Code. Each local charter school board shall appoint a local charter school board building officer who has direct operational responsibility for construction, renovation, and inspection of the charter school. The local charter school board building officer shall report regularly to the local charter school board.

(a) The local charter school board shall provide the name of this officer in writing to the Superintendent.

(b) The local charter school board shall promptly notify the Superintendent in writing of any changes of this individual.

(c) Following notification, the USOE shall provide a construction project number.

B. The SDBO shall monitor school district building construction to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Code.

C. The local charter school board building officer shall monitor all charter school building construction to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Code.

D. The SDBO and local charter school board building officer shall render interpretations of the Code for the school district or charter school. Such interpretations shall be in conformance with the intent and purpose of the Code, insofar as they are expressed in the Code or in legislative intent.

E. The SDBO and local charter school board building officer may adopt and enforce supplemental school district and charter school policies under appropriate school district and charter school policies to clarify the application of the provisions of the Code for school district and charter school personnel.

F. Before any school district or charter school construction project begins, school districts and charter schools shall obtain a construction project number from the USOE and complete and submit construction project identification forms provided by the USOE for all projects which exceed \$99,999 in cost.

G. All school district and charter school plans and specifications shall be approved by a certified plans' examiner before any school district or charter school construction project begins.

H. If a school district or charter school is unable to provide appropriate and proper school construction inspection services, the Superintendent may provide for inspection services from a list of inspectors determined by the Superintendent and charge the school district or charter school for those services. Fees shall be established in advance of inspection services.

I. For all school district or charter school projects that exceed \$99,999, the SDBO and local charter school board building officers shall:

(a) submit inspection summary reports monthly to the USOE;

(b) submit inspection summary reports monthly to the appropriate local government entity building official;

(c) submit inspection certificates to the USOE and appropriate local government entity building official;

(d) maintain all submitted documentation at a designated

school district/charter school location for auditing or monitoring;

(e) identify and provide to the USOE and local government entity building official the total number of inspections with the name, state license number, and disciplines of each inspector;

(f) ensure that each inspector is adequately and appropriately credentialed;

(g) sign the final certificate of inspection and verification form, certifying all inspections were completed in compliance with the law and this rule.

(h) send the final inspection certification and inspection verification to the USOE and to the appropriate local government entity building official upon completion of the project;

J. Reports required under this rule may be paper or electronic.

R277-471-4. Coordination with Local Governments, Utility Providers and State Fire Marshal.

A. Prior to developing plans and specifications for a new public school, or the expansion of an existing public school, school districts and charter schools shall coordinate with affected local government land use authorities and utility providers to:

(1) ensure that the siting or expansion of a school in the intended location will comply with applicable local general plans and land use laws and will not conflict with entitled land uses;

(2) ensure that all local government services and utilities required by the school construction activities can be provided in a logical and cost-effective manner;

(3) avoid or mitigate existing and potential traffic hazards, including consideration of the impacts between the new school and future roadways;

(4) maximize school, student and site safety.

B. Prior to developing plans and specifications for a new public school, or the expansion of an existing school, school districts and charter schools shall coordinate with local health departments and the State Fire Marshal.

C. School districts and charter schools shall maintain documentation for audit purposes of coordination, meetings, and agreements.

R277-471-5. Charter School Land Use Zoning within Municipalities and Counties.

A. If consistent with the general plan, a charter school shall be considered a permitted use in all zoning districts within a municipality or county, except as provided in R277-471-5D.

B. Each land use application for any approval required for a charter school, including an application for a building permit, shall be processed on a first priority basis by municipalities and counties.

C. Parking requirements for a charter school may not exceed the minimum parking requirements for traditional public schools of like size and grade levels or other institutional public uses throughout the municipality or county.

D. If a municipality or county has designated zones for sexually oriented businesses, or businesses which sell alcohol, a charter school may be prohibited from locations which would defeat the purpose for the zone, unless the charter school provides a waiver of liability for the local government entity by the charter school governing board in an open meeting.

R277-471-6. Public School District/Charter School Construction Inspection.

A. A public school district or charter school may employ one of three methods for school construction inspection:

(1) An independent, properly licensed and certified

building inspector;

(2) a properly licensed and certified building inspector, employed by the school district; or

(3) a properly licensed and certified building inspector approved by the local jurisdiction in which the construction activity occurs.

B. Procedure for independent properly licensed and certified building inspector:

(1) The SDBO or charter school designee shall provide, on a monthly basis during construction, a copy of each inspection certificate and a monthly inspection summary regarding the school building to the Superintendent and to the appropriate local governmental entity building official where the building is located for each project that exceeds \$99,999 in cost.

(2) The school district, through the SDBO, or charter school designee shall identify in the monthly summary reports the total number of inspections as well as the name, state license number and discipline(s) of the state licensed/certified inspectors performing the building inspections.

(3) The independent building inspector shall:

(a) not be an employee of the architect, contractor or any subcontractor on the project;

(b) be approved by the applicable local government or school district building inspector; and

(c) be properly licensed and certified to perform all of the inspections that the inspector is required to perform.

(4) After completion of the project, the SDBO or charter school designee shall, upon completion of all required inspections of the school building, file with the USOE and the building inspector of the local jurisdiction in which the building is located, a certificate of inspection verification, certifying that all inspections were completed in accordance with the Code.

(5) The school district or charter school shall seek a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building from the Superintendent.

(6) Within 30 days after the school district or charter school files a request for the issuance of a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building, the Superintendent shall:

(a) issue to the school district or charter school a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building; or

(b) deliver to the local school board or charter school board a written notice indicating deficiencies in the school district's or charter school's compliance with the inspection findings; and

(c) mail a copy of the certificate authorizing permanent occupancy or the notice of deficiency to the building official of the local government entity in which the school building is located.

(7) Upon the local school or charter school board's filing of the certificate of inspection verification and requesting the issuance of a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building with the USOE, the school district or charter school shall be entitled to temporary occupancy of the school building for a period up to 90 days, beginning on the date the request is filed, if the school district or charter school has complied with all applicable fire and life safety code requirements.

(8) Upon the school district or charter school remedying any inspection deficiencies and notifying the Superintendent that the deficiencies have been remedied, following certification of the information, the Superintendent shall issue a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building and mail a copy of the certificate to the building official of the local governmental entity in which the school building is located authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building.

(9) The Superintendent may contract with any appropriately qualified entity or person(s) to provide inspection

services that the Superintendent considers necessary to enable the Superintendent to issue a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the public school building.

(10) The Superintendent may charge the school district or charter school a fee not to exceed the actual cost of performing the inspection(s) for inspection services that the Superintendent considers necessary to enable the Superintendent to issue a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building.

(11) A certificate authorizing permanent occupancy issued by the Superintendent shall be considered to satisfy any municipal or county requirement(s) for an inspection or a certification of occupancy.

C. Procedures for properly licensed and certified school district building inspector:

(1) The SDBO or charter school designee shall provide, on a monthly basis during construction, a copy of each inspection certificate and a monthly inspection summary regarding the school building to the Superintendent and to the appropriate local governmental entity building official where the building is located for each project that exceeds \$99,999 in cost.

(2) The school district, through the SDBO, or the charter school designee shall identify in the monthly summary reports the total number of inspections as well as the name, state license number and discipline(s) of the state licensed/certified inspectors performing the building inspections.

(3) School districts:

(a) After completion of the project, the SDBO shall sign a certificate of inspection verification and a certificate of occupancy certifying that all inspections were completed in accordance with the Code and file the form with the USOE and the building official of the jurisdiction in which the building is located.

(b) A school district may issue its own certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of a school building if it used a building inspector employed by the public school district for inspection of the school building.

(4) Charter schools:

(a) After completion of the project, the charter school may seek a certificate of occupancy from the SDBO of the school district providing the inspection services.

(b) If the charter school seeks a certificate of occupancy from the SDBO, the SDBO shall sign a certificate of inspection verification and a certificate of occupancy certifying that all inspections were completed in accordance with the Code and file the form with the USOE and the building official of the municipality or county in which the building is located.

(c) A certificate authorizing permanent occupancy issued by a SDBO with authority to issue the certificate shall satisfy any municipal or county requirement for an inspection or a certification of occupancy.

D. Procedure for properly licensed and certified local municipal or county building inspector:

(1) The SDBO or charter school designee shall provide, on a monthly basis during construction, a copy of each inspection certificate and a monthly inspection summary regarding the public school building to the Superintendent for each project that exceeds \$99,999 in cost.

(2) The school district, through the SDBO or charter school designee, shall identify in the monthly summary reports the total number of inspections as well as the name, state license number and discipline(s) of the state licensed/certified inspectors performing the building inspections.

(3) School districts:

(a) After completion of the project, the SDBO shall sign a certificate of inspection verification form certifying that all inspections were completed in accordance with the Code and file the form with the USOE and the building official of the jurisdiction in which the building is located.

(b) A public school district shall seek a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of a school building from the jurisdiction in which the building is located; a copy of the certificate of occupancy shall be filed with the USOE.

(4) Charter schools:

(a) After completion of the project, the charter school designee shall obtain a completed certificate of inspection verification form from the local municipal or county building inspector certifying that all inspections were completed in accordance with the Code and file the form with the USOE.

(b) A charter school shall seek a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of a school building from the jurisdiction in which the building is located; a copy of the certificate of occupancy shall be filed with the USOE.

E. A municipality or county may not:

(1) require school districts or charter schools to landscape, fence, make aesthetic improvements, use specific construction methods or materials, impose requirements for buildings used only for educational purposes, or place limitations prohibiting the use of temporary classroom facilities on school property. All temporary classroom facilities shall be properly inspected to meet the Code.

(2) require a school district or charter school to participate in the cost of any roadway or sidewalk, or a study of the impact of a school on a roadway or sidewalk, that is not reasonably necessary for the safety of school children and not located on or contiguous to school property, unless the roadway or sidewalk is required to connect an otherwise isolated public school or an existing roadway;

(3) require a school district or charter school to pay fees not authorized under 10-9a-305 or 17-27a-305;

(4) require inspection of school construction or assess a fee or other charges for inspection, unless the school district or charter school is unable to provide for inspection by properly licensed and certified inspectors, other than the project architect, contractor or subcontractors;

(5) require a school district or charter school to pay any impact fee for an improvement project that is not reasonably related to the impact of the school project upon the need that the improvement is to address; or

(6) impose regulations upon the location of a public school project except as necessary to avoid unreasonable risks to health or safety of students.

F. A municipality or county may, at its discretion, schedule a time with school district or charter school officials to:

(1) provide a walk-through of school construction at no cost and at a time convenient to the school district or charter school; and

(2) provide recommendations based on the walk-through.

R277-471-7. School Building Construction and Inspection Resource Manual.

A. The USOE shall develop and distribute to each school district and charter school a Resource Manual.

B. The Resource Manual shall include process, legal requirements and resource information on school building construction and inspections.

C. The USOE shall review and, if necessary, update the Resource Manual annually.

D. The Board, local school boards, charter school boards, as well as school district and charter school personnel shall act consistent with the Resource Manual.

R277-471-8. Annual Construction and Inspection Conference.

A. The USOE shall sponsor an annual school construction conference for representative(s) from each school district, charter school, and interested persons involved in the school

building construction industry. The conference shall:

- (1) provide current information on the design, construction, and inspection process of school buildings;
- (2) provide training on school site selection, design, construction, lowest life-cycle costing, and construction inspection matters as determined by the USOE; and
- (3) offer and discuss information to improve the existing public school building construction inspection program.

R277-471-9. Enforcement.

A. School districts and charter schools which fail to comply with the provisions of this rule are subject to interruption of state aid dollars by the Board in accordance with Section 53A-1-401(3) and 53A-17a-144(4)(d).

(1) If a school district or charter school fails to meet or satisfy a school construction inspection requirement or timeline designation under this rule, the school district superintendent or local charter school director shall receive notice by certified mail; and

(2) If after 30 days the requirement has not been met, the USOE shall interrupt the Minimum School Program fund transfer process to the following extent:

- (a) 10 percent of the total monthly Minimum School Program transfer amount the first month;
- (b) 25 percent in the second month; and
- (c) 50 percent in the third and subsequent months.

B. If the USOE interrupted the Minimum School Program fund transfer process, the USOE shall:

(1) upon receipt of confirmation that the proper inspection(s) has (have) taken place or upon receipt of a late report, restart the transfer process within the month (if the confirmation or report is submitted before the tenth working day of the month) or in the following month (if the confirmation or report is submitted after 10:00 a.m. on or after the tenth working day of the month); and

(2) inform the appropriate Board Committee at its next regularly scheduled Committee meeting; and

(3) inform the chair of the local governing board if the school district superintendent or charter school director is not responsive in correcting ongoing school construction inspection and reporting problems.

C. A nonrefundable fine in the amount of one half of one percent of the total construction costs shall be assessed school districts and charter schools that fail to report new or remodeling projects to USOE that exceed \$99,999 before construction begins.

(1) Nonrefundable fine amounts shall be deducted from the respective school district's and charter school's Minimum School Program allotment at a rate sufficient to complete collection of the nonrefundable fine by the end of the current fiscal year.

(a) School district nonrefundable fine amounts collected by USOE shall be deposited into the School Building Revolving Account; and

(b) charter school nonrefundable fine amounts collected by USOE shall be deposited into the Charter School Building Subaccount within the School Building Revolving Account.

D. Violation of any land use regulation and the substantive provisions of all Codes is a class C misdemeanor and may be subject to further civil penalties, as established by local ordinance.

R277-471-10. Appeals Procedure for Nonrefundable Fines.

A. School districts or local charter school boards may appeal a fine assessed under R277-471-9C consistent with the following:

(1) A fine may not be appealed until a final administrative decision has been made to assess the fine by the USOE and the fine has been affirmed by the Board.

(2) A district superintendent on behalf of a local school board or a local charter board chair on behalf of a local charter school board may appeal an assessed fine by filing an appeal form provided on the USOE website.

(3) The appeal must be filed within 10 business days of final affirmation of USOE action/withholding by the Board.

(4) The appeal shall be delivered or provided electronically to the USOE as provided by the appeal form.

(5) The appeal form shall require an explanation of unanticipated or compelling circumstances that resulted in local board's or charter school's failure to report new construction or remodeling projects that exceed \$99,999.

(6) The appeal form shall require a notarized statement from the district superintendent or local charter board chair that the information and explanation of circumstances are true and factual statements.

(7) At least three members of the Finance Committee appointed by the Board shall act as a review committee to review the written appeal.

(a) The appeal committee may request additional information from the local school board/local charter board.

(b) The appeal committee may ask the district superintendent or local school district or charter school board chair or school district/charter school business staff to appear personally and provide information.

(c) The fine shall be presumed appropriate and legitimate when reviewed by the appeal committee.

(d) The appeal committee shall make a written recommendation within 10 business days of receipt of the appeal request.

(e) The full Finance Committee of the Board shall review the recommendation.

(f) The Finance Committee shall make a formal recommendation to the Board to accept, modify or reject the appeal explanation and fine.

B. The Board, in a regular monthly meeting, may accept or reject the Finance Committee's final recommendation to affirm the fine, modify the fine, or grant the appeal.

C. Consistent with the Board's general control and supervision of the Utah public school system and given the significant public policy concern for safe schools and cost-effective public school building projects, a local board of education or a local charter board has no further appeal opportunity.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-501. Educator Licensing Renewal and Timelines.****R277-501-1. Definitions.**

A. "Acceptable alternative professional development activities" means activities that do not fall within a specific category under R277-501-3 but are consistent with this rule.

B. "Accredited" means a teacher preparation program accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) or one of the major regional accrediting associations as defined under R277-503-1N.

C. "Accredited school" for purposes of this rule means a public or private school that has met standards considered to be essential for the operation of a quality school program and has had formal approval by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

D. "Active educator" for purposes of this rule means an individual holding a valid license issued by the Board who is employed by a Utah public or accredited private school in a role covered by the license or an individual who has taught successfully for three of the five years in the educator's renewal cycle in a Utah public or accredited private school.

E. "Active educator license" means a license that is currently valid for service in a position requiring a license.

F. "Approved professional development" means training or courses, approved by the USOE under R277-519-3, in which current educators or individuals who have previously received a license may participate to renew a license, teach in another subject area or teach at another grade level.

G. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

H. "College/university course" means a course taken through an institution approved under Section 53A-6-108. "University level course" means a course having the same academic rigor and requirements similar to a university/college course and taught by appropriately trained individuals.

I. "Course work successfully completed" for purposes of this rule means the student earns a grade C or better.

J. "Documentation of professional development activities" means:

(1) an original report card or student transcript for university/college courses;

(2) certificate of completion for an approved professional development, conference, workshop, institute, symposium, educational travel experience and staff development;

(3) summary, explanation, or copy of the product and supervisor's signature, if available, or complete documentation of professional development activities that support district and school policies and further academic pursuit or educational innovations of professional development activities. All agendas, work products, and certificates shall be maintained by the educator;

(4) an agenda or conference program demonstrating sessions and duration of professional development activities.

K. "Educational research" means conducting educational research or investigating education innovations.

L. "Inactive educator" means an individual holding a valid license issued by the Board who was employed by a Utah public or accredited private school in a role covered by the license for less than three years in the individual's renewal period.

M. "Inactive educator license" means a license, other than a surrendered, suspended or revoked license, that is currently not valid due to the holder's failure to complete requirements for license renewal.

N. "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 applicants who have also met all ancillary requirements established by law or rule.

O. "Level 2 license" means a Utah professional educator license issued after satisfaction of all requirements for a Level 1 license and:

(1) requirements established by law or rule;

(2) three years of successful education experience within a five-year period in a Utah public or accredited private school; and

(3) satisfaction of requirements under R277-522 for teachers whose employment as a Level 1 licensed educator began after January 1, 2003 in a Utah public or accredited private school.

P. "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 National Board Certification or a doctorate in education or in a field related to a content area in a unit of the public education system.

Q. "License" means an authorization issued by the Board which permits the holder to serve in a professional capacity in a Utah school.

R. "NASDTEC" means the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. NASDTEC maintains an Educator Information Clearinghouse for its members regarding persons whose licenses have been suspended or revoked.

S. "National Board Certification" means the successful completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process, a three-year process, that may include national content-area assessment, an extensive portfolio, and assessment of video-taped classroom teaching experience.

T. "No Child Left Behind (NCLB) standards for highly qualified teachers" means that all teachers of Core academic subjects as defined under R277-510-1B, demonstrate adequate content knowledge of their teaching assignments as of July 1, 2006.

U. "Professional colleague" for purposes of this rule means a Utah Level 2 or 3 licensed educator who has adequate familiarity with the inactive educator's license area of concentration and endorsement(s).

V. "Professional development plan" means a document prepared by the educator consistent with this rule.

W. "Professional development points" means the points accumulated by a Utah license holder through activities approved under this rule for the purpose of satisfying requirements of Section 53A-6-104.

X. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

Y. "Verification of employment" means official documentation of employment as an educator.

R277-501-2. 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-6-104 which requires the Board to make rules requiring participation in professional development activities in order for educators to retain Utah licensure, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which permits the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide definitions and requirements for an educator to renew a Utah educator license. This rule requires verification of employment, development of a professional development plan and documentation of activities consistent with Section Title 53A, Chapter 6.

R277-501-3. Categories of Acceptable Activities for a Licensed Educator.

A. A college/university course:

(1) shall be successfully completed with a "C" or better, or a "pass."

(2) Each semester hour equals 18 license points; or

(3) Each quarter hour equals 12 license points.

B. Professional development:

- (1) shall be state-approved under R277-519-3.
- (2) may be requested from the USOE by:
 - (a) written request from a private provider on a form supplied by the USOE and received by the appropriate USOE subject specialist at least two weeks prior to the beginning date of the scheduled professional development, or
 - (b) a request submitted through the computerized professional development program connected to the USOE licensure system.
 - (i) The computerized process is available in most Utah school districts and area technology centers.
 - (ii) Such requests shall be made at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the scheduled professional development.
- (3) Each clock hour of authorized professional development time equals one professional development point.
- (4) The professional development shall be successfully completed through attendance and required project(s).

C. Conferences, workshops, institutes, symposia, educational travel experience or staff-development programs:

- (1) Acceptable workshops and programs include those with prior written approval by the USOE, recognized professional associations, district supervisors, or school supervisors regardless of the source of sponsorship or funding.
- (2) One license point is awarded for each clock hour of educational participation; license points may be limited to specific educational activities under R277-501-3C.

D. Content and pedagogy testing:

- (1) Acceptable tests include those approved by the Board.
- (2) 25 license points shall be awarded for each Board-approved test score report submitted.
- (3) No more than two test score reports may be submitted in a license cycle for a maximum of 50 points.
- (4) Each score report submitted shall have a different test number and title.
- (5) The license renewal applicant is responsible for reporting of score test results. This information should be used by renewal applicants to design ongoing professional development.

E. Service in professional activities in an educational institution:

- (1) Acceptable service includes that in which the license holder contributes to improving achievement in a school, district, or other educational institution, including planning and implementation of an improvement plan.
- (2) One license point is awarded for each clock hour of participation.
- (3) An inactive educator may earn professional development points by service in professional activities under the supervision of an active administrator.

F. Service in a leadership role in a national, state-wide or district recognized professional education organization:

- (1) Acceptable service includes that in which the license holder assumes a leadership role in a professional education organization.
- (2) One license point is awarded for each clock hour of participation with a maximum of 10 license points per year.

G. Educational research and innovation that results in a final, demonstrable product:

- (1) Acceptable activities include conducting educational research or investigating educational innovations.
- (2) This research activity shall follow school and district policy.
- (3) An inactive educator may conduct research and receive professional development points on programs or issues approved by a practicing administrator.
- (4) One license point is awarded for each clock hour of participation.

H. Acceptable alternative professional development

activities:

- (1) Acceptable activities are those that enhance or improve education yet may not fall into a specific category.
- (2) These activities shall be approved by an educator's principal/supervisor or in the case of the inactive educator, a professional colleague, or a USOE or Utah school district specialist.
- (3) One license point is awarded for each clock hour of participation.
 - I. Substituting in a Utah public or accredited private school may be an acceptable alternative professional development activity toward license renewal if the license holder is not an active educator as defined under R277-501-1D and is paid and authorized as a substitute. A substitute shall earn one point for every two hours of documented substitute time. Verification of hours shall be obtained from the employer or from the supervising principal. A license holder may earn up to 25 professional development points per year not to exceed a total of 50 points in a license cycle as a substitute.
 - J. A license-holder who instructs students in a professional or volunteer capacity in a Utah public or accredited private school may earn up to 25 professional development points per year not to exceed a total of 50 points in a license cycle. Paraprofessionals/volunteers may accrue one professional development point for every three hours of paraprofessional/volunteer service, as determined and verified by the building principal or supervisor.
 - K. Up to 50 license points may be earned in any one or any combination of categories E, F and G above.

R277-501-4. Required Renewal License Points for Designated License Holders.

A. Level 1, 2 and 3 license holders may accrue relicensure points beginning with the date of each new license renewal.

B. Level 1 license holder with no licensed educator experience.

(1) An educator desiring to retain active status shall earn at least 100 license points in each three year period.

C. Level 1 license holder with one year licensed educator experience in a Utah public or accredited private school within a three year period.

(1) An active educator shall earn at least 75 license points in each three year period; and

(2) any years taught shall have satisfactory evaluation(s).

D. Level 1 license holder with two years licensed educator experience in a Utah public or accredited private school within a three year period.

(1) An active educator shall earn at least 50 license points in each three year period; and

(2) Any years taught shall have satisfactory evaluation(s).

E. Level 1 license holder with three years licensed educator experience in a Utah public or accredited private school within a three year period.

(1) An active educator shall earn at least 25 professional development points in each three year period; and

(2) Any years taught shall have satisfactory evaluation(s).

F. An educator seeking a Level 2 license shall notify the USOE of completion of Level 2 license prerequisites consistent with R277-522, Entry Years Enhancements (EYE) for Quality Teaching - Level 1 Utah Teachers and R277-502, Educator Licensure and Data Retention.

G. Level 2 license holder:

(1) An active educator shall earn at least 95 license points within each five year period. License points shall be earned in activities defined under this rule that contribute to competence, performance, and effectiveness in the education profession.

(2) An inactive educator shall earn at least 200 license points within a five year period to maintain an active educator license.

(3) An inactive educator who works one year in a Utah public or accredited private school within a five year period shall earn 165 license points within a five year period to maintain an active educator license.

(4) An inactive educator who works two years in a Utah public or accredited private school within a five year period shall earn 130 license points within a five year period to maintain an active educator license.

(5) Credit for any year(s) taught requires satisfactory evaluation(s).

H. Level 3 license holder:

(1) A Level 3 license holder with National Board Certification shall meet the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) requirements consistent with the NBPTS schedule available from the USOE Educator Licensure Section. A Level 3 license holder shall be responsible to provide verification of NBPTS status prior to the license holder's designated renewal date.

(2) A Level 3 license holder with a doctorate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in education or in a field related to a content area in a unit of the public education system and shall meet the active or inactive educator Level 2 license holder requirements within a seven year period.

(3) An educator seeking a Level 3 license shall notify the USOE of completion of Level 3 license requirements. Level 3 license criteria apply to the license holder as of the license holder's renewal date following the notification to the USOE.

I. Teachers seeking license renewal who do not meet NCLB standards for highly qualified teachers under R277-510 shall focus 95 of the 200 required professional development points in teaching assignments in which the teacher does not hold an appropriate major, major equivalent, or other NCLB highly qualified criteria.

R277-501-5. Renewal Timeline with Point Requirements for Educator Level 2 License Holders.

A. A Level 2 active educator whose license expires June 30 shall earn 95 license points during the educator's five year renewal period and shall provide verification of employment.

B. A Level 2 inactive educator whose license expires June 30 shall earn 200 license points during the educator's five year renewal period.

R277-501-6. Background Checks Required for Renewal.

A. A background check shall be required for the renewal of any Utah educator license beginning July 1, 2009 consistent with Section 53A-6-401. No license may be renewed until the completion of the background check and receipt and review of the report by the USOE.

B. Beginning no later than July 1, 2009, applicants for Utah educator license renewal shall submit fingerprints to the Utah Department of Public Safety consistent with procedures and scheduling developed and disseminated by the USOE in consultation with the Utah Department of Public Safety.

C. No later than July 1, 2009, the USOE shall provide to the Utah Department of Public Safety a list of licensed Utah educators including dates of birth, social security numbers, and other necessary demographic information to be determined between the USOE and the Utah Department of Public Safety.

R277-501-7. Miscellaneous Renewal Information.

A. A licensed educator shall develop and maintain a professional development plan. The plan:

(1) shall be based on the educator's professional goals and current or anticipated assignment,

(2) shall take into account the goals and priorities of the school/district,

(3) shall be consistent with federal and state laws and district policies, and

(4) may be adjusted as circumstances change.

(5) shall be reviewed and signed by the educator's supervisor or a professional colleague designated by the building administrator.

B. If an educator is not employed in a Utah public or accredited private school at the renewal date, the educator shall review the plan and documentation with a professional colleague who may sign the professional development plan and USOE verification form. The verification form signed by the professional colleague shall be provided to the USOE between January 1 and June 30 of the renewal year.

C. Each Utah license holder shall be responsible for maintaining a professional development plan.

(1) It is the educator's responsibility to retain copies of complete documentation of professional development activities with appropriate signatures.

(2) The professional development documentation shall be retained by the educator for a minimum of two renewal cycles.

D. The "Verification for License Renewal" form shall be submitted to the USOE Licensing Section, 250 East 500 South, P.O. Box 144200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200 between January 1 and June 30 of the educator's assigned renewal year.

(1) Forms submitted by mail that are not complete or do not bear original signatures shall not be processed.

(2) Failure to submit the verification form consistent with deadlines shall result in beginning anew the administrative licensure process, including all attendant fees and criminal background checks.

(3) The USOE may, at its own discretion, review or audit verification for license renewal forms or educator license renewal folders or records.

E. License holders may begin to acquire professional development points under this rule on the date identified on the license as the date of licensure.

F. This rule does not explain criteria or provide credit standards for state approved professional development programs. That information is provided in R277-519.

G. Credit for district lane changes or other purposes is determined by a school district and is awarded at a school district's discretion. Professional development points should not be assumed to be credit for school district purposes, such as salary or lane change credit.

H. A renewal fee set by the USOE shall be charged to educators who seek renewal from an inactive status or to make level changes. Educators with active licenses shall be charged a renewal fee consistent with R277-502.

I. The USOE may make exceptions to the provisions of this rule for unique and compelling circumstances.

(1) Exceptions may only be made consistent with the purposes of this rule and the authorizing statutes.

(2) Requests for exceptions shall be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the license holder's renewal date to the Coordinator of Educator Licensure, USOE.

(3) Approval or disapproval shall be made in a timely manner.

J. Licenses awarded under R277-521, Professional Specialist Licensure, are subject to renewal requirements under this rule.

(1) Specialists shall be considered licensed as of September 15, 1999 or at their official employment date, whichever is later.

(2) All specialists shall be considered Level 1, 2 or 3 license holders consistent with R277-521-3, 4 and 5.

(3) Years of work experience beginning September 15, 1999 count toward levels of licensure.

K. Consistent with Section 53A-6-104(2) and (4), an educator may comply with the professional development requirements of this rule by:

(1) satisfactory completion of the educator's employing

school district's district-specific professional development plan;
and

(2) submission by the employing school district of the names of educators who completed district-specific professional development plans; and

(3) submission of professional development information in a timely manner consistent with the educator's license renewal cycle; failure of timely notification by districts to the USOE may result in expiration of licenses and additional time and costs for relicensure.

L. Completion of relicensure requirements by an educator under R277-501-4 or R277-501-6K, may not satisfy HOUSSE requirements for highly qualified status under No Child Left Behind, as defined in R277-520.

M. Educators are individually responsible for tracking their renewal cycles and completing professional development in a timely manner.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-704. Financial and Economic Literacy: Integration into Core Curriculum and Financial and Economic Literacy Student Passports.****R277-704-1. Definitions.**

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Financial and economic literacy project" means a program or series of activities developed locally to encourage the understanding of financial and economic literacy among students and their families and to assist public school educators in making financial and economic literacy an integrated and permanent part of the public school curriculum.

C. "Financial and economic literacy student passport" means a collection of approved activities, assessments, or achievements completed during a given time period which indicate advancement in financial and economic understanding.

D. "Professional development" for public school educators means the act of engaging in professional learning in order to improve student learning.

E. "SEOP" means student education occupation plan. An SEOP shall include:

- (1) a student's education occupation plans (grades 7-12) including job placement when appropriate;
- (2) all Board and local board graduation requirements;
- (3) evidence of parent, student, and school representative involvement annually;
- (4) attainment of approved workplace skill competencies; and
- (5) identification of post secondary goals and approved sequence of courses.

F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-704-2. 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-13-110 which directs the Board to work with financial and economic experts and private and non-profit entities to develop and integrate financial and economic literacy and skills into the public school curriculum at all appropriate levels and to develop a financial and economic literacy student passport which is optional for students and tracks student mastery of financial and economic literacy concepts, and by Section 53A-1-401(3) which permits the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is:

- (1) to provide funds appropriated by the Legislature to develop and integrate financial and economic literacy concepts effectively into the core curriculum in various programs and at various grade levels;
- (2) to begin the development of a financial and economic literacy student passport;
- (3) to provide for educator professional development using business and community expertise, allowing for maximum creativity and flexibility;
- (4) to provide curriculum resources and assessments for financial and economic literacy;
- (5) to provide passport criteria and tracking capabilities for the financial and economic literacy passport for students grades K-12; and
- (6) to provide simple and consistent messaging to students that becomes part of the core curriculum that reinforces the importance of financial and economic literacy and helps students and their parents to locate and use school and community resources to improve financial and economic literacy among students and families.

R277-704-3. Financial and Economic Literacy Student Passport.

A. The Board and the USOE shall develop and promote a financial and economic literacy student passport model, which would include tracking of student progress toward a passport.

B. Early efforts will focus on students in grades nine through 12.

C. Development efforts will include parent and community participation.

D. A major goal of the development and promotion of a financial and economic literacy student passport will be to inform and educate students and their parents throughout the public school experience of the importance of financial and economic literacy and its applicability to all areas of the public school curriculum.

E. Public schools shall provide parents/guardians and students with the following:

(1) during kindergarten enrollment, a financial and economic literacy passport and information about post-secondary education savings options; and

(2) information and encouragement toward the financial and economic literacy student passport opportunity upon development as part of the SEOP process.

R277-704-4. Financial and Economic Literacy Professional Development Opportunities.

A. The USOE shall provide professional development on all areas of financial and economic literacy utilizing the expertise of community and business groups.

B. Professional development activities shall inform public school educators about financial and economic literacy, encourage greater understanding of personal financial and economic responsibility, provide information and resources for teaching about financial and economic literacy without promoting specific products or businesses, and work with the USOE to develop messaging or advertising to promote financial and economic literacy.

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R277. Education, Administration.**R277-733. Adult Education Programs.****R277-733-1. Definitions.**

- A. "Adult" means an individual 18 years of age or over.
- B. "Adult education" means organized educational programs below the collegiate/postsecondary level, other than regular full-time K-12 secondary education programs, provided by school districts or nonprofit organizations affording opportunities for individuals having demonstrated both presence and intent to reside within the state of Utah who are out-of-school youth (16 years of age and older) or adults who have or have not graduated from high school, to improve their literacy levels and to further their high school level education.
- C. "Adult Basic Education (ABE)" means a program of instruction below the 9.0 academic grade level for adults who lack competency in reading, writing, speaking, problem solving or computation at a level that substantially impairs their ability to find or retain adequate employment that will allow them to become employable, contributing members of society and preparing them for advanced education and training. The instruction is designed to help adults by:
- (1) increasing their independence;
 - (2) improving their ability to benefit from occupational training;
 - (3) increasing opportunities for more productive and profitable employment; and
 - (4) making them better able to meet adult responsibilities.
- D. "Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)" means Title II of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 which provides the principle source of federal support for adult basic and literacy education programs for adults who lack basic skills, an Adult Education Secondary Diploma or its equivalency, or proficiency in English.
- E. "Adult High School Completion (AHSC)" means a program of academic instruction at the 9.0 grade level or above in Board-approved subjects for eligible adult education students who are seeking an Adult Education Secondary Diploma from an adult education program.
- F. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.
- G. "Community-Based Organization (CBO)" means a nonprofit organization:
- (1) eligible for and accepting federal AEFLA funds; and
 - (2) for the sole purpose of providing adult education services to qualified adult education learners.
- (3) All rules and laws that apply to schools/school districts shall also apply to CBOs that receive adult education funding.
- (4) CBOs:
- (a) apply to the USOE;
 - (b) receive adult education funding through a competitive process; and
 - (c) receive USOE funding on a reimbursement basis only.
- H. "Consumable items" means student workbooks, student packets, computer disks, pencils, papers, notebooks, and other similar personal items for which a student retains ownership during the course of study.
- I. "Desk monitoring" means the review of UTopia data to ensure program integrity.
- J. "Eligible adult education student" means an individual who provides documentation that his primary and permanent residency is in Utah, and:
- (1) is 17 years of age or older, and whose high school class has graduated; or
 - (2) is under 18 years of age and is married; or
 - (3) has been adjudicated as an adult; or
 - (4) is an out-of-school youth 16 years of age or older who has not graduated from high school.
- K. "Enrollee" means an adult student who has 12 or more contact hours in an adult education program during a fiscal/program year, an academic assessment establishing an

Entering Functioning Level, has an adult education Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP) with an established goal, and a defined funding code. Enrollee status is based on the last date that all of the above items are entered into UTopia.

L. "English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)" is an instructional program provided for non-native language speakers.

M. "Fee" means any charge, deposit, rental, or other mandatory payment, however designated, whether in the form of money or goods. Admission fees, transportation charges, and similar payments to third parties are fees if the charges are made in connection with an activity or function sponsored by or through an adult education program. All fees are subject to approval by the local school board of education or local board of trustees.

N. "General Educational Development (GED) preparation" means a program that provides instruction in five specific subject areas for eligible adult education students who seek a Utah High School Completion Diploma by successfully passing all five GED Tests. This definition is effective on July 1, 2009.

O. "General Educational Development (GED) Testing" means the test required under R277-702.

P. "Latest official census data" means the most current statistical information available used to determine the number of adults who need adult education services, and determined by:

- (1) individuals 16 years of age and older; or
- (2) individuals 16 years of age and older whose primary language is other than English; or
- (3) individuals 16 years of age and older without a high school diploma or its equivalency - ungraduated adults.

Q. "Measurable outcomes" means indicators of student achievement in adult education programs used for state funding purposes. These outcomes are described in R277-733-9.

R. "Other eligible adult education student" means an individual 16 to 19 years of age whose high school class has not graduated and is counted in the regular school program. The funds generated, weighted pupil unit (WPU) or collected fees or both, are credited to the adult education program for attendance in an adult education program.

S. "Out-of-school youth" means a student 16 years of age or older who has not graduated from high school and is no longer enrolled in a K-12 program of instruction.

T. "Participant" means an adult education student who does not meet the qualifications of an adult education enrollee.

U. "Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)" means a credential for teachers of ESOL.

V. "Tuition" means the base cost of an adult education program that provides services to adult education students.

W. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

X. "Utah High School Completion Diploma" is a diploma issued by the Board and distributed by the GED Testing Centers as agents of the Board to an individual who passes all five subject areas of the GED Tests at a Utah GED Testing Center based on Utah passing standards; measuring the major and lasting outcomes and concepts associated with a traditional four-year high school experience.

Y. "UTopia" means Utah Online Performance Indicators for Adult Education statewide database.

Z. "Waiver release form" means a form signed at least annually by an adult education student allowing for release of the student's personal data and student education occupation plan, including social security number and GED scores, for data matching purposes with agencies such as the Department of Workforce Services, higher education, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and GED Scoring Services. Signed waiver release allows a student's education records to be shared with other adult education programs or interested agencies for the purpose of skill development, job training or career planning, or

other purposes.

R277-733-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which gives general control and supervision of the public school system to the Board, Section 53A-15-401 which places the general control and supervision of adult education under the Board, Section 53A-1-402(1) which allows the Board to adopt minimum standards for programs and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities. Additionally, the Board and Board of Regents are directed to provide adult education programs to inmates under Section 53A-1-403.5.

B. The purpose of this rule is to describe curriculum, program standards, allocation formulas, and operation procedures for the adult education program for adult education students both in and out of state custody.

R277-733-3. Federal Adult Education.

The Board adopts the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Title II of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Public Law 105-220, 20 U.S.C. 1201 et seq., hereby incorporated by reference, and the related current state plan required under that statute, as the standards and procedures governing both federal and state funding of adult education programs, administered by the USOE.

R277-733-4. Program Standards.

A. Local Utah adult education programs shall comply with state and federal requirements and Board rules and follow procedures as defined in the Utah Adult Education Policy and Procedures Guide published, updated, and available from the USOE.

B. Local Utah adult education programs shall make reasonable efforts to market and inform prospective students within their geographic areas of the availability of the programs and provide enrollment information.

C. Utah adult education services may be offered to qualifying individuals whose primary residence is located in a community closely bordering Utah not conducive to commuting to the bordering state's closest adult education program. These individuals if approved by the adult education program in the school district providing the services, shall not be charged out-of-state Adult Education tuition.

D. Adult education programs/courses may also be made available to Utah residents who are between the ages of 16 and 18, as determined necessary by local adult education programs.

E. Local adult education programs shall make reasonable efforts to schedule classes at local community sites and times that meet the needs of adult education students.

F. Each eligible adult education student shall have a written Student Education Occupation Plan (SEOP) defining the student's goal(s) based upon a complete academic assessment, prior academic achievement, work experience and an established Entering Functioning Level. Annually, the plan shall be reviewed by the student and a designated program official and maintained in the student's file along with a signed data matching/agency sharing waiver release form.

G. Only courses identified in R277-733-7 qualify for adult education funds.

H. Local adult education programs shall establish and maintain a local adult education advisory committee consisting of representation from the Utah Department of Workforce Services, Vocational Office of Rehabilitation, higher education and other interested community members with the responsibility to advocate for exemplary adult education programs through collaboration and partnerships with businesses and other community agencies.

I. The USOE shall evaluate local programs through tri-

annual site monitoring visits, annual desk monitoring, and as needed, additional site visits or both, to assure compliance.

J. Education staff, including program administrators, assigned to provide education services shall be qualified and appropriate for their assignments.

K. The teaching certificate and endorsement held by a staff member of a school district or community-based program shall be important in evaluating the appropriateness of the teacher's assignment, but not controlling. For instance, elementary teachers may teach secondary age students who are performing academically at an elementary level in certain subjects. Individuals teaching an adult education high school completion class shall hold a valid Utah elementary or secondary education license and may issue adult education high school completion credits in multiple subjects. Non-licensed individuals providing instruction in ESOL, ABE, GED Test preparation or AHSC classes shall instruct under the supervision of a licensed program employee.

L. Individuals with post-secondary degrees not in possession of a Utah teaching licenses may be considered for employment solely in an adult education program teaching adult students following the completion of a student teaching field experience in an accredited adult education program.

M. Individuals with TESOL or ESOL credentials may be considered for employment solely in an adult education program teaching adult students following the completion of a student teaching experience in an accredited adult education program.

R277-733-5. Fiscal Procedures.

A. State funds appropriated for adult education are allocated in accordance with Section 53A-17a-119.

B. No eligible school district shall receive less than its portion of an eight percent base amount of the state appropriation if:

(1) instructional services approved by the USOE have been provided to eligible adult students during the preceding fiscal year; or

(2) the school district is preparing to offer such services--such a preparation period may not exceed two years.

C. Lapsing and nonlapsing funds

(1) Funds appropriated for adult education programs shall be subject to Board accounting, auditing, and budgeting rules.

(2) State adult education funds which are allocated to school district adult education programs and are not expended in a fiscal year may be carried over to the next fiscal year with written approval by the USOE. These funds may be considered in determining the school district's allocation for the next fiscal year. Carried over funds shall be expended within the next fiscal year. If funds are not expended, they shall be recaptured by the USOE on February 1 of each program year, and reallocated to other school district adult education programs based on need and effort as determined by the Board consistent with Section 53A-17a-119(3).

D. The USOE shall develop uniform forms, deadlines, program reporting and accounting procedures, and guidelines to govern the state (legislative) and federal AEFLA adult education funded programs. The Utah Adult Education Policy and Procedures Guide (updated annually) including forms, procedures and guidelines is available on the USOE adult education website.

R277-733-6. Adult Education Program Student Eligibility.

A. An individual is eligible to be a Utah adult education student if

(1) the prospective adult education student is at least 16 years of age and the student's class has not graduated; or

(2) a prospective adult education student who is otherwise eligible provides one of the following to establish Utah

residency:

- (a) valid state of Utah driver license;
 - (b) valid state of Utah driver privilege card;
 - (c) valid state of Utah identification card; or
 - (d) valid state of Utah resident fishing or hunting license.
- (3) a prospective adult education student provides one of the following in the prospective student's name with the home mailing address (no post office boxes); documentation shall have been received no more than 12 months prior to the individual's registration request:
- (a) mail from an in-state or out-of-state business;
 - (b) utility bill or work order;
 - (c) cell phone or telephone bill;
 - (d) employee pay stub;
 - (e) written statement on an employer's letterhead defining a job commitment;
 - (f) current year automobile registration;
 - (g) Utah state government agency form letter;
 - (h) Utah public library card;
 - (i) rent or mortgage payment statement;
 - (j) Utah voter registration card;
 - (k) Utah high school/college transcript or report card;
 - (l) tribal correspondence;
 - (m) approved or denied free or reduced lunch application from the individual's children's school that includes the individual's name on the application;
 - (n) daycare or nursery school record of the individual's children that includes the individual's name on the record;
 - (o) K-12 registration demographic card of children enrolled in a Utah school that includes the individual's name on the card.

B. The following does not establish residency for purposes of adult education programs:

- (1) mail addressed to occupant or resident;
- (2) letters from friends or relatives;
- (3) power of attorney documents;
- (4) personal correspondence addressed to a post office box.

C. To be eligible for participation in an adult education program, a Utah resident shall be:

- (1) an individual 17 years of age or older whose high school class/cohort has graduated; or
- (2) an individual emancipated under Section 78-3a-1005; or
- (3) an individual emancipated by marriage; or
- (4) an individual who is at least 16 years of age who has not graduated from high school and who is no longer enrolled in a K-12 program of instruction; or
- (5) a student 16 to 19 years of age whose class has not graduated and who is attending adult education classes as an alternative to a traditional public education program.

D. Non-Utah residents from states bordering Utah seeking enrollment into an adult education program in Utah shall be considered resident Utah students consistent with individual agreements between the Utah Adult Education Program and the individual states bordering Utah.

R277-733-7. Adult Education Pupil Accounting.

A. A Utah administered adult education program shall receive WPU funding for a student at the rate of 990 clock hours of membership per one weighted pupil (with part-time enrollment pro-rated by the school district) for a student who is a resident of a Utah school district who meets the following criteria:

- (1) is at least 16 years of age but less than 19 years of age;
- (2) who has not received a high school diploma or a Utah High School Completion Diploma;
- (3) who intends to graduate from a K-12 high school; and
- (4) who attends an SEOP meeting with his school

counselor, school administrator/designee, parent/legal guardian to discuss the appropriateness of the student's participation in adult education.

B. A student 17 years of age or older, without a high school diploma but whose high school class has graduated, who is a Utah resident, and who intends to graduate from a K-12 high school, may, with parental/guardian consultation and written approval from all parties (if applicable), enroll in the state administered adult education program upon proof of Utah residency. Student attendance up to 990 clock hours of membership is equivalent to 1 FTE per year.

(1) The clock hours of students enrolled part-time shall be prorated.

(2) As an alternative, equivalent WPUs may be generated for competencies mastered on the basis of prior authorization of a school district plan by the USOE.

C. For purposes of funding in an adult education program, a student can only be a pupil in average daily membership once on any day. If the student's day is part-time in the regular school program and part-time in the adult education program, the student's membership shall be reported on a prorated basis for each program. A student may not be funded for more than one regular WPU for any school year.

D. An out-of-school youth (minimum age of 16) who has not graduated from high school, may, with parental/guardian written approval (if applicable), school district administrative written approval and proof of Utah residency, enroll in an adult education program:

(1) The WPU shall not be generated by the student's participation in an adult education program.

(2) This student shall be eligible for adult education state funding.

(3) This student shall be presented with information prior to or at the time of enrollment in an adult education program that defines the consequences of the student's decision including the following:

(a) The student may receive an Adult Education Secondary Diploma upon completion of the minimum required Carnegie units of credit as defined by the local adult education program; or

(b) The student may earn a Utah High School Completion Diploma upon successful passing of all five GED Tests; or

(c) The student may, at the discretion of the school district, return to his regular high school prior to the time his class graduates with the understanding and expectation that all necessary requirements for the traditional K-12 diploma shall be completed, provided that the student:

(i) is released from the adult education program; and

(ii) has not completed the requirements necessary for an Adult Education Secondary Diploma; or

(iii) has not successfully passed all five GED Tests and has not received a Utah High School Completion Diploma.

(4) An out-of-school youth of school age who has received an Adult Education Secondary Diploma is not eligible to return to a K-12 high school.

(5) An out-of-school youth of school age who has received a Utah High School Completion Diploma is not eligible to return to a K-12 high school unless it is required for the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C., Chapter 33.

(6) An out-of-school youth of school age who has successfully completed an Adult Education Secondary Diploma or a Utah High School Completion Diploma shall be reported as a graduate for K-12 graduation (AYP) outcomes.

(7) An out-of-school youth of school age may be considered eligible to take the GED Test if all requirements as stated in R277-702, Procedures for Utah General Educational Development Certificate, are followed.

R277-733-8. Program, Curriculum, Outcomes and Student Mastery.

A. The Utah Adult Education Program shall offer courses consistent with the Utah Core curriculum under R277-700.

B. The Utah Core curriculum and teaching strategies may be modified or adjusted to meet the individual needs of the adult education student.

C. Written course descriptions for AHSC required and elective courses shall be developed by school district adult education programs for all classes taught, consistent with the Utah Core curriculum and Utah adult education curriculum standards, as provided by the USOE.

D. Written course descriptions for GED Test preparation, ESOL and ABE courses shall be developed cooperatively by school districts, CBOs and the USOE based on Utah Core curriculum standards, modified for adult learners.

E. Course descriptions shall contain adult education mastery criteria and shall stress mastery of adult life skill material consistent with Core objective standards and the Core curriculum.

F. Course content mastery shall be stressed rather than completion of predetermined seat time in a classroom.

G. Adult high school completion education is determined by the following prerequisite courses:

- (1) ESOL competency AEFLA levels one through six;
- (2) ABE competency AEFLA levels one through four.

H. AHSC courses for students seeking an Adult Education Secondary Diploma should meet federal AEFLA AHSC Levels I and II competency requirements with a minimum completion of 24 credits under the direction of a Utah licensed teacher as provided below:

(1) Adult High School Core Courses, as offered consistent with Utah Core objectives:

(a) 24.0 units of credit required through satisfaction of a course of study by demonstrated course competency or school district approved competency examination in correlation with the student's SEOP career focus;

(b) awarded adult education credit options including continuous professional employment training required for a professional license; or

(c) documented achievement of a trade or skill, basic or advanced military training;

(d) apprenticeship, union or registered work credentials;

(e) successfully passing all five GED Tests; academic credit for successfully passing all five GED Tests may only be applied toward an Adult Education Secondary Diploma if the proposed awarded units of credit were transcribed by June 30, 2009;

(f) transcribed college or university courses as they align to the following Core instructional areas:

(i) Language Arts: 3.0;

(ii) mathematics: 2.0, individualized mathematics courses to meet the life needs of adult learners;

(iii) science: 2.0, from the four science areas of chemistry, biological science, earth science, or physics;

(iv) social studies: 2.50, 1.0 in United States history, .50 in United States government and civics, .50 in geography; and .50 in world civilizations;

(v) arts: 1.50;

(vi) healthy lifestyles: 2.0, individualized courses meeting the life needs of adult learners that include: .25 - 1.50 health education, .25 - 1.50 individualized fitness for life courses;

(vii) career and technical education (CTE): 1.00;

(viii) general financial literacy: .50;

(ix) education technology: .50 computer technology courses or successful completion of school district approved competency examination;

(x) electives: 9.0 units of credit.

I. The USOE Adult Education Section and local education

programs shall disseminate clear information regarding revised adult education graduation requirements.

J. Adult education students receiving education services in a state prison or jail education program may graduate with an Adult Education Secondary Diploma upon completion of the state required 24.0 units of credit required under R277-700 and satisfied through completed credits or demonstrated course competency or a Utah High School Completion Diploma upon successful passing all five of the GED Tests consistent with students' SEOP career focus.

K. Adult Education Secondary Diploma graduation requirements may be changed or modified, or both, for adult students with documented disabilities through Individual Education Plans (IEPs) from age 16 up until their 22nd birthday or an adult education SEOP, or both to meet unique educational needs.

L. A student's IEP or adult education SEOP shall document the nature and extent of modifications, substitutions, or exemptions made to accommodate the student's disability(ies).

M. Modified graduation requirements for individual students shall:

- (1) be consistent with the student's IEP or SEOP, or both;
- (2) be maintained in the student's files;
- (3) maintain the integrity and rigor expected for AHSC graduation.

N. School districts shall establish policies:

(1) allowing or disallowing adult education students participation in graduation activities or ceremonies; and

(2) allowing or disallowing adult education students from participating in the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT).

O. An adult education high school completion student may only receive an Adult Education Secondary Diploma earned through a designated Utah adult education program.

P. Adult education programs shall accept credits and grades awarded to students from other state recognized adult education programs, schools accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools or schools or programs approved by the Board without alteration.

Q. Adult education programs may establish reasonable timelines and may require adequate and timely documentation of authenticity for credits and grades submitted from schools or private providers.

R. A school district/adult education program is the final decision-making authority for the awarding of credit and grades from non-accredited sources.

S. Adult education shall provide a program that allows students to transition between sites in a seamless manner.

T. An adult education student seeking a Utah High School Completion Diploma shall be offered a course of academic instruction designed to prepare the student to take the GED Tests.

U. A Utah High School Completion Diploma shall be issued by the Board and distributed by the GED testing centers as agents of the Board or directly by the USOE GED administrator. Receipt of the Utah High School Completion Diploma does not end entitlement to a free appropriate public education for a student eligible for special education under IDEA.

V. Upon completion of requirements for a Utah Adult Education Secondary Diploma, or a Utah High School Completion Diploma, adult education students may only continue in an adult education program to improve their basic literacy skills if:

(1) their academic skills are less than 12.9 grade level in an academic area of reading, math or English; and

(2) they lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable them to function effectively in society. The focus of

instruction shall be solely literacy and is limited specifically to reading, math or English.

R277-733-9. Adult Education Programs--Tuition and Fees.

A. Any adult may enroll in an adult education class consistent with Section 53A-15-404.

B. Tuition and fees shall be charged for ABE, GED preparation, AHSC, or ESOL courses in an amount not to exceed \$100 annually per student based on the student's ability to pay as determined by federal free and reduced lunch guidelines, under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1751, et seq. The appropriate student fees and tuition shall be determined by the local school board or CBO board of trustees.

C. Adults who are or may attend adult education programs shall be given adequate notice of program tuition and fees through public posting. Any charged tuition or fees shall be set and reviewed annually.

D. Adult education tuition and fees shall be waived or students shall be offered appropriate work in lieu of waivers for students who are younger than 18, qualify for fee waivers under R277-407, and their class has not graduated.

E. Tuition may be charged for courses that satisfy requirements outlined in R277-733-8B, when adequate state or local funds are not available.

F. Fees may be charged for consumable and nonconsumable items necessary for adult high school courses that satisfy requirements outlined in R277-733-8B, consistent with the definitions under R277-733-1E and R277-733-1I.

G. Fees and tuition charged and collected by adult education programs shall be reasonable and necessary as determined by the local boards of education or boards or trustees.

H. Collected fees and tuition shall be used specifically to provide additional adult education and literacy services that the program would otherwise be unable to provide.

I. The local program superintendent/chief executive officer and business administrator shall acknowledge by signature as part of the program's grant plan (state or federal, or both) submission and program assurances that all fees and tuition collected and submitted for accounting purposes are:

- (1) returned/delegated with the exception of indirect costs to the local adult education program;
- (2) used solely and specifically for adult education programming;
- (3) not withheld and maintained in a general maintenance and operation fund.

J. All collected fees and tuition generated from the previous fiscal year shall be spent in the adult education program in the ensuing program year.

K. Collected fees and tuition may not be counted toward meeting federal matching, cost sharing or maintenance of effort requirements related to the local program's award.

L. Annually, local programs shall report to the school district or community-based organization all fees and tuition collected from students associated with each funding source.

M. Fees and tuition collected from adult education students shall not be commingled or reported with community education funds or any other public education fund.

R277-733-10. Allocation of Adult Education Funds.

Adult education state funds shall be distributed to school districts offering adult education programs consistent with the following:

A. Base amount distributed equally to each participating school district with a Board-approved adult education plan and budget - eight percent of appropriation.

B. Enrollee status students (not participants) - 25 percent of appropriation.

C. Contact hours (instructional and non-instructional) for both enrollee status students and participants - 18 percent of appropriation.

D. Adult Education Secondary Diplomas or Utah High School Completion Diplomas, whichever is awarded first.

E. Enrollee level gains: ESOL competency levels 1-6, ABE competency levels 1-4, and AHSC competency levels 1-2 - 20 percent.

F. Enrollee adult education completed secondary credits - nine percent.

F. Supplemental support, to be distributed to school districts for special program needs or professional development, as determined by written request and USOE evaluation of need and approval - three percent or balance of appropriation.

(1) Any school district with pre-approved carryover adult education funds from the previous fiscal year may negotiate a request for supplemental funding as needed.

(2) Priority of supplemental funding shall be given to school districts whose initial adult education allocation is less than one percent of the state allotted total, as indicated on the state allocation table.

(3) Any balance of supplemental funds may be applied for by all remaining eligible school districts.

G. Funds, state (flow through) or federal (reimbursement) or both, may be withheld or terminated for noncompliance with state policy and procedures and associated reporting timelines as defined by the USOE.

R277-733-11. Adult Education Records and Audits.

A. Official records kept in perpetuity: To validate student outcomes, local programs shall maintain records for each program site in perpetuity which clearly and accurately show for each student:

(1) documentation of Utah residency; the student's initial managing program shall maintain documentation of Utah residency in the student's file in perpetuity; documentation of such proof shall be entered in the student's Utopia data record;

(2) copies of:

(a) transcribed grade data including previous report cards, transcripts, work verification, military training, professional licenses, union or registered work credentials;

(b) GED Test Score Report showing successful passing of all five areas of the GED Test;

(c) completed Core followup surveys;

(d) releases of information requesting student record information and releases of student information to other requesting agencies;

(e) special education IEPs for students under the age of 22; and

(f) outside psychological, psychiatric or medical documentation used in determining education programming accommodations; and records of accommodations.

B. To validate student outcomes annually, the student's managing program shall maintain records for each program site which clearly and accurately show for each student:

(1) signed or refusal to sign waiver of release forms;

(2) all assessment protocol sheets (pre- and post-tests) used to determine student's EFL and level gains; and

(3) contact hours (both noninstructional and instructional) documentation.

C. Audits:

(1) To ensure valid and accurate student data, all programs accepting either state or federal adult education funds, or both, shall enter and maintain required student data in the Utopia data system.

(2) Annually, an independent auditor shall be retained by each school district and CBO to audit student accounting records to verify Utopia data entries.

(3) Reports of accuracy shall be completed and submitted

to the school districts' boards of education, the CBOs boards' of trustees, as appropriate, the local adult education program director, and the USOE.

(4) The USOE shall receive the final auditor report by September 15 annually.

(5) Local programs shall prepare and submit to the USOE a written corrective action plan for each audit finding by October 15 annually.

(6) USOE adult education staff members are responsible to monitor and assist programs in the resolution of corrective action plans.

(7) A program's failure to resolve audit findings may result in the termination of state and federal funding, or both.

(8) Independent audit reporting dates, forms, and procedures are available in the state of Utah Legal Compliance Audit Guide provided to the school districts and CBOs by the USOE in cooperation with the State Auditors' Office and published under the heading of APPC-5.

(9) USOE Adult Education Services program staff shall conduct tri-annual program reviews of each program to ensure accuracy of program data and program compliance. Desk monitoring shall be completed during years when tri-annual reviews are not performed. Additional informal monitoring or reviews or site visits may be conducted as necessary and as follows.

(10) As needed, monitored programs shall prepare and submit to the USOE a written corrective action plan for each monitoring finding as requested by the USOE.

(11) USOE adult education staff are responsible to monitor and assist programs in the resolution of corrective action plans.

(12) A program's failure to resolve audit findings may result in the termination of state or federal funding or both.

(13) The USOE shall review for cause school district or CBO records and practices for compliance with the law and this rule.

R277-733-12. Advisory Council.

A. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee shall represent Adult Education programs on the Department of Workforce Services State Council as a voting member.

B. Adult education programs shall participate on or establish and maintain a local interagency advisory council consisting at a minimum of partner agencies including the Department of Workforce Services, the State Office of Rehabilitation, higher education, the Utah College of Applied Technology, industry and community representation, and other appropriate agencies with the purpose of supporting the mission of adult education in Utah.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement.**R414-1B. Prohibition of Payment for Certain Abortion Services.****R414-1B-1. Introduction and Authority.**

This rule is to assure compliance with the prohibition on using public funds for certain abortion services as provided in Section 76-7-331. It is authorized by Sections 26-1-5 and 26-18-3.

R414-1B-2. Definitions.

(1) "Abortion billing code" means the following codes:

(a) 59840, 59841, 59850, 59851, 59852, 59855, 59856 and 59857 as shown in the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual of the American Medical Association, 2003 edition; and

(b) 69.01, 69.51, 74.91 and 75.0 as shown in the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition, Volumes 1 and 2, Clinical Modification, Volume 3 Procedures.

(2) "Certification" or "Certify" means submitting to the Division of Health Care Financing, Utah Department of Health, a Department-approved document signed by one authorized to act on behalf of a Medicaid provider.

(3) "Public funds" means money of the state, its institutions or its political subdivisions used to pay or otherwise reimburse a person, agency, or facility. "Public funds" does not include (i) clinical revenue generated from nongovernmental payors; or (ii) gift or donor funds from third party nongovernmental sources.

R414-1B-3. Certification.

(1) Each Medicaid provider that bills the Utah Department of Health for services related to an abortion billing code at any time after May 3, 2004, must certify that public funds it receives from the Department are not used to pay or otherwise reimburse, either directly or indirectly, any person, agency, or facility for the performance of any induced abortion services unless:

(a) in the professional judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician, the abortion is necessary to save the pregnant woman's life;

(b) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the woman was unable to report the crime for physical reasons or fear of retaliation; or

(c) in the professional judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician, the abortion is necessary to prevent permanent, irreparable and grave damage to a major bodily function of the pregnant woman provided that a caesarian procedure or other medical procedure that could also save the life of the child is not a viable option. Damage to a major bodily function refers only to injury or impairment of a physical nature and may not be interpreted to mean mental, psychological, or emotional harm, illness, or distress.

(2) The certification shall be ongoing and apply to all future claims unless the provider notifies the Department in writing of a change in its certification status.

(3) Nothing in this rule shall increase Medicaid coverage for abortion services beyond what is required under federal law.

R414-1B-4. Standards for Certification.

(1) Each provider who submits a certification is responsible to be informed of the abortion funding restrictions found in Section 76-7-331 and to assess whether it receives public funds for any abortion that is not excepted in Subsection 76-7-331(2)(a)(b), or (c).

(2) A provider is not using public funds to directly or indirectly fund prohibited abortion services if it certifies that:

(a) it uses non-public funds to make up any difference between the reimbursement it receives from all payors for services identified by abortion billing codes, other than those services identified in Subsection R414-1B-3(1), and the costs

incurred by the provider for those procedures; or

(b) it has adopted another method, based on generally accepted accounting principles, that provides a good faith basis for supporting the certification.

(3) Each provider that submits a certification meeting the requirements of this rule shall maintain records to support the certification and make those records available to the Department on request consistent with participation as a Medicaid provider.

R414-1B-5. State Officer or Employee Authorization of Funds for Abortion.

Any officer or employee of the state who knowingly authorizes the use of funds shall be dismissed from that person's office or position and the person's employment shall be immediately terminated.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.**R414-31. Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Individuals Under Age 21.****R414-31-1. Introduction and Authority.**

(1) Except for certain age groups, Medicaid excludes coverage of patients in an institution for mental disease. The State has elected to cover these inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under age 21 in accordance with the conditions set forth below.

(2) 42 USC 1396d(a)(16) and (h) authorizes the provision of this service under a state's Medicaid program.

R414-31-2. Client Eligibility Requirements.

Categorically and medically needy Medicaid recipients are eligible for this service if the service is provided before the recipient reaches age 21 or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before the recipient reached age 21, before the earlier of the following: (1) the date the recipient no longer requires the services; or (2) the date the recipient reaches age 22.

R414-31-3. Program Access Requirements.

(1) Before admission for inpatient psychiatric services or before authorization for Medicaid payment, a facility physician must make a medical evaluation of the recipient's need for care in the hospital and certify that inpatient services are needed.

(2) The certification must document that:

(a) ambulatory care resources available in the community do not meet the treatment needs of the recipient;

(b) proper treatment of the recipient's psychiatric condition requires services on an inpatient basis under the direction of a physician; and

(c) the services can reasonably be expected to improve the recipient's condition or prevent further regression so that services will no longer be needed.

(3) The Bureau of Health Facility Licensing, Certification and Resident Assessment, within the Division of Health Systems Improvement, under the Department of Health, reviews the medical evaluation and certification and determines that the client meets certification of need requirements.

R414-31-4. Service Coverage.

(1) Services must be provided under the direction of a physician and must be based on a plan of care that includes an integrated program of therapies, activities, and experiences designed to meet the recipient's treatment objectives. The plan of care must be a written plan developed for each recipient to improve the recipient's condition to the extent that inpatient care is no longer necessary.

(2) At the appropriate time, the physician must develop post-discharge plans and coordination of inpatient services with partial discharge plans and related community services to ensure continuity of care with the recipient's treatment objectives.

R414-31-5. Qualified Providers.

Inpatient psychiatric services for recipients under age 21 are provided only by the Utah State Hospital.

R414-31-6. Reimbursement for Services.

The Department pays the lower amount of costs or charges and uses Medicare regulations to define allowable costs.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.**R414-35. Mental Health Services for Children in State Custody.****R414-35-1. Introduction and Authority.**

(1) This rule outlines the diagnostic and rehabilitative outpatient mental health services provided to CHEC (EPSDT)-eligible Medicaid clients in the custody of Department of Human Services (DHS).

(2) This rule is authorized under UCA 26-18-3 and governs the services allowed under 42 CFR 440.130, Oct. 2003 ed.

R414-35-2. Definitions.

In this rule:

"CHEC" means Utah's version of the federally-mandated Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program. The CHEC program is designed to ensure access to needed medical care for Medicaid clients from birth through the month of the client's 21st birthday.

"Diagnostic services" means any medical procedure recommended by a physician or other licensed mental health therapist to enable him to identify the existence, nature, or extent of a mental health disorder in a client.

"Rehabilitative services" means any medical or remedial services recommended by a physician or other licensed mental health therapist for maximum reduction of a client's mental health disorder and restoration of the client to his best possible functional level.

R414-35-3. Client Eligibility Requirements.

Diagnostic and rehabilitative outpatient mental health services are available to CHEC-eligible children in the custody of DHS.

R414-35-4. Program Access Requirements.

Diagnostic and rehabilitative outpatient mental health services must be provided by a licensed mental health therapist under contract with DHS, a psychosocial rehabilitative treatment program operated by or under contract with DHS or a community mental health center.

R414-35-5. Service Coverage.

(1) Services must be recommended by a licensed mental health therapist.

(2) The scope of diagnostic and rehabilitative mental health services includes:

- (a) psychiatric diagnostic interview examination;
- (b) psychological testing;
- (c) individual psychotherapy;
- (d) group psychotherapy;
- (e) family psychotherapy with patient present;
- (f) family psychotherapy without patient present;
- (g) pharmacologic management;
- (h) psychosocial rehabilitative services;
- (i) intensive psychosocial rehabilitative services for children ages 0 through the month of their 13th birthday; and
- (j) residential treatment services including:
 - (i) psychiatric health facility;
 - (ii) comprehensive community support services; and
 - (iii) foster care, therapeutic, child.

R414-35-6. Qualified Providers.

Diagnostic and rehabilitative services must be provided by an individual, as limited by the scope of his license, 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 specializing in mental health nursing,

a licensed registered nurse, a licensed professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist or a licensed substance abuse counselor; or

(2) an individual working toward licensure in one of the professions identified in subsection (1) to the extent permitted by Title 58 of the Utah Code; or

(3) a licensed practical nurse or other trained staff working under the supervision of one of the individuals identified in subsection (1) or (2).

R414-35-7. Reimbursement Methodology.

The Department pays the lower of the amount billed or the rate on the DHS contractors' fee schedule. The fee schedule was initially established after consultation with DHS. 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.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.

R414-49. Dental Services.

R414-49-1. Introduction and Authority.

(1) The Medicaid Dental Program provides a scope of dental services to meet the basic dental needs of Medicaid recipients.

(2) Dental services are authorized by 42 CFR, October 1995 ed., Sections 440.100, 440.120, 483.460, which are adopted and incorporated by reference.

R414-49-2. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in R414-1-1, the following definitions apply to this rule:

(1) "Adult" means a person who has attained the age of 21.

(2) "Child" means a person under age 21 who is eligible for the EPSDT (CHEC) program.

(3) "Child Health Evaluation and Care" (CHEC) is the Utah-specific term for the federally mandated program of early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) for children under the age of 21.

(4) "Dental services" means diagnostic, preventive, or corrective procedures provided by, or under the supervision of, a dentist in the practice of his profession.

(5) "Emergency services" means treatment of an unforeseen, sudden, and acute onset of symptoms or injuries requiring immediate treatment, where delay in treatment would jeopardize or cause permanent damage to a person's dental health.

R414-49-3. Client Eligibility Requirements.

Dental services are available only to clients who are pregnant women or who are individuals eligible under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program.

R414-49-4. Program Access Requirements.

Dental services are available only from a dentist who meets all of the requirements necessary to participate in the Utah Medicaid Program, and who has signed a provider agreement.

R414-49-5. Service Coverage.

Specific services are identified for pregnant women and for children eligible for the EPSDT (CHEC) program, since program covered services may differ. Specific program covered services for residents of ICFs/MR are detailed in this section.

(1) Diagnostic services are covered as follows:

(a) Each provider may perform a comprehensive oral evaluation one time only.

(b) A limited problem-focused oral evaluation.

(c) Each provider may perform either two periodic oral evaluations, or a comprehensive and a periodic oral evaluation per calendar year.

(d) A choice of panoramic film, a complete series of intraoral radiographs, or a bitewing series of radiographs of diagnostic quality.

(e) Study models or diagnostic casts for children.

(2) Preventive services are covered as follows:

(a) Child:

(i) Two prophylaxis treatments in a calendar year by a provider, with or without fluoride.

(ii) Occlusal sealants are a benefit on the permanent molars of children under age 18.

(iii) Space maintainers.

(b) Pregnant Women: Two prophylaxis treatments in a calendar year by a provider.

(3) Restorative services are covered as follows:

(a) Amalgam restorations, composite restorations on anterior teeth, stainless steel crowns, crown build-up,

prefabricated post and core, crown repair, and resin or porcelain crowns on permanent anterior teeth for children.

(b) Amalgam restorations, and composite restorations on anterior teeth for pregnant women.

(4) Endodontics services are covered as follows:

(a) Therapeutic pulpotomy for primary teeth.

(b) Root canals, except for permanent third molars or primary teeth.

(c) Apicoectomies.

(5) Periodontics services are covered as follows:

(a) Root planing or periodontal treatment for children.

(b) Gingivectomies for patients who use anticonvulsant medication, as verified by their physician.

(6) Oral Surgery services are covered as follows:

(a) Extractions.

(b) Surgery for emergency treatment of traumatic injury.

(c) Emergency oral and maxillofacial services provided by dentists or oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

(7) Prosthodontics services are covered as follows:

Initial placement of dentures, including the relining to assure the desired fit.

(a) Full Dentures

(i) Child: Complete dentures.

(ii) Pregnant Women: "Initial" dentures.

(b) Partial dentures may be provided if the denture replaces an anterior tooth or is required to restore mastication ability where there is no mastication ability present on either side.

(c) Relining, rebasing, or repairing of existing full or partial dentures.

(8) Medicaid covered dental services are available to residents of an ICF/MR on a fee-for-service basis, except for the annual exam, which is part of the per diem paid to the ICF/MR.

(9) Patients who receive total parenteral or enteral nutrition may not receive dentures.

(10) The provider must mark all new placements of full or partial dentures with the patient's name to prevent lost or stolen dentures in facilities licensed under Title 26, Chapter 21.

(11) General anesthesia and I.V. sedation are covered services.

(12) Fixed bridges, osseo-implants, sub-periosteal implants, ridge augmentation, transplants or replants are not covered services.

(13) pontic services, vestibuloplasty, occlusal appliances, or osteotomies are not covered services.

(14) Consultations or second opinions not requested by Medicaid are not covered services.

(15) Treatment for temporomandibular joint syndrome, its prevention or sequela, subluxation, therapy, arthrotomy, meniscectomy, condylectomy are not covered services.

(16) Prior authorization is required for gingivectomies, full mouth debridements, dentures, partial dentures, porcelain to metal crowns and general anesthesia procedures.

R414-49-6. Reimbursement.

(1) Reimbursement for Dental Services is through select ADA dental codes which are based on an established fee schedule unless a lower amount is billed. The Department pays the lower of the amount billed and the rate on the schedule.

(2) The amount billed cannot exceed usual and customary charges for private pay patients. Fee schedules were initially established after consultation with provider representatives. Adjustments to the schedule are made in accordance with appropriations and to produce efficient and effective services.

(3) Providers in urban counties (Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber counties) who sign the Dental Incentive Agreement and providers in rural counties shall receive a 20% increase in the allowable fees paid for Medicaid dental services.

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**R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing,
R432-7. Specialty Hospital - Psychiatric Hospital
Construction.**

R432-7-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-7-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish construction standards for a specialty hospital for psychiatric services.

R432-7-3. General Design Requirements.

R432-4-1 through R432-4-22 apply to this rule with the following modifications.

R432-7-4. General Construction, Ancillary Support Facilities.

R432-4-23 (2) through (19) applies with the following modifications:

(1) Leaf width for patient room doors and doors to patient treatment rooms shall be a minimum of three feet.

(2) Corridors in patient use areas shall be a minimum of six feet wide.

(3) Grab Bars. Where grab bars are provided, the space between the bar and the wall shall be filled. Bars, including those which are part of such fixtures as soap dishes, shall be sufficiently anchored to sustain a concentrated load of 250 pounds. Grab bars shall meet the requirements of ADAAG.

(4) Emergency Electrical Service. An on-site emergency generator shall be provided connecting the following services:

(a) life safety branch, as defined in section 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(b) critical branch, as defined in 517-33 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(c) equipment system, as defined in 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(d) telephone;

(e) nurse call;

(f) heating equipment necessary to provide heating space to house all patients under emergency conditions;

(g) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient bedroom;

(h) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurses station; and

(i) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated part at a ratio of one for each ten patients.

(5) Nurse Call System. A nurse call system is optional. If installed, provisions shall be made for the easy removal or covering of call buttons.

(6) X-ray Equipment. If installed, fixed and mobile x-ray equipment shall conform to Articles 517 and 660 of NFPA 70.

(7) Security glazing. Security glazing and other security features shall be used at all windows of the nursing unit and other patient activity and treatment areas to reduce the possibility of patient injury or escape.

R432-7-5. General Construction, Patient Facilities.

(1) The requirements of R432-4-24 and Section 11 of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, including Appendix A, 2001 edition (Guidelines) shall be met except as modified in this rule. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of R432-4-24 and the Guidelines.

(2) Patient Rooms.

(a) At least two single bed rooms with a private toilet room shall be provided for each nursing unit.

(b) Minimum clear dimensions of closets in patient rooms shall be 22 inches deep and 36 inches wide. The clothes rod shall be of the breakaway type.

(3) The Service Area, Guidelines Section 11.2.B, is

modified as follows:

(a) Each bathtub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure sized to allow staff assistance and designed to provide privacy during bathing, drying, and dressing.

(b) At least one shower in central bathing facilities shall be designed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for use by a person with a wheelchair.

(c) A toilet room with direct access from the bathing area, shall be provided at each central bathing area.

(d) Doors to toilet rooms shall comply with ADAAG. The doors shall permit access from outside in case of an emergency.

(e) A handwashing fixture shall be provided in each toilet room.

(f) At least one patient toilet room in each nursing unit shall contain a shower or tub in addition to the toilet and lavatory. Fixtures shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

(g) Separate activity areas shall be provided for pediatric and adolescent nursing units.

(4) Child Psychiatric Unit, Guidelines Section 11.3, is modified as follows:

(a) Pediatric and adolescent nursing units shall be physically separated from adult nursing units.

(b) Examination and treatment rooms shall be provided for pediatric and adolescent patients separate from adult rooms.

(i) Each room shall provide a minimum of 100 square feet of usable space exclusive of fixed cabinets, fixtures, and equipment.

(ii) Each room shall contain a work counter, storage facilities, and lavatory equipped for handwashing.

(5) In addition to the service area requirements, individual rooms or a multipurpose room shall be provided for dining, education, and recreation.

(a) Insulation, isolation, and structural provisions shall minimize the transmission of impact noise through the floor, walls, or ceiling of these multipurpose rooms.

(b) Service rooms may be shared by more than one pediatric or adolescent nursing unit, but shall not be shared with adult nursing units.

(6) A patient toilet room, in addition to those serving bed areas, shall be conveniently accessible from multipurpose rooms.

(7) Storage closets or cabinets for toys, educational, and recreational equipment shall be provided.

(8) Linen services shall comply with R432-4-24(3).

R432-7-6. Exclusions to the Guidelines.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

(1) Linen services, section 11.16.

(2) Parking, Subsection 11.1.C.

R432-7-7. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing.
R432-8. Specialty Hospital - Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Construction.

R432-8-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-8-2. Purpose.

This rule applies to a hospital that chooses to be licensed as a specialty hospital and which has as its major single service the treatment of patients with chemical dependency or substance abuse. The rule identifies the construction standards for a specialty hospital, if the hospital chooses to have a dual major service, e.g., chemical dependency or substance and psychiatric care, then both of the appropriate specialty hospital construction rules apply.

R432-8-3. General Design Requirements.

See R432-4-1 through R432-4-22.

R432-8-4. General Construction, Ancillary Support Facilities.

R432-4-23 applies with the following modifications:

- (1) Corridors. Corridors in patient use areas shall be a minimum six feet wide.
- (2) Door leaf width for patient room doors and doors to patient treatment rooms shall be a minimum three feet.
- (3) Ceiling finishes. Ceiling construction in patient and seclusion rooms shall be monolithic.
- (4) Bed pan flushing devices are optional.
- (5) Windows, in rooms intended for 24-hour occupancy, shall be operable.
 - (6) Emergency Electrical Service.
 - (a) An on-site emergency generator shall be provided.
 - (b) The following services shall be connected to the emergency generator:
 - (i) life safety branch, as defined in section 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;
 - (ii) critical branch, as defined in 517-33 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;
 - (iii) equipment system, as defined in 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;
 - (iv) telephone;
 - (v) nurse call;
 - (vi) heating equipment necessary to provide adequate heated space to house all patients under emergency conditions;
 - (vii) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient bedroom;
 - (viii) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurse station;
 - (ix) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated area at a ratio of one for each ten patients.
 - (6) Nurse Call System.
 - (a) A nurse call system is optional.
 - (b) If a nurse call system is installed, provisions shall be made for the easy removal or covering of call buttons.

R432-8-5. General Construction, Patient Service Facilities.

(1) The requirements of R432-4-24 and the requirements of Chapter 7 including Appendix A of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, 2001 edition (Guidelines) shall be met. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of R432-4-24 and the Guidelines. Swing beds must meet Sections 7 and 8 of the Guidelines.

(2) The environment of the nursing unit shall give a feeling of openness with emphasis on natural light and exterior views.

- (a) Interior finishes, lighting, and furnishings shall suggest a residential rather than an institutional setting.
- (b) Security and safety devices shall be presented in a

manner which will not attract or challenge tampering by patients.

- (3) Patient rooms.
 - (a) At least two single-bed rooms, with private toilet rooms, shall be provided for each nursing unit.
 - (b) Minimum patient room areas, exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules, shall be 100 square feet in single-bed rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multiple-bed rooms. The areas listed are minimum and do not prohibit larger rooms.
 - (c) Patient rooms shall include a wardrobe, closet, or locker, having minimum clear dimensions of 22 inches deep by 36 inches wide, suitable for hanging full-length garments. A break-away clothes rod and adjustable shelf shall be provided.
 - (d) Visual privacy is not required in all multiple-bed rooms, however privacy curtains shall be provided in five percent of multiple-bed rooms for use in treating detoxification patients.
 - (4) Laundry facilities shall be available to patients, including an automatic washer and dryer.
 - (5) Bathing facilities shall be provided in each nursing unit at a ratio of one bathing facility for each six beds not otherwise served by bathing facilities within individual patient rooms.
 - (a) Each bathtub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure adequately sized to allow staff assistance and designed to provide privacy during bathing, drying, and dressing.
 - (b) At least one shower in central bathing facilities shall be designed in accordance with ADAAG for use by a wheelchair patient.
 - (6) A toilet room with direct access from the bathing area shall be provided at each central bathing area.
 - (a) Doors to toilet rooms shall comply with ADAAG. The doors shall permit access from the outside in case of an emergency.
 - (b) A handwashing fixture shall be provided for each toilet in each toilet room.
 - (c) At least one patient toilet room in each nursing unit shall contain a shower or tub in addition to the toilet and lavatory. Fixtures shall be wheel chair accessible.
 - (7) There shall be at least one seclusion room for each 24 beds, or a fraction thereof, located for direct nursing staff supervision or equipped with a closed circuit television system with a monitor at the nursing station.
 - (a) Each seclusion room shall be designed for occupancy by one patient. The room shall have an area of at least 60 square feet and shall be constructed to prevent patient hiding, escape, injury, or suicide.
 - (b) If a facility has more than one nursing unit, the number of seclusion rooms shall be a function of the total number of beds in the facility.
 - (c) Seclusion rooms may be grouped in a common area.
 - (d) Special fixtures and hardware for electrical circuits shall be used to provide safety for the occupant.
 - (e) Doors shall be 44 inches wide and shall permit staff observation of the patient while providing patient privacy.
 - (f) Seclusion rooms shall be accessed through an anteroom or vestibule which also provides direct access to toilet rooms. The toilet and anteroom shall be large enough to safely manage the patient.
 - (g) Seclusion rooms including floor, walls, ceiling, and all openings, shall be protected with not less than one-hour-rated construction.

R432-8-6. Additional Specific Category Requirements.

(1) Dining, Recreation and Day Space. The facility layout shall include a minimum total inpatient space for dining, recreation, and day use computed on the basis of 30 square feet per bed for all beds in excess of 100.

(a) The facility shall include a minimum of 200 square feet for outpatients and visitors when dining is part of a day care program.

(b) If dining is not part of a day care program, the facility shall provide a minimum of 100 square feet of additional outpatient day space.

(c) Enclosed storage space for recreation equipment and supplies shall be provided in addition to the requirements of day use.

(2) Recreation and Group Therapy Space. At least two separate social areas, one designed for noisy activities and one designed for quiet activities, shall be provided as follows:

(a) At least 120 square feet shall be provided for each area.

(b) The combined area of the two areas shall be at least 40 square feet per patient.

(c) Activity areas may be utilized for dining activities and may serve more than one adult nursing unit.

(d) Activity areas shall be provided for pediatric and adolescent nursing units which are separate from adult areas.

(e) Space for group therapy shall be provided and activity spaces may be used for group therapy activities.

(3) Examination and treatment rooms shall be provided except when all patient rooms are single-bed rooms.

(a) An examination and treatment room may be shared by multiple nursing units.

(b) If provided, the room shall have a minimum floor area of 110 square feet, excluding space for vestibules, toilet, closets, and work counters, whether fixed or movable.

(c) The minimum allowable floor dimension shall be ten feet.

(d) The room shall contain a lavatory or sink equipped for handwashing, work counter, storage facilities, and a desk, counter, or shelf space for writing.

(4) A consultation room shall be provided.

(a) Rooms shall have a minimum floor space of 100 square feet, and be provided at a room-to-bed ratio of one consultation room for each 12 beds.

(b) They shall be designed for acoustical and visual privacy and constructed using wall construction assemblies with a minimum STC rating of 50.

(c) They shall provide appropriate space for evaluation of patient needs and progress, including work areas for evaluators and work space for patients.

(5) A multipurpose room for staff and patient conferences, education, demonstrations, and consultation, shall be provided.

(a) It shall be separate from required activity areas defined in R432-8-6(2).

(b) If provided in the administration area, it may be utilized for this requirement if it is conveniently accessible from a patient-use corridor.

(6) If child education is provided through facility-based programs, a room shall be provided in the adolescent unit for this purpose. The room shall contain at least 20 square feet per pediatric and adolescent bed, but not less than 250 square feet. Multiple use rooms may be used, but must be available for educational programs on a first priority basis.

(7) Pediatric and adolescent nursing units shall be physically separated from adult nursing units and examination and treatment rooms. In addition to the service requirements of R432-8-7, individual rooms or a multipurpose room shall be provided for dining, education, and recreation. Insulation, isolation, and structural provisions shall minimize the transmission of impact noise through the floor, walls, or ceiling of these multipurpose rooms. Service rooms may be shared by more than one pediatric or adolescent nursing unit, but shall not be shared with adult nursing units.

(a) A patient toilet room, in addition to those serving bed areas, shall be conveniently accessible from multipurpose rooms.

(b) Storage closets or cabinets for toys, educational, and recreational equipment shall be provided.

R432-8-7. Exclusions From the Standard.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

- (1) Parking, Section 7.1.D, Subsection 7.2.A4, and 7.2.A.
- (2) Infectious Isolation Rooms, Section 7.2.c.
- (3) Protective Isolation Rooms, Section 7.2.D.
- (4) Seclusion Rooms, Section 7.2.E.
- (5) Critical Care Units, Section 7.3.
- (6) Newborn Nurseries, Section 7.4.
- (7) Pediatric and Adolescent Unit, Section 7.5.
- (8) Psychiatric Nursing Unit, Section 7.6.
- (9) Surgical Suite, Section 7.7.
- (10) Obstetrical Suite, Section 7.8.
- (11) Emergency Services, Section 7.9.
- (12) Imaging Suite, Section 7.10.
- (13) Nuclear Medicine, Section 7.11.
- (14) Laboratory Services, Section 7.12.
- (15) Renal Dialysis Unit, Section 7.14.
- (16) Rehabilitation Therapy Department, Section 7.13.
- (17) Respiratory Therapy Services, Section 7.15.
- (18) Morgue, Section 7.16.
- (19) Pharmacy, Section 7.17.
- (20) Linen Services, Section 7.23.

R432-8-8. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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**R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing,
R432-9. Specialty Hospital - Rehabilitation Construction
Rule.**

R432-9-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-9-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to promote the public health and welfare through the establishment of construction standards for rehabilitation hospitals.

R432-9-3. General Design Requirements.

R432-4-1 through 22 apply to this rule.

**R432-9-4. General Construction Ancillary Support
Facilities.**

R432-4-23 applies with the following modifications:

(1) Corridors in patient use areas shall be a minimum eight feet wide.

(2) Handrails shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and located on both sides of hallways and corridors used by patients.

(a) The top of the rail shall be 34-38 inches above the floor, except for areas serving children and other special care areas.

(b) Ends of handrails and grab bars shall be constructed to prevent persons from snagging their clothes.

(3) Standards for the Disabled. All fixtures in all toilet and bath rooms, except those in the activities for daily living unit, shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

(4) Plumbing.

(a) Oxygen and suction systems shall be installed to serve 25 percent of all patient beds.

(b) Installation shall be in accordance with R432-4 and NFPA 99.

(c) Systems serving additional patient beds are optional.

(5) Emergency Electrical Service.

(a) An on-site emergency generator shall be provided.

(b) The following services shall be connected to the emergency generator:

(i) life safety branch, as defined in section 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(ii) critical branch, as defined in 517-33 of the National Electrical Code NFPA 70;

(iii) equipment system, as defined in section 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(iv) telephone;

(v) nurse call;

(vi) heating equipment necessary to provide adequate heated space to house all patients under emergency conditions;

(vii) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient room;

(viii) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurse station;

(ix) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated area at a ratio of one for each ten patients.

R432-9-5. General Construction, Patient Facilities.

(1) The requirements of R432-4-24 and the requirements of Section 10 Rehabilitation Facilities and Appendix A of Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities (Guidelines) 2001 edition shall be met except as modified in this rule. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of R432-4-24 and the Guidelines.

(2) Vocational Services Unit, Guidelines section 10.5 is modified to allow psychological services, social services, and vocational services to share the same office space when the licensee provides evidence in the functional program that the needs of the population served are met in the proposed space

arrangement.

(3) Nursing Unit, Section 10.15 is modified as follows:

(a) Fixtures in patient rooms shall be wheelchair accessible.

(b) Patient rooms shall contain space for wheelchair system separate from normal traffic flow areas.

(c) Toilet room doors shall swing out from the toilet room or shall be double acting.

(d) Patient rooms shall provide each patient a wardrobe, closet, or locker, having minimum clear dimensions of 22 inches by 36 inches, suitable for hanging full-length garments. A clothes rod and adjustable shelf shall be provided.

(4) A clean workroom or clean holding room shall be provided for preparing patient care items which shall contain a counter, handwashing facilities, and storage facilities. The work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted in rooms used only for storage and holding, as part of a larger system for distribution of clean and sterile supply materials.

(5) A soiled workroom shall be provided containing a clinical sink, a sink equipped for handwashing, a work counter, waste receptacles, and a linen receptacle. The work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted in rooms used only for storage and holding.

(6) In addition to Guideline Section 10.15.B11, the medicine preparation room or unit shall be under visual control of the nursing staff and have the following:

(a) a minimum area of 50 square feet,

(b) a locking mechanism to prohibit unauthorized access.

(7) Each nursing unit shall have equipment to provide ice for patient treatment and nourishment.

(a) Ice-making equipment may be located in the clean workroom or at the nourishment station if access is controlled by staff.

(b) Ice intended for human consumption shall be dispensed by self-dispensing ice makers.

(8) Yard equipment and supply storage areas shall be located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior without passing through building rooms or corridors.

R432-9-6. Exclusions from the Guidelines.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

(1) Waste Processing Services, Subsection 10.11C.

(2) Linen service, Section 10.12.

(3) Patient Rooms section 10.15A.7.

R432-9-7. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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**R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing.
R432-10. Specialty Hospital - Long-Term Acute Care
Construction Rule.**

R432-10-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-10-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish construction standards for hospitals that provide services for the diagnosis, treatment or care of persons needing medical services and care in excess of services usually provided in a general acute hospital or skilled nursing home for chronic or long-term illness, injury or infirmity.

R432-10-3. General Design Requirements.

(1) Refer to R432-4-1 through R432-4-23.

(2) All fixtures in public and resident toilet and bathrooms shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

R432-10-4. General Construction, Patient Facilities.

(1) The requirements of R432-4-24 and the requirements of Sections 7 and 8 including Appendix A, of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities 2001 edition (Guidelines) shall be met. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.

(2) The maximum number of beds on each nursing unit shall be 60.

(a) The minimum number of beds in a nursing unit shall be four.

(b) Rooms and spaces comprising the nursing unit shall be contiguous.

(3) At least two single-bed rooms, with a private toilet room containing a toilet, lavatory, and bathing facility, shall be provided for each nursing unit.

(a) The minimum patient room area shall be 120 feet.

(b) In addition to the lavatory in the toilet room, in new construction a lavatory or handwashing sink shall be provided in the patient room.

(c) Ventilation shall be in accordance with Table 6 of Guidelines with all air exhausted to the outside.

(4) The nurses' station shall have handwashing facilities located near the nurses' station and the drug distribution station. The nurses' toilet room, located in the unit, may also serve as a public toilet room.

(5) A nurse call system is not required in facilities that care for developmentally disabled or mentally retarded persons. With the prior approval of the Department, facilities which serve patients who pose a danger to themselves or others may modify the system to alleviate hazards to patients.

(6) Patient rooms shall include a wardrobe, closet, or locker having minimum clear dimensions of 22 inches deep by 36 inches wide, suitable for hanging full length garments.

(7) A clean workroom or clean holding room with a minimum area of 80 square feet for preparing patient care items which shall contain a counter, handwashing facilities, and storage facilities.

(a) The work counter and handwashing facilities may be omitted in rooms used only for storage and holding, as part of a larger system for distribution of clean and sterile supply materials.

(b) A soiled workroom with a minimum area of 80 square feet which shall contain a clinical sink, a sink equipped for handwashing, a work counter, waste receptacles and a linen receptacle.

(c) Handwashing sinks and work counters may be omitted in rooms used only for temporary holding of soiled, bagged materials.

(8) If a medication dispensing unit is used it shall be under visual control of staff, including double locked storage for controlled drugs.

(9) Clean Linen Storage.

(a) If a closed cart system is used it shall be stored in a room with a self closing door.

(b) Storage of a closed cart in an alcove in a corridor is prohibited.

(10) Each nursing unit shall have equipment to provide ice for patient treatment and nourishment.

(a) Ice making equipment may be located in the clean workroom or at the nourishment station if access is controlled by staff.

(b) Ice intended for human consumption shall be dispensed by self-dispensing ice makers.

(11) At least one room for toilet training, accessible from the nursing corridor, shall be provided on each floor containing a nursing unit.

(a) All fixtures in this room shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

(b) A toilet room, with direct access from the bathing area, shall be provided at each central bathing area.

(c) Doors to toilet rooms shall comply with ADAAG. The doors shall permit access from the outside in case of an emergency.

(d) A handwashing fixture shall be provided for each toilet in each toilet room.

(12) Storage. There shall be an equipment storage room with a minimum area of 120 square feet for portable storage.

(13) Resident Support Areas Shall Include the Following:
(a) Occupational Therapy may be counted in the required space of Guidelines section 8.3, Resident Support Area.

(b) Physical Therapy, personal care room and public waiting lobbies may not be included in the calculation of space of Guidelines section 8.3, Resident Support Area.

(c) Storage space for recreation equipment and supplies shall be provided and secured for safety.

(d) There shall be a general purpose room with a minimum area of 100 square feet equipped with table, and comfortable chairs.

(e) A minimum area of ten square feet per bed shall be provided for outdoor recreation. Recreation areas shall be enclosed by a secure fence.

(14) An examination and treatment Room shall be provided except when all patient rooms are single-bed rooms.

(a) The examination and treatment room may be shared by multiple nursing units.

(b) The room shall have a minimum floor area of 100 square feet, excluding space for vestibules, toilet, closets, and work counters, whether fixed or movable.

(c) The minimum allowable room dimension shall be ten feet.

(d) The room shall contain a lavatory or sink equipped for handwashing; work counter; storage facilities; and desk, counter, or shelf space for writing.

(15) A room shall be arranged to permit evaluation of patient needs and progress.

(a) The room shall include a desk and work area for the evaluators, writing and work space for patients, and storage for supplies.

(b) If psychological services are provided, then the unit shall contain an office and work space for testing, evaluation, and counseling.

(c) If social services are provided, then the unit shall contain office space for private interviewing and counseling.

(d) If vocational services are provided, then the unit shall contain office and work space for vocational training, counseling, and placement.

(e) Evaluation, psychological services, social services, and

vocational services may share the same office space when the owner provides evidence in the functional program that the needs of the population served are met in the proposed space arrangement.

(16) Pediatric and Adolescent Unit.

(a) Pediatric and adolescent nursing units shall comply with the spatial standards in section 7.5 of the Guidelines.

(b) There shall be an area for hygiene, toileting, sleeping, and personal care for parents if the program allows parents to remain with young children.

(c) Service areas in the pediatric and adolescent nursing unit shall conform to the standards of section 7.5.C. of the Guidelines and the following:

(i) Multipurpose or individual rooms shall be provided in the nursing unit for dining, education, and recreation.

(ii) A minimum of 20 square feet per bed shall be provided.

(iii) Installation, isolation and structural provisions shall minimize the transmission of impact noise through the floor, walls, or ceiling of multipurpose rooms.

(iv) Service rooms may be shared by more than one pediatric or adolescent nursing unit, but may not be shared with adult patient units.

(v) A patient toilet room, in addition to those serving bed areas, shall be conveniently located to each multipurpose room and to each central bathing facility.

(vi) Storage closets or cabinets for toys, educational, and recreational equipment shall be provided.

(d) At least one single-bed isolation room shall be provided in each pediatric unit. Each isolation room shall comply with the following:

(i) Room entry shall be through an adjacent work area which provides for aseptic control, including facilities separate from patient areas for handwashing, gowning, and storage of clean and soiled materials. The work area entry may be a separate, enclosed anteroom.

(ii) A separate, enclosed anteroom for an isolation room is not required but, when provided, shall include a viewing panel for staff observation of the patient from the anteroom.

(iii) One anteroom may serve several isolation rooms.

(iv) Toilet, bathing, and handwashing facilities shall be arranged to permit access from the bed area without entering or passing through the work area of the vestibule or anteroom.

(17) Rehabilitation therapy, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy areas shall include:

(a) Waiting areas to accommodate patients in wheelchairs, including room for turning wheelchairs.

(b) Storage space, with separate storage rooms for clean and soiled linen.

R432-10-5. General Construction.

(1) Yard equipment and supply storage areas shall be located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior without passing through building rooms or corridors.

(2) Grab bars and handrails shall comply with ADAAG and shall be installed in all toilet rooms.

(a) Handrails shall be provided on both sides of corridors used by patients.

(b) The top of the rail shall be 32 inches above the floor, except for special care areas.

(c) Ends of the handrails and grab bars shall be constructed to prevent persons from snagging their clothes.

(3) Sound control shall be maintained as referred to in Table 1 in R432-5-12(5).

(4) Cubicle curtains and draperies shall be affixed to permanently mounted tracks or rods. Portable curtains or visual barriers may not be used.

(5) Signs. The following signs shall comply with ANSI A117.1 and be located in corridors:

- (a) general circulation direction signs in corridors.
- (b) identification sign or number at each door.
- (c) emergency evacuation directional signs.

R432-10-6. Construction Features.

(1) Mechanical tests shall be conducted prior to the final Department construction inspection. Written test results shall be retained in facility maintenance files and available for Department review.

(2) Any insulation containing any asbestos is prohibited.

(3) The heating system shall be capable of maintaining temperatures of 80 degrees F. in areas occupied by patients.

(a) The cooling system shall be capable of maintaining temperatures of 72 degrees F. in areas occupied by patients.

(b) Furnace and boiler rooms shall be provided with sufficient outdoor air to maintain equipment combustion rates and to limit work station temperatures to a temperature not to exceed 90 degrees F. When ambient outside air temperature is higher, maximum temperature may be 97 degrees F.

(c) A relative humidity between 30 percent and 60 percent shall be provided in all patient areas.

(d) Evaporative coolers may only be used in kitchen hood systems that provide 100% outside air.

(e) Isolation rooms may be ventilated by reheat induction units in which only the primary air supplied from a central system passes through the reheat unit. No air from the isolation room may be recirculated into the building system.

(f) Supply and return systems shall be ducted. Common returns using corridors or attic spaces as return plenums are prohibited.

(g) The bottom of ventilation supply and return opening shall be at least three inches above the floor.

(4) Filtration shall be provided when mechanically circulated outside air is used see section 8.31.D5, of the Guidelines. All areas for inpatient care, treatment, or diagnosis, and those areas providing direct service or clean supplies shall have a minimum of one filter bed with an efficiency of 80.

(5) Fans and dampers shall be interconnected so that activation of dampers will automatically shut down fans.

(a) Smoke dampers shall be equipped with remote control reset devices.

(b) Manual reopening is permitted where dampers are located for convenient access.

(6) All hoods over cooking ranges shall be equipped with grease filters, fire extinguishing systems, and heat actuated fan controls. Cleanout openings shall be provided every 20 feet in horizontal sections of the duct systems serving these hoods.

(7) Gravity exhaust may be used, where conditions permit, for boiler rooms, central storage, and other non-patient areas.

(8) Handwashing facilities shall comply with section 8.11.E1 of the Guidelines and include the following:

(a) Handwashing facilities shall be arranged to provide sufficient clearance for single-lever operating handles.

(b) Handwashing facilities shall be installed to permit use by persons in wheelchairs.

(c) Fixtures in patient use areas shall be equipped with cross or tee handles or single lever operating handles.

(9) Dishwashers, disposers and appliances shall be National Sanitation Foundation, NSF, approved and have the NSF seal affixed.

(10) Kitchen grease traps shall be located and arranged to permit easy access without the need to enter the food preparation or storage area.

(11) Hot water systems. Hot water provided in patient tubs, showers, whirlpools, and handwashing facilities shall be regulated by thermostatically controlled automatic mixing valves. Mixing valves may be installed on the recirculating system or on individual inlets to appliances.

(12) Drainage Systems. Building sewers shall discharge

into community sewerage except, where such a system is not available, the facility shall treat its sewage in accordance with local requirements and Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

(13) Piping and Valve systems. All piping and valves in all systems, except control line tubing, shall be labeled to show content of line and direction of flow. Labels shall be permanent type, either metal or paint, and shall be clearly visible to maintenance personnel.

(14) Oxygen and suction systems shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of section 7.31.E5 of the Guidelines and Table 7.5 of the Guidelines.

(15) Electric materials shall be new and listed as complying with standards of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or other equivalent nationally recognized standards. The owner shall provide written certification to the Department verifying that systems and grounding comply with NFPA 99 and NFPA 70.

(16) Approaches to buildings and all spaces within buildings occupied by people, machinery, or equipment shall have fixtures for lighting in accordance with at least the mid range requirements shown in Tables 1A and 1B of Illuminating Engineering Society of North America IESNA, publication RP-29-95, Lighting for Health Care Facilities, 1995 edition. Automatic Emergency lighting shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 99 and NFPA 101.

(17) Receptacles shall comply with section 8.32.A4c of the Guidelines and shall include:

(a) Each examination and work table shall have access to minimum of two duplex outlets.

(b) Receptacle cover plates on electrical receptacles supplied for the emergency system shall be red.

(18) Emergency Electrical Service shall comply with section 7.32H of the Guidelines and shall include:

(a) An on-site emergency generator shall be provided.

(b) The following services shall be connected to the emergency generator:

(i) life safety branch, as defined in section 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(ii) critical branch as defined in 517-33 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(iii) equipment system, as defined in 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70;

(iv) telephone;

(v) nurse call;

(vi) heating equipment necessary to provide adequate heated space to house all patients under emergency conditions;

(vii) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient room;

(viii) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurse station;

(ix) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated area at a ratio of one for each ten patients.

(c) fuel storage capacity shall permit continuous operation for 48 hours.

(14) Linen Services, Section 8.11.

(15) Mechanical Standards, Section 8.31.

(16) Electrical Standards, Section 8.32.

(17) Bathing facilities, Section 8.2.C.11.

(18) Clean utility rooms, Section 8.2.C5.

(19) Soiled Utility rooms, Section 8.2.C6.

(20) Windows, Section 8.2.B3.

R432-10-8. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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R432-10-7. Excluded Section of the Guidelines.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

(1) Parking, Section 7.1.D.

(2) Nursing Unit, Section 7.2.

(3) Critical Care Unit, Section 7.3.

(4) Newborn Nurseries, Section 7.4.

(5) Psychiatric Nursing Unit, Section 7.6.

(6) Surgical Suite, Section 7.7.

(7) Obstetrical Facilities, Section 7.8.

(8) Emergency Services, Section 7.9.

(9) Imaging Suite, Section 7.10.

(10) Nuclear Medicine, Section 7.11.

(11) Morgue, Section 7.15.

(12) Linen Services, Section 7.23.

(13) Parking, Section 8.1.F.

R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing.**R432-11. Orthopedic Hospital Construction.****R432-11-1. Legal Authority.**

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-11-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish construction standards for a specialty hospital for orthopedic services.

R432-11-3. General Design Requirements.

(1) See R432-4-1 through R432-4-22.

(2) All fixtures in resident toilet and bathrooms shall be wheelchair accessible with wheelchair turning space within the room.

R432-11-4. General Construction.

See R432-4-23 with the following modifications:

(1) Corridors in patient use areas shall be a minimum eight feet wide.

(2) Handrails shall be provided on both sides of corridors and hallways used by patients and meet the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines requirements. The top of the rail shall be 34 inches above the floor except for areas serving children and other special care areas.

(3) Plumbing, including medical gas and suction systems are required.

(4) An emergency electrical service is required. An on-site emergency generator shall be provided and the following services shall be connected to the emergency generator:

(a) life safety branch, as defined in section 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, which is adopted and incorporated by reference;

(b) critical branch as defined in 517-33 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, which is adopted and incorporated by reference;

(c) equipment system, as defined in 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, which is adopted and incorporated by reference;

(d) telephone;

(e) nurse call;

(f) heating equipment necessary to provide adequate heated space to house all patients under emergency conditions;

(g) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient room;

(h) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurse station;

(i) duplex convenience outlets in the emergency heated area at a ratio of one for each ten patients;

(j) fuel storage capacity shall permit continuous operation for at least 48 hours.

(5) If installed, fixed and mobile X-ray equipment shall comply with Articles 517 and 660 of NFPA 70, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R432-11-5. General Construction. Patient Service Facilities.

(1) Requirements of R432-4-24 and the requirements of Section 7 including Appendix A of Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, 2001 edition (Guidelines) shall be met. Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.

(2) Nursing Units shall meet the following:

(a) At least two single-bed rooms, with private toilet rooms, shall be provided for each nursing unit.

(b) Minimum room areas exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, or vestibules, shall be 140 square feet in single-bed rooms and 125 square feet per bed in multiple-bed rooms. The listed areas are minimum and do not prohibit larger rooms.

(3) Imaging Suites. Imaging facilities for diagnostic procedures, include the following: radiology, mammography,

computerized scanning, ultrasound and other imaging techniques.

(a) Imaging facilities may be provided within the facility or through contractual arrangement with a qualified radiology service or nearby hospital.

(b) If imaging facilities are provided in-house, they shall meet the requirements for an imaging suite defined in Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, section 7.10.

(4) Laboratory Services.

(a) Laboratory space and equipment shall be provided in-house for testing blood counts, urinalysis, blood glucose, electrolytes, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), and for the collection, processing, and storage of specimens.

(b) In lieu of providing laboratory services in-house, contractual arrangements with a Department-approved laboratory shall be provided. Even when contractual services are arranged, the facility shall maintain space and equipment to perform the tests listed in R432-105-5(7)(a).

(5) Pharmacy Guidelines.

(a) The size and type of services provided in the pharmacy shall depend on the drug distribution system chosen and whether the facility proposes to provide, purchase, or share pharmacy services. A description of pharmacy services shall be provided in the functional program.

(b) There shall be a pharmacy room or suite, under the direct control of staff, which is located for convenient access and equipped with appropriate security features for controlled access.

(c) The room shall contain facilities for the dispensing, basic manufacturing, storage and administration of medications, and for handwashing.

(d) In lieu of providing pharmacy services in-house, contractual arrangements with a licensed pharmacy shall be provided. If contractual services are arranged, the facility shall maintain space and basic pharmacy equipment to prepare and dispense necessary medications in back-up or emergency situations.

(e) If additional pharmacy services are provided, facilities shall comply with requirements of Guidelines section 7.17.

(6) Linen Services shall comply with R432-4-24(3).

(7) Patient bathing facilities shall be provided in each nursing unit at a ratio of one bathing facility for each eight beds not otherwise served by bathing facilities within individual patient rooms.

(a) Each bathtub or shower shall be in an individual room or enclosure adequately sized to allow staff assistance and designed to provide privacy during bathing, drying, and dressing.

(b) Showers in central bathing facilities shall have a floor area of at least four feet square, be curb free, and be designed for use by a wheelchair patient in accordance with ADAAG.

(c) At least one island-type bathtub shall be provided in each nursing unit.

(8) Toilet Facilities. A toilet room, with direct access from the bathing area shall be provided at each central bathing area.

(a) Doors to toilet rooms shall comply with ADAAG. The doors shall permit access from the outside in case of an emergency.

(b) A handwashing fixture shall be provided for each toilet in each toilet room.

(c) Fixtures shall be wheelchair accessible.

(9) Patient Day Spaces.

(a) The facility shall include a minimum total inpatient space for dining, recreation, and day use computed on the basis of 30 square feet per bed for the first 100 beds and 27 square feet per bed for all beds in excess of 100.

(b) In addition to the required space defined for inpatients,

the facility shall include a minimum of 200 square feet for outpatient and visitors when dining is part of a day care program. If dining is not part of a day care program, the facility shall provide a minimum of 100 square feet of additional outpatient day space.

(c) Enclosed storage space for recreation equipment and supplies shall be provided in addition to the requirements of R432-105-4.

(10) Examination and Treatment Room. An examination and treatment room shall be provided except when all patient rooms are single-bed rooms.

(a) An examination and treatment room may be shared by multiple nursing units.

(b) When provided, the room shall have a minimum floor area of 120 square feet, excluding space for vestibules, toilet, closets, and work counters, whether fixed or movable.

(c) The minimum floor dimension shall be ten feet.

(d) The room shall contain a lavatory or sink equipped for handwashing, work counter, storage facilities, and a desk, counter, or shelf space for writing.

(11) Consultation Room. A consultation room, arranged to permit an evaluation of patient needs and progress, shall be provided. The room shall include a desk and work area for the evaluators, writing and work space for patients, and storage for supplies.

(12) Surgical Unit. If surgical services are offered, facilities shall be provided in accordance with the Guidelines.

R432-11-6. Excluded Guideline Sections.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

- (1) Parking, section 7.1.D.
- (2) Critical Care Unit, Section 7.3.
- (3) Newborn Nurseries, Section 7.4.
- (4) Psychiatric Nursing Unit, Section 7.6.
- (5) Obstetrical Facilities, Section 7.8.
- (6) Emergency Services, Section 7.9.
- (7) Nuclear Medicine, Section 7.11.
- (8) Morgue, Section 7.16.
- (9) Linen Services, Section 7.23.

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**R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing.
R432-12. Small Health Care Facility (Four to Sixteen Beds)
Construction Rule.**

R432-12-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-12-2. Purpose.

This rule defines construction standards for small health care facilities which are categorized as Level I, Level II, Level III, or Level IV according to the resident's ability or capability to exit a building unassisted in an emergency.

R432-12-3. General Design Requirements.

Refer to R432-4-1 through R432-4-23.

R432-12-4. General Construction Requirements.

(1) Table 1 identifies the levels of care and construction requirements which apply.

	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV
No. residents	1 plus	4-16	4-16	6-16
Types of Facilities	SNF ICF ICF/MR (17 plus) Mental Health Facility (17 plus)	ICF/MR Home for Aging Social Rehab. Health Care Nursing Mental Health Facility	ICF/MR Correction Home Mental Health Facility	ICF/MR Mental Health Facility Aging Social Rehab.
Staff Availability or Coverage	24 hours/day	24 hours/day	24 hours/day	24 hours/day
Licensed Nursing Hours	16-24	0-16	0-16	0-16
Type of Service				
medical nursing	yes	yes	yes	yes
dietary	yes	yes	yes	yes
social svc	yes	yes	as required	as required
phy therapy	yes	as required	as required	as required
rec therapy	yes	as required	as required	as required
other therapy	yes	as required	as required	as required
Resident Capable of Self Preservation Unassisted	No, they are non-ambulatory non-mobile	No, they are non-ambulatory non-mobile	Yes, they are ambulatory mobile	Yes, they are ambulatory mobile
Resident Exit Ability in an Emergency	restricted, physical or mental disability and medical condition	restricted, physical or mental disability	restricted, chemical or physical restraints	not restricted
Accessible Rooms	100%	10% or 100% if Physical Rehab.	10%	10%
Construction Requirements code or regulation	NFPA 101 (1997)	NFPA 101 (1997)	NFPA 101 (1997)	Utah Fire Prevention

	12-1.3	12-1.3	12-1.3	Board Rules R710-3; UBC appendix Chapter 3
fire rating of const	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	No requirement
sprinkler	yes	yes	yes	consider res. mobility
smoke detector	yes	yes	yes	yes
manual fire alarm	yes	yes	yes	yes
above 3 systems interconnected	yes	yes	yes	no
corridor	8 feet	6 feet	5 feet	As required by UBC
resident room door width	44 inch	44 inch	36 inch	36 inch
nurse call system	yes	yes	optional	yes

(2) General Requirements.

(a) Level I facilities shall meet the Nursing Facility Construction standards in R432-5.

(b) Level II and III facilities shall meet the construction and design requirements identified in this section, unless specifically exempted.

(c) Level IV facilities shall meet the Assisted Living Facility Type I Construction standards in R432-6.

(d) Level I, II, III and IV facilities shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

(e) Level II and III facilities shall conform to the life safety code requirements of NFPA 101, Chapter 12 as specified in Sections 12.1.3, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(f) Level IV facilities shall conform to the fire safety provisions of R432-710-3.

R432-12-5. Common Areas.

There shall be a common room or rooms for dining, sitting, meeting, visiting, recreation, worship, and other activities that is of sufficient space or separation to promote and facilitate the activity without interfering with concurrent activities or functions.

(1) There shall be at least 30 square feet computed per license bed capacity but no less than a total of 225 square feet.

(2) There shall be sufficient space for necessary equipment and storage of recreational equipment and supplies.

R432-12-6. Resident Rooms.

(1) The maximum room capacity shall be two residents. Provisions shall be made for individual privacy.

(2) There shall be at least 100 square feet for a single-bed room and 160 square feet in shared rooms, exclusive of toilets and closets.

(a) Minor encroachments such as columns, lavatories, and door swings may be ignored in determining space requirements if function is not impaired.

(b) In a facility licensed prior to 1977, the Department may grant a variance, pursuant to R432-2-18, to allow 80 square feet per bed for a single-bed room and 60 square feet per bed for a multiple-bed room.

(3) In multiple-bed rooms there shall be enough clearance between beds to allow movement of beds, wheelchairs, and other equipment without disturbing residents.

(4) No room commonly used for other purposes shall be used as a sleeping room for any resident. This includes any hall, unfinished attic, garage, storage area, shed, or similar detached building.

(5) No bedroom may be used as a passageway to another room, bath, or toilet.

(6) Bedrooms shall open directly into a corridor or common living area, but not into a food-preparation area.

(7) Bedrooms shall not be located in a basement or on an upper floor unless residents have access to one exit from that level leading directly to the exterior at grade level.

(8) Each bedroom shall be provided with light and ventilation by means of an operable window which opens to the outside or to a court that opens to the sky. Where the window requires the use of tools or keys for operation, such devices shall be stored in a prominent location on each floor convenient for staff use.

(9) Each resident shall have a wardrobe, closet, or space suitable for hanging clothing and personal belongings with minimum inside dimensions of 22 inches deep by 36 inches wide by 72 inches tall. Space accommodations shall be provided within each resident's room. Facilities serving infants or children may substitute a chest of drawers for the closet.

R432-12-7. Toilet and Bathing Facilities.

Toilet rooms and bathrooms shall be mechanically exhausted, conveniently located, and accessible to, and usable by all persons accepted for care.

(1) There shall be one toilet and washbasin on each floor for each four occupants, including staff and live-in family. A facility licensed for eight beds or more shall have distinct and separate toilet and bathing facilities for live-in family and staff.

(2) There shall be at least one bathtub or shower for each six residents.

(a) In a multi-story building there shall be at least one bathtub or shower on each floor that has resident bedrooms.

(b) Each resident shall have access to at least one bathtub and one shower.

(c) There shall be at least one shower or bathtub which opens from a corridor designed for use by resident using a wheelchair with room for staff assistance that meets ADAAG standards.

(3) Each central shared bathroom shall have a toilet and washbasin.

(4) Toilet and bathing facilities may not open directly into food preparation areas.

(5) There shall be adequate provision for privacy and safety, including grab bars, in accordance with ADAAG, at each toilet, tub, and shower used by residents.

(6) All toilets, showers, and tub facilities shall have walls of impermeable, cleanable, and easily sanitized surfaces.

R432-12-8. Service Areas.

There shall be adequate space and equipment for the following services or functions. Except where the word "room" or "office" is used, service may be provided in a multi-purpose area.

(1) Administrator's office with space for private interviews, storage of files and records, and a public reception or information area.

(2) Telephone area for private use by residents or visitors.

(3) A control station with a well-lighted desk, and equipment for keeping records and supplies.

(4) Closets or compartments for the safekeeping of staff's personal items.

(5) Medication preparation and storage area, including locked drug cabinets, work counter, refrigerator, and sink with running water located near the control station.

(6) Clean linen storage area.

(7) Soiled workroom mechanically ventilated to the outside. In a Level II facility this room shall contain a clinical sink or equivalent flushing rim fixture, handwashing facilities, work counter, waste and soiled linen receptacle.

(8) Housekeeping room, which in large facilities over eight residents shall contain a service sink.

(9) Equipment room or separate building for mechanical and electrical equipment.

(10) Storage room for maintenance supplies.

(11) General storage area within the facility or in a separate building convenient for daily access with at least five square feet of storage per bed;

(12) Area outside the facility for sanitary storage and disposal of waste.

R432-12-9. Dietary Services.

Food service facilities and equipment shall comply with the Utah Department of Health Food Service Sanitation Regulations. According to the size of the facility and services offered, there shall be adequate space and equipment for the following:

(1) Food preparation;

(2) Handwashing located in the food preparation area;

(3) Serving and distributing resident meals;

(4) Dining space for residents, staff, and visitors;

(5) Dishwashing, receiving, scraping, sorting, and stacking soiled tableware and for transferring clean tableware to use areas;

(6) Storage, including cold storage and space for at least a seven-day supply of staple foods and a three-day supply of perishable foods, shall be maintained in the facility.

R432-12-10. Linen Services.

(1) Each facility shall have provisions for storage and processing of clean and soiled linen as required for resident care. Processing may be done within the facility, in a separate building on or off site, or in a commercial or shared laundry.

(2) The capacity of central storage shall be sufficient for four days operation or two normal deliveries, whichever is greater.

(3) Handwashing facilities shall be provided in each area where unbagged soiled linen is handled.

(4) Provisions shall be made to keep soiled linen separate from clean linen.

(5) Provision shall be made for storage of laundry supplies.

(6) Equipment shall be arranged to permit an orderly work flow and reduce cross traffic that may mingle clean and soiled operations.

(7) At least one washing machine and dryer, and ironing equipment shall be available for use by residents who wish to do their personal laundry.

R432-12-11. Nurse Call System.

A nurse call system is required in Level I, II and IV facilities. A nurse call system is optional in Level III facilities.

(1) Each resident's room shall be served by at least one calling station and each bed shall be provided with a call button including operating switch and cord from the wall station to each bed.

(2) Two call buttons serving adjacent beds may be served by one calling station.

(3) Calls shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the resident's door and the control station.

(4) The system shall be designed so that a signal light activated at the resident's station will remain lighted until turned off at the resident's calling station.

(5) A system that provides two-way voice communication shall be equipped at each calling station with an indicator light

that remains lit as long as the voice circuit is operating.

R432-12-12. Rehabilitation Therapy.

A facility that offers on-site specialized rehabilitation services shall provide space and equipment necessary to meet the intent of the approved program. The following shall be available in the facility:

- (1) Supplies and equipment storage, including separate clean and soiled linen;
- (2) Convenient handwashing facilities;
- (3) Space and equipment to carry out specific types of therapy;
- (4) Provision for resident privacy;
- (5) Convenient access to a room that can be used to train and educate staff and residents;
- (6) Dressing rooms for residents.

R432-12-13. Doors and Windows.

(1) Doors to all rooms containing bathtubs, sitz baths, showers and water closets for resident use shall be equipped with hardware which may be secured for privacy yet permit emergency access from the outside without the use of keys.

(2) Each room, including all resident toilet rooms and bathing rooms that may be used by residents, staff, or employees confined to wheelchairs, shall have at least one door with a minimum clear width of 34 inches.

(3) Resident-room doors and exit doors shall be at least 36 inches wide, defined by the width of the door leaf.

(4) Thresholds and expansion-joint covers shall be flush with the floor surface to facilitate use of wheelchairs and carts and to prevent tripping.

(5) Every room intended for 24-hour occupancy shall have a window that opens to the building exterior or to a court that is open to the sky.

(6) Windows and outer doors shall have insect screens.

R432-12-14. Grab Bars and Handrails.

(1) Grab bars shall meet the requirements of ADAAG.

(2) In Level I and II facilities, there shall be handrails on both sides of all corridors normally used by residents. Handrail profiles shall be graspable in accordance with NFPA 101 Chapter 5, which is adopted and incorporated by reference and the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

(3) Ends shall be returned to the wall or otherwise arranged to minimize potential for injury.

R432-12-15. Lavatories and Plumbing Fixtures.

(1) All lavatories used by residents shall be trimmed with valves, with cross, tee or single lever devices.

(2) Showers and tubs shall have slip-resistant surfaces.

(3) Lavatories shall be securely anchored to withstand a vertical load of not less than 250 pounds on the front of the fixture.

(4) A mirror shall be provided at each handwashing facility except as otherwise noted.

(a) The tops and bottoms of mirrors may be at levels for use by sitting and standing individuals, or additional mirrors may be provided for residents using a wheelchair.

(b) One separate full-length mirror in a single room may serve for wheelchair occupants in that room.

R432-12-16. Ceilings.

(1) Ceiling height in the facility shall be a minimum of eight feet with the following exceptions:

(a) Rooms containing ceiling-mounted equipment shall have adequate height for the proper functioning of that equipment.

(b) Ceilings in corridors, storage rooms, and toilet rooms shall be at least seven feet ten inches.

(c) Building components and suspended tracks, rails and pipes located in the path of normal traffic may not be less than seven feet above the floor.

(2) Where existing conditions make the above impractical, clearances shall be sufficient to avoid injury and at least six feet four inches above the floor.

R432-12-17. Heat and Noise Reduction.

(1) Rooms containing heat producing equipment such as a furnace, heater, washer, or dryer shall be insulated and ventilated to prevent floors of overhead occupied areas and adjacent walls from exceeding a temperature of 10 degrees Fahrenheit (6 degrees C) above the ambient room temperature of such occupied areas.

(2) Recreation rooms, exercise rooms, and similar spaces where impact noises may be generated may not be located directly over resident-bed areas unless special provisions are made to minimize such noise.

(3) Sound transmission limitations shall conform to Table 2.

TABLE 2
SOUND TRANSMISSION LIMITATIONS
IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

	AIRBORNE SOUND TRANSMISSIONS Class (STC)(a)	
	Partitions	Floors
Residents' room to residents' room	35	40
Public space to residents' room(b)	40	40
Service areas to residents' room(c)	45	45

(a) Sound transmission class (STC) shall be determined by tests in accordance with methods set forth in ASTM Standard E 90 and ASTM Standard E 413. Where partitions do not extend to the structure above, sound transmission through ceilings and composite STC performance must be considered.

(b) Public space includes lobbies, dining rooms, recreation rooms, treatment rooms, and similar space.

(c) Service areas include kitchens, elevators, elevator machine rooms, laundries, garages, maintenance rooms, boiler and mechanical equipment rooms, and similar spaces of high noise. Mechanical equipment located on the same floor or above residents' rooms, offices, nurses' stations, and similarly occupied space shall be effectively isolated from the floor.

R432-12-18. Floor, Wall, and Ceiling Finishes.

(1) Floor materials shall be easily cleanable and appropriate for the location.

(a) Floors and floor joints in areas used for food preparation and food assembly shall be water-resistant, grease proof, and resistant to food acids.

(b) In all areas subject to frequent wet cleaning, floor materials may not be physically affected by germicidal cleaning solutions.

(c) Floors that are subject to traffic while wet, (such as shower and bath areas, kitchen and similar work areas), shall have a non-slip surface.

(d) Carpet and carpet pads in resident areas shall be applied with adhesive or stretched taut and maintained without loose edges or wrinkles which might create hazards or interfere with the operation of wheelchairs, walkers, or wheeled carts.

(2) Wall bases in areas subject to wet cleaning shall be coved and tightly sealed.

(3) Wall finishes shall be washable.

(a) Walls in the immediate area of plumbing fixtures shall be smooth and moisture resistant.

(b) Finish, trim, walls, and floor constructions in dietary and food preparation and storage areas may not have spaces that may harbor rodents and insects.

(4) Floor and wall openings for pipes, ducts, and conduits shall be sealed tightly to resist fire and smoke and to minimize

entry of rodents and insects. Joints of structural elements shall be similarly sealed.

(5) All exposed ceilings and ceiling structures in resident and staff work areas shall have finishes that are readily cleanable with ordinary housekeeping equipment. Ceilings in the dietary area and other areas where dust fallout might create a potential problem shall have a finished ceiling that covers all conduits, piping, duct work, and exposed construction systems.

R432-12-19. Heating and Cooling.

There shall be adequate and safe heating and cooling equipment to maintain comfortable temperatures in the facility.

(1) The heating system shall be capable of maintaining temperatures of 80 degrees F (27 degrees C) in areas occupied by residents.

(2) The cooling system shall be capable of maintaining temperatures of 72 degrees F (22 degrees C) in areas occupied by residents.

R432-12-20. Ventilation.

(1) All rooms and areas in the facility shall have provision for positive ventilation.

(a) While natural window ventilation for nonsensitive areas and resident rooms may be utilized where weather permits, mechanical ventilation shall be provided for interior areas and during periods of temperature extremes.

(b) Fans serving exhaust systems shall be located at the discharge end and shall be conveniently accessible for service.

(2) Fresh air intakes shall be located as far as possible from exhaust outlets of ventilating systems, combustion equipment stacks, plumbing vents, or from areas which may collect vehicular exhaust or other noxious fumes.

(3) Furnace rooms shall be provided with sufficient outdoor air to maintain equipment combustion rates and to limit work station temperatures to an Effective Temperature of 90 degrees F (32.5 degrees C). When the ambient outside air temperature is higher than 90 degrees F, then the maximum temperature may be 97 degrees F (36 degrees C).

(4) Exhaust hoods in food-preparation centers shall comply with R392, the Utah Department of Health Food Service Sanitation Regulations. All hoods over cooking ranges shall be equipped with grease filters.

(5) Non-resident as well as resident areas where specific requirements are not given shall be ventilated in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62-1981, "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality Including Requirements for Outside Air."

(6) Air from areas with odor problems, including toilet rooms, baths, soiled linen storage and housekeeping rooms, shall be exhausted to the outside and not recirculated.

(7) In Level II facilities, fans and dampers shall be interconnected so that activation of dampers will automatically shut down all but exhaust fans.

(8) Supply and return systems shall be in duct. Common returns using corridors or attic spaces as plenums are prohibited.

R432-12-21. Plumbing and Hot Water Systems.

(1) Water supply systems shall be designed to supply water at sufficient pressure to operate all fixtures and equipment during maximum demand periods.

(2) Water distribution systems shall be arranged to provide for continuous hot water at each hot water outlet.

(3) Hot water provided to resident tubs, showers, whirlpools, and handwashing facilities shall be regulated by thermostatically controlled automatic-mixing valves at appropriate temperatures for comfortable use within a range of 105 to 115 degrees F. These valves may be installed on the recirculating system or on individual inlets to appliances.

(4) As a minimum, water heating systems shall provide capacity at temperatures and amounts indicated in Table 3, Hot

Water Use. Water temperature is taken at the point of use or inlet to the equipment.

TABLE 3
HOT WATER USE

	Clinical	Dietary(1)	Laundry
Gallons per Hour per Bed(a)	3	2	2
Temperature (C)(b)	43	49	71(b)
Temperature (F)(b)	105	120	160(b)

(1) Provisions shall be made to provide 180 degree F (82 degree C) rinse water at warewasher (may be by separate booster).

(a) Quantities indicated for design demand of hot water are for general reference minimums and may not substitute for accepted engineering design procedures using actual number and types of fixtures to be installed. Design shall also be affected by temperatures of cold water used for mixing, length of run and insulation relative to heat loss, etc.

(b) Provisions shall be made to provide 160 degree F (71 degree C) hot water at the laundry equipment when needed.

R432-12-22. Drainage Systems.

(1) Drainage piping may not be installed within the ceiling or installed in an exposed location in food preparation centers, food serving facilities, food storage areas, central services, and other sensitive areas. Where overhead drain piping is unavoidable in these areas, as may occur in existing facilities, special provision shall be made to protect the space below from possible leakage, condensation, or dust particles.

(2) Building sewers shall discharge into a community sewerage system. Where such a system is not available, the facility shall treat its sewage in accordance with local and state regulations.

R432-12-23. Electrical Systems.

(1) All electrical materials shall be tested and approved by Underwriters Laboratory.

(2) The electrical installations, including alarm and nurse call system, if required, shall be tested to demonstrate that equipment installation and operation is as intended and appropriate. A written record of performance tests of special electrical systems and equipment shall show compliance with applicable codes.

(3) Switchboards and Power Panels.

(a) The main switchboard shall be located in an area separate from plumbing and mechanical equipment and be accessible only to authorized persons.

(b) The switchboards shall be convenient for use, readily accessible for maintenance, clear of traffic lanes, and located in a dry, ventilated space.

(c) Overload protection devices shall operate properly in the ambient room temperatures, except for existing Level IV facilities.

(d) Panelboards serving normal lighting and appliance circuits shall be located on the same floor as the circuits they serve.

(4) Lighting. All spaces within buildings that house people, machinery, equipment, or approaches to buildings shall have fixtures for lighting. (See Table 4.)

(a) Resident rooms shall have general and night lighting.

(i) A reading light shall be provided for each resident.

(ii) Flexible light arms, if used, shall be mechanically controlled to prevent the bulb from coming in contact with bed linen.

(iii) At least one night light fixture shall be controlled at the entrance to each resident room.

(iv) All controls for lighting in resident areas shall operate quietly.

(b) Parking lots shall have fixtures for lighting to provide light at levels recommended in the the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Lighting for Parking Facilities (RP-20-1998).

(c) Lighting levels shown in Table 4 shall be used as minimum standards and do not preclude the use of higher levels that may be needed to insure the health and safety of the specific facility population served.

TABLE 4
SMALL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES LIGHTING STANDARDS

Physical Plant Area	MINIMUM FOOT-CANDLES	
	Level I, II, III Facilities	Level IV Facilities
Corridors		
Day	20	15
Night	10	10
Exits	20	20
Stairways	20	20
Nursing Station		
General	30	30
Charting	75	75
Med. Prep.	75	75
Pt./Res. Room		
General	10	10
Reading/Mattress Level	30	30
Toilet area	30	30
Lounge		
General	10	10
Reading	30	30
Recreation	30	30
Dining	30	30
Laundry	30	30

Based on lighting guidelines published in "Lighting for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities", Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, 1995 edition.

(5) Each resident room shall have duplex grounding type receptacles as follows:

- (a) one located on each side of the head of each bed;
- (b) one for television, if used; and
- (c) one on each other wall.

(6) Receptacles may be omitted from exterior walls where construction would make installation impractical.

(7) Duplex grounded receptacles for general use shall be installed in all corridors.

R432-12-24. Emergency Power System.

(1) Facilities that provide care for persons who require electrically operated life-support systems, or when required by Table 1, shall be equipped with an emergency power system.

(2) The following services shall be connected to the emergency generator Life Safety Branch as defined in section 517-32, critical branch as defined in 517-33 and Equipment systems defined its 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) Power need not be provided to all building heating and ventilation equipment if it is provided to a common area sufficient in size to accommodate temporary beds on a short-term emergency basis.

(4) Automatic transfer switches shall transfer essential electrical loading to the circuits described above within 10 seconds of any interruption of normal power.

(5) The emergency generator shall be fueled with a storable fuel source such as diesel fuel, gasoline, or propane. At least 48 hours of fuel shall be available.

(6) All other facilities shall make provision for essential emergency lighting and heating during an emergency to meet the needs of residents. All emergency heating devices shall be approved by the local Fire Marshal.

R432-12-25. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The

Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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**R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing.
R432-13. Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Center
Construction Rule.**

R432-13-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-13-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish construction and physical plant standards for the operation of a freestanding surgical facility that provides surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization.

R432-13-3. General Design Requirements.

(1) Ambulatory Surgical Centers shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of R432-4-1 through R432-4-23 and the requirements of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, Section 9.2., 9.5 and 9.9 including Appendix A, 2001 edition (Guidelines). Where a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of R432-4 or the Guidelines.

(2) Ambulatory Surgical Centers shall consist of at least two Class C operating rooms, as outlined in the Guidelines section 9.5.F2, and support facilities.

(3) Ambulatory Surgical Centers shall be equipped to perform general anesthesia. Flammable anesthetics may not be used in Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

(4) Ambulatory Surgical Centers which are located within a building not constructed in accordance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, Chapter 20, shall be physically separated in accordance with requirements of the local building official having jurisdiction.

(a) The facility shall have at least two exits leading directly to the exterior of the building.

(b) Design shall preclude unrelated traffic through units or suites of the licensed facility.

R432-13-4. General Construction, Patient Facilities.

(1) Adequate sterile supplies shall be maintained in the facility to meet the maximum demands of one day's case load.

(2) Operating rooms for cystoscopic procedures shall comply with Section 7.7.A4 of the Guidelines.

(3) A toilet room shall be readily accessible to recovery rooms and recovery lounge.

(4) Change areas shall comply with Guidelines subsection 9.5.F5.(i) and shall be arranged to accommodate a one way traffic pattern enabling personnel to change and directly enter the operating room corridor.

(5) Special or additional service areas such as radiology, if required by the functional program, shall comply with the requirements of the General Hospital Rules, R432-100.

R432-13-5. General Construction.

(1) The administration and public areas which are not part of the Ambulatory Surgical Center exiting system, may be located outside of the institutional occupancy envelope when authorized by the local building official having jurisdiction.

(2) Cubicle curtains and draperies shall be affixed to permanently mounted tracks or rods. Portable curtains or visual barriers are not permitted.

(3) An elevator shall be provided when an ambulatory surgical center is located on a level other than at grade. The minimum inside dimensions of the cab shall be at least 5'8" wide by 8'5" deep with a minimum clear door width of 3'8".

(4) Yard equipment and supply storage areas shall be located so that equipment may be moved directly to the exterior without passing through building rooms or corridors.

(5) The facility shall provide for the sanitary storage and treatment or disposal of all categories of waste, including

hazardous and infectious wastes, if applicable, using procedures established by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality and the local health department having jurisdiction.

(6) All rooms shall be mechanically ventilated.

(7) Access to medical gas supply and storage areas shall be arranged to preclude travel through clean or sterile areas. There shall be space for enough reserve gas cylinders to complete at least one routine day's procedures.

(8) An on-site emergency generator shall be provided and the following services shall be connected to the emergency generator:

(a) life safety branch as defined in 517-32 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, 1999 edition;

(b) critical branch as defined in 517-33 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, 1999 edition;

(c) equipment system as defined in 517-34 of the National Electric Code NFPA 70, 1999 edition.

(9) There shall be sufficient fuel storage capacity to permit at least four hours continuous operation shall be provided.

(10) Lighting shall comply with R432-4-23(21)(a).

R432-13-6. Extended Recovery Care Unit.

(1) A facility that provides extended recovery services shall maintain a patient care area that is distinct and separate from the post-anesthesia recovery area. The patient care area shall provide the following:

(a) a room or area that ensures patient privacy, including visual privacy;

(b) a minimum of 80 square feet of space for each patient bed with at least three feet between patient beds and between the sides of patient beds and adjacent walls.

(c) a nurse call system at each patient's bed and at the toilet, shower and bathrooms, which shall transmit a visual and auditory signal to a centrally staffed location which identifies the location of the patient summoning help;

(d) a patient bathroom with a lavatory and toilet;

(e) oxygen and suction equipment;

(f) medical and personal care equipment necessary to meet patient needs.

(2) A separate food nutrition area which shall include a counter, sink, refrigerator, heating/warming oven or microwave, and sufficient storage for food items.

R432-13-7. Exclusions to Guidelines.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply to Freestanding Surgical Center construction:

(1) Parking, Section 9.5.C.

(2) Waste Processing Systems, Section 9.2.G3.

R432-13-8. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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**R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing,
R432-14. Birthing Center Construction Rule.**

R432-14-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-14-2. Purpose.

This rule provides construction and physical plant standards for birthing centers.

R432-14-3. General Design Requirements.

(1) Birthing centers shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of R432-4-1 through R432-4-23 and the requirements of sections 9.2 and 9.7 of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, 2001 edition including Appendix A (Guidelines) and are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(2) Birthing Centers shall consist of at least two, but not more than five birthing rooms.

(3) Birthing rooms and ancillary service areas shall be organized in a contiguous physical arrangement.

(4) To qualify for licensure, regardless of size, a Birthing Center shall be constructed in accordance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, Chapter 20, New Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies.

(5) Birthing Centers which are located within a building not constructed in accordance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, Chapter 20, shall be physically separated in accordance with requirements established by the local building official having jurisdiction and shall have at least two exits leading directly to the exterior of the building.

(6) Administration and public areas that are not part of the Birthing Center exiting system may be located outside of the institutional occupancy envelope when authorized by the local building official having jurisdiction.

(7) A Birthing Center located contiguous with a general hospital may share radiology services, laboratory services, pharmacy services, engineering services, maintenance services, laundry services, housekeeping services, dietary services, and business functions. The owner shall retain in the Birthing Center a written agreement for the shared services.

R432-14-4. General Construction Patient Facilities.

(1) Requirements of sections 9.2 and 9.7 of the Guidelines shall be met except as modified in this section.

(2) When a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.

(3) When used in this rule, "room or office" describes a specific separate, enclosed space for the service. When "room or office" is not used, multiple services may be accommodated in one enclosed space.

(4) The facility shall be designed to allow access to service areas and common areas without compromising patient privacy.

(5) Patient rooms and service areas shall be grouped to form a physically defined service unit.

(6) Spaces shall be provided for each of the required services.

(7) Interior finishes, lighting, and furnishings reflect a residential rather than an institutional setting.

(8) Maximum room occupancy shall be one mother and her newborn infant or infants.

(9) Each birthing room shall have a window in accordance with R432-4-23(7). Windows with a sight line which permits observation from the exterior shall be arranged or draped to ensure patient privacy.

(10) Patient rooms shall provide each patient a wardrobe, closet, or locker, having minimum clear dimensions of 24 inches by 20 inches, suitable for hanging full-length garments. A clothes rod and adjustable shelf shall be provided.

(11) A toilet room with direct access from the birthing

room shall be accessible to each birthing room.

(a) The toilet room shall contain a toilet, a lavatory, and a shower or tub.

(b) A toilet room may serve two patient rooms.

(c) All toilet room fixtures shall be handicapped accessible and shall have grab bars in compliance with ADAAG.

(d) Each birthing room shall be equipped with a lavatory for handwashing in addition to the lavatory in the toilet room. If the lavatory is equipped with wrist blades, it may be used for scrubbing.

(12) Newborn infant resuscitation facilities, remote from facilities serving the mother, including electrical outlets, oxygen, and suction shall be immediately available to each birthing room in addition to resuscitation equipment provided for the mother.

(13) A separate room for storage of maintenance materials and equipment shall be provided.

(a) The room may serve as a maintenance office with storage for maintenance files, facility drawings, and operation manuals.

(b) The storage room shall be in addition to the required janitors closet.

(14) Special surgical lighting is not required.

(15) An examination light shall be provided in each patient room. The light, if portable, shall be immediately accessible.

(16) An emergency electrical service is connected to an on-site emergency generator is required.

(a) Services shall be connected to the emergency generator to include:

(i) fire alarm system;

(ii) telephone;

(iii) nurse call;

(iv) one duplex convenience outlet in each patient room located to allow use of a portable examination light;

(v) one duplex convenience outlet at each nurse station;

(vi) heating system;

(vii) emergency lighting system.

(b) There shall be sufficient fuel storage capacity to permit at least four hours continuous operation.

R432-14-5. Sections of the Guidelines which are Excluded.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

(1) Parking, Section 9.7A, subsection 9.7B.2., and subsection 9.7C.2.

(2) Radiology, Section 9.2.C.

(3) Laboratory, Section 9.2.D.

(4) General Purpose Examination Rooms, Subsection 9.2.B1.

(5) Special Purpose Examination Rooms, Subsection 9.2.B2.

(6) Treatment Rooms, Subsection 9.2.B3.

(7) Observation Rooms, Subsection 9.2.B4.

R432-14-6. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas denied if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$5,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to Bureau of Licensing approval.

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R448. Health, Medical Examiner.**R448-10. Unattended Death and Reporting Requirements.****R448-10-1. Authority and Purpose.**

This rule is authorized by Utah Code Section 26-1-5. It clarifies the meaning of unattended death under the provisions of Utah Code Subsection 26-4-2(8) and the requirements of Utah Code Section 26-4-8.

R448-10-2. Death Under Physician's Care and Supervision.

For purposes of Utah Code Subsection 26-4-2(8), an individual whose care is directly supervised by a physician and who has been seen by a licensed nurse whose activity is directly supervised by the physician is deemed to have been seen by the physician within the scope of the physician's professional capacity.

R448-10-3. Reporting Requirement.

(1) If a death occurs and the individual's care within 30 days prior to death was not directly supervised by a physician or if the individual was not seen by a licensed nurse whose activity is directly supervised by the individual's treating physician, then the death must be reported as required under Utah Code Section 26-4-8.

(2) All other deaths that meet the criteria in Utah Code Section 26-4-7, must be reported as required by Utah Code Section 26-4-8

(3) As required by R432-750-29, a hospice is required to report all deaths supervised by the hospice if the death was a result from injury, accident, or other possible unnatural cause.

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R448. Health, Medical Examiner.**R448-20. Access to Medical Examiner Reports.****R448-20-1. Authority and Purpose.**

This rule is authorized by Utah Code Section 26-1-5. It establishes who may, under the provisions of Utah Code Subsection 26-4-17(3), access medical examiner reports generated in the investigation of a death.

R448-20-2. Access by Next-of-Kin.

(1) Next-of-kin who may access medical examiner records under the provisions of Utah Code Subsection 26-4-17(3) are as follows:

- (a) surviving spouse;
- (b) any natural or adoptive parent, regardless of whether the deceased was an adult;
- (c) any full or half sibling; and
- (d) any child aged 18 or older.

(2) All next-of-kin have equal access to medical examiner records under 26-4-17, without preference or priority.

R448-20-3. Access by a Legal Representative.

(1) Legal representatives who may access medical examiner records under the provisions of Utah Code Subsection 26-4-17(3) are as follows:

- (a) any legal guardian of the person, regardless of whether the deceased was child or an adult; and
- (b) a personal representative of the estate of the deceased appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) All legal representatives have equal access to medical examiner records under Utah Code Subsection 26-4-17(3), without preference or priority.

R448-20-4. Request and Verification of Right to Record.

A request made under Utah Code Subsection 26-4-17(3) must be in a writing either;

- (1) bearing a notary seal attesting to the identity of the individual and establishing the individual's right to the record; or
- (2) signed in the presence of medical examiner staff after producing documentation establishing the individual's right to the record.

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R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.**R527-3. Definitions.****R527-3-1. Authority and Purpose.**

1. The Department of Human Services is authorized to create rules necessary for the provision of social services by Section 62A-1-111 and 62A-11-107.

2. The purpose of this rule is to identify the terms and definitions used by the Office of Recovery Services/Child Support Services not currently defined by law.

R527-3-2. Definitions.

1. Terms used in this title, R527, are defined in Section 62A-11-103, 62A-11-303, 62A-11-401, and 78B-14-102. In addition, the following terms are defined:

2. "ORS" means the Office of Recovery Services.
3. "ORSIS" means the Office of Recovery Services Computer Information System.
4. "BMC" means the Bureau of Medical Collections.
5. "CIC" means the Bureau for Children in Care.
6. "CSS" means Child Support Services.
7. "MSS" means Management Support Services.
8. "CSU" means the Customer Service Unit.
9. "BFS" means the Bureau of Financial Services.
10. "BET" means the Bureau of Electronic Technology.
11. "OT" means the Office of Technology.
12. "IV-D agency" refers to the state agency that administers a child support program under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.
13. "IV-D recipient" refers to a person who receives IV-D services.
14. "IV-A" refers to Title IV-A of the Social Security Act.
15. "IV-A agency" refers to the state agency that administers a public entitlement program under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act.
16. "IV-A recipient" refers to a person who receives IV-A benefits.
17. "UIFSA" refers to Title 78B, Chapter 14 (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act) which replaces "URESAs", Title 77, Chapter 31 (Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act).
18. "AFDC" refers to the former Aid to Families with dependent children program.
19. "FEP" refers to the Family Employment Program which is funded by "TANF" (Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families).
20. "Pass-through payment" as used in R527-40-1(3) refers to the first \$50 of the current support that ORS collected for a month in which the custodial parent received AFDC. The IV-A agency paid this amount to the AFDC household prior to March, 1997.
21. "IRS" refers to the Internal Revenue Service.
22. "TPL" means Third Party Liability.
23. "CP" means custodial parent.
24. "NCP" means non-custodial parent.

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 62A-11-103
 62A-11-107
 62A-11-303
 62A-11-401
 78B-14-102

R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.**R527-10. Disclosure of Information to the Office of Recovery Services.****R527-10-1. Authority and Purpose.**

1. The Department of Human Services is authorized to create rules necessary for the provision of social services by Section 62A-1-111 and 62A-11-107.

2. The purpose of this rule is to meet the rulemaking requirement in Section 62A-11-104.1(2) that the office specify the type of health insurance and financial record information required to be disclosed under that section.

R527-10-2. Disclosure of Health Insurance Information.

Upon written request by the office, the following health insurance information shall be provided:

1. the availability of health and dental insurance to the employee;
2. the health insurance company name, address, and telephone number;
3. the policy number;
4. the names of those covered and their relationship to the employee;
5. the effective dates of coverage;
6. premium and co-payment amounts, deductibles, and exclusions; and
7. claims history for 24 months prior to the date of request by the office.

R527-10-3. Disclosure of Financial Information to the Office of Recovery Services.

Upon written request by the office, the following documents and financial record information regarding the individual named in the request shall be provided:

1. savings account and checking account numbers and balances;
2. type of loan, loan amount and balance owing;
3. current or last known address;
4. social security number;
5. employer and salary, if known;
6. loan application;
7. all names listed on the account and the signature card;
8. terms of accessibility to the account;
9. former names and aliases;
10. all accounts for that person with the bank, including certificates of deposit, money market accounts, treasury bonds, etc., numbers, names, and amounts;
11. security on loans;
12. account statements;
13. transaction slips;
14. checks deposited or cashed;
15. checks written on account;
16. trusts; and
17. applications to open an account.

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R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.**R527-201. Medical Support Services.****R527-201-1. Authority and Purpose.**

1. The Department of Human Services is authorized to create rules necessary for the provision of social services by Section 62A-1-111 and 62A-11-107.

2. The purpose of this rule is to specify the responsibilities and procedures for the Office of Recovery Services/Child Support Services for providing medical support services.

R527-201-2. Federal Requirements.

The Office of Recovery Services/Child Support Services, (ORS/CSS), adopts the federal regulations as published in 45 CFR 303.30, 303.31, and 303.32 (2008) which are incorporated by reference in this rule.

R527-201-3. Definitions.

1. Accessibility: Insurance is considered accessible to the child if non-emergency services covered by the health plan are available to the child within 90 minutes or 90 miles of the child's primary residence.

2. National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) is the federally approved form that ORS/CSS shall use, when appropriate, to notify an employer to enroll dependent children in an employment-related group health insurance plan in accordance with a child support order.

3. Cash Medical Support: An obligation to equally share all reasonable and necessary medical and dental expenses of children.

R527-201-4. Limitation of Services.

ORS/CSS shall not:

1. pursue establishment of specific amounts for ongoing medical support,

2. initiate an action to obtain a judgment for uninsured medical expenses, or

3. collect and disburse premium payments to insurance companies.

R527-201-5. Conditions Under Which Non-IV-A Medicaid Recipients May Decline Support Services.

ORS/CSS shall provide child and spousal support services; however, a Non-IV-A Medicaid recipient may decline child and spousal support services if paternity is not an issue and there is an order for the non-custodial parent to provide medical support.

R527-201-6. Securing a Medical Support Provision in the Support Order.

1. Notice to potentially obligated parents: The notice to potentially obligated parents shall include a provision that an administrative or judicial proceeding will occur to:

a. order either parent to purchase and maintain appropriate medical insurance for the children, and

b. order both parents to pay cash medical support.

This notification shall be provided when either of the following conditions is met:

a. the state initiates an action to establish a final support order or to adjust an existing child support order; or

b. the state joins a divorce or modification action initiated by either the custodial or the non-custodial parent.

2. If a judicial support order does not include a medical support provision, ORS/CSS shall commence judicial action to modify the order to include a medical support provision.

R527-201-7. Reasonable Cost of Insurance Premiums.

Employment-related or other group coverage that does not exceed 5% of the obligated parent's monthly gross income is generally considered reasonable in cost. However, an employer may not withhold more than the lesser of the amount allowed

under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, the amount allowed by the state of the employee's principal place of employment, or the amount allowed for health insurance premiums by the child support order. If the combined child support and medical support obligations exceed the allowable deduction amount, the employer shall withhold according to the law, if any, of the state of the employee's principal place of employment requiring prioritization between child support and medical support. If the employee's principal place of employment is in Utah, the employer shall deduct current child support before deducting amounts for health insurance coverage. If the amount necessary to cover the health insurance premiums cannot be deducted due to prioritization or limitations on withholding, the employer shall notify ORS/CSS.

R527-201-8. Credit for Premium Payments and Effect of Changes to the Premium Amount Subsequent to the Order.

1. If the order or underlying worksheet does not mention a specific credit for insurance premiums, ORS/CSS shall give credit for the child(ren)'s portion of the insurance premium when the obligated parent provides the necessary verification coverage.

2. ORS/CSS shall notify both parents in writing whenever the credit is changed.

R527-201-9. Enforcement of Obligation to Maintain Medical and Dental Insurance.

1. In Non-IV-A cases and in IV-A Medicaid cases, appropriate steps shall be taken to ensure compliance with orders which require the obligated parent to maintain insurance. Obligated parents shall demonstrate compliance by providing ORS/CSS with policy numbers and the insurance provider name for the dependent children for whom the medical support is ordered.

2. In Non-IV-A cases and in IV-A Medicaid cases, if an obligated parent has been ordered to maintain insurance and insurance is accessible and available at a reasonable cost, ORS/CSS shall use the NMSN to transfer notice of the insurance provision to the obligated parent's employer unless ORS/CSS is notified pursuant to Section 62A-11-326.1 that the children are already enrolled in an insurance plan in accordance with the order.

3. When appropriate, ORS/CSS shall send the NMSN to the obligated parent's employer within two business days after the name of the obligated parent has been entered into the registry of the State Directory of New Hires, matched with ORS/CSS records, and reported to ORS/CSS in accordance with Subsection 35A-7-105(2).

4. The employer shall transfer the NMSN to the appropriate group health plan for which the children are eligible within twenty business days of the date of the NMSN if all of the following criteria are met:

a. the obligated parent is still employed by the employer;

b. the employer maintains or contributes to plans providing dependent or family health coverage;

c. the obligated parent is eligible for the coverage available through the employer; and

d. state or federal withholding limitations, prioritization, or both, do not prevent withholding the amount required to obtain coverage.

5. If more than one coverage option is available under a group insurance plan and the obligated parent is not already enrolled, ORS/CSS in consultation with the custodial parent may select the least expensive option if the option complies with the child support order and benefits the children. The insurer shall enroll the children in the plan's default option or least expensive option in accordance with Subsection 62A-11-326.2(1)(b) unless another option is specified by ORS/CSS.

6. The employer shall determine if the necessary employee

contributions for the insurance coverage are available. If the amounts necessary are available, the employer shall begin withholding when appropriate and remit directly to the plan.

7. In accordance with Subsections 62A-11-326.1(2) and (3), the obligated parent may contest withholding insurance premiums based on a mistake of fact. The employer shall continue withholding under the NMSN until notified by ORS/CSS to terminate withholding insurance premiums.

8. If a parent successfully contests the action to enroll the children in a group health plan based on a mistake of fact, ORS/CSS shall notify the employer to discontinue enrollment and withholding insurance premiums for the children.

9. In accordance with Subsection 62A-11-406(9), the employer shall:

- a. notify ORS/CSS within five days after the obligated parent terminates employment;
- b. provide the office with the obligated parent's last-known address; and
- c. the name and address of any new employer, if known.

10. ORS/CSS shall promptly notify the employer when a current order for medical support is no longer in effect for which ORS/CSS is responsible.

R527-201-10. Obligated Parent Receiving Medicaid.

In an unestablished paternity case, if the father's income was taken into consideration when determining the household's eligibility for Medicaid, ORS/CSS shall not enforce payment of medical expenses regardless of the medical support provisions in the order, but shall enforce the health insurance provision.

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78B-12-212
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45 CFR 303.31
45 CFR 303.32

R527. Human Services, Recovery Services.**R527-258. Enforcing Child Support When the Obligor is an Ex-Prisoner or in a Treatment Program.****R527-258-1. Purpose and Authority.**

1. The Office of Recovery Services is authorized to create rules necessary for the provision of social services by Section 62A-11-107.

2. The purpose of this rule is to specify the procedures for collection of IV-D child support and arrears payments after the obligor has been released from prison/jail or an in-patient treatment program.

R527-258-2. Collection from Ex-Prisoners.

1. If the obligor has been incarcerated for thirty days or more and notifies the Office of Recovery Services/Child Support Services (ORS/CSS) or the office is made aware of the release within 30 days of the release date, the office will only collect current support and one dollar toward the past-due support debt for six months after the incarceration release date.

2. The ORS/CSS will enforce a support order that requires the obligor to provide medical insurance coverage for the children, if appropriate.

R527-258-3. Enforcing Child Support When the Obligor is an Ex-Prisoner.

1. The federal title IV-A past-due support debt which accrued while the obligor was incarcerated may be forgiven one time, if the obligor makes both the full monthly current support payment and the full monthly assessed payment toward the past-due support debt for twelve consecutive months. The twelve consecutive month period begins when the obligor is released and they have contacted the office to make payment arrangements within the allotted 30 days.

2. The office will use the federal income withholding notice and procedures to enforce and collect the current support and an arrears payment, when appropriate. The office will use the federal National Medical Support Notice and procedures to enforce insurance coverage for the children, if appropriate.

a. If the obligor does not make the full payment in each of the first six months, additional collection or enforcement action may be taken.

b. If the obligor makes the full required payment each month for twelve consecutive months, the remaining IV-A support debt that accrued during the most recent period of incarceration shall be forgiven. IV-A debt forgiveness due to incarceration will only occur one time per obligor.

3. If the obligor owes IV-A arrears only, s/he must make twelve consecutive payments to the office based on an assessed amount determined by ORS/CSS.

4. The obligor's arrearage payment shall be reassessed by the office if his/her financial situation changes during the twelve-month period.

R527-258-4. Collection from Obligor in Treatment Programs.

1. If the obligor is in an in-patient, licensed mental health or substance abuse treatment program for thirty days or more, no collection or enforcement action will be taken to collect the past-due support debt for the duration of the in-patient treatment.

2. If the obligor is in an in-patient, licensed mental health or substance abuse treatment program and notifies ORS/CSS or the office is made aware of the release within 30 days of the release date, the office will only collect current support and one dollar toward the past-due support debt for six months after the in-patient program release date.

3. If the obligor is involved in an out-patient treatment program and notifies ORS/CSS or the office is made aware of the treatment within 30 days of the treatment beginning, the

office will only collect current support and one dollar toward the past-due support debt for six months after:

a. the obligor's initial contact with the office, or

b. the office determines that the individual is involved in an out-patient treatment program.

4. ORS/CSS will enforce a support order that requires the obligor to provide medical insurance coverage for the children, if appropriate.

R527-258-5. Enforcing Child Support When the Obligor Is in a Treatment Program.

1. The federal title IV-A past-due support debt which accrued while the obligor was in an in-patient treatment program may be forgiven one time, if the full monthly current support payment and the full monthly assessed payment toward the past-due support debt have been made for twelve consecutive months. The twelve consecutive month period begins when the obligor has been released from an in-patient treatment program and s/he has contacted the office to make payment arrangements within the allotted 30 days.

2. The office will use the federal income withholding notice and procedures to enforce and collect the current support and an arrears payment, when appropriate. The office will use the federal National Medical Support Notice and procedures to enforce insurance coverage for the children, if appropriate.

a. If the obligor does not make the full payment in each of the first six months, additional collection or enforcement action may be taken.

b. If the obligor makes the full required payment each month for twelve consecutive months, the remaining IV-A support debt that accrued during the most recent treatment period shall be forgiven. IV-A debt forgiveness due to participation in an in-patient or out-patient treatment program will only occur one time per obligor.

3. If the obligor owes IV-A arrears only, s/he must make twelve consecutive payments to the office based on an assessed amount determined by ORS/CSS.

4. The obligor's arrearage payment shall be reassessed by the office if his/her financial situation changes during the twelve-month period.

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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 (2003) and 42 U.S.C. Section 664.

1. Effective October 1, 2007, all IV-A and Non-IV-A child support debts will be submitted for federal tax refund offset for past-due support owed to any child, whether or not the child is a minor at the time of certification or 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.**R590-76. Health Maintenance Organizations and Limited Health Plans.****R590-76-1. Authority.**

This rule is issued pursuant to the authority set forth in Title 31A, Chapter 8, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and Limited Health Plans.

R590-76-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to implement Chapter 8 of Title 31A to assure the availability, accessibility and quality of services provided by HMOs and to provide reasonable standards for terms and provisions contained in HMO group and individual contracts and evidences of coverage.

R590-76-3. Applicability and Scope.

This rule applies to all organizations defined in 31A-8-101(8). In the event of conflict between the provisions of this regulation and the provisions of any other regulation issued by the commissioner, the provisions of this regulation shall be controlling. This rule also applies to all HMO contracts covering individuals and groups issued or renewed and effective on or after January 1, 2003.

R590-76-4. HMO Definitions.

A group or individual contract and evidence of coverage delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state by an HMO required to obtain a certificate of authority in this state shall contain definitions respecting the matters set forth below. The definitions shall comply with the requirements of this section. Definitions other than those set forth in this regulation may be used as appropriate providing that they do not contradict these requirements. As used in this regulation and as used in the group or individual contract and evidence of coverage:

(1) "Coinsurance" is the enrollee's cost-sharing amount expressed as a percentage of covered charges.

(2) "Copayment" means, other than coinsurance, the amount an enrollee must pay in order to receive a specific service that is not fully prepaid.

(3) "Deductible" means the amount an enrollee is responsible to pay out-of-pocket before the HMO begins to pay the costs or provide the services associated with treatment.

(4) "Directors" mean the executive director of Department of Health or his authorized representative, and the director of the Health Division of the Utah Insurance Department.

(5) "Eligible dependent" means any member of an enrollee's family who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the contract.

(6) "Emergency care services" means services for an emergency medical condition as defined in 31A-22-627(3).

(a) Within the service area, emergency care services shall include covered health care services from non-affiliated providers only when delay in receiving care from the HMO could reasonably be expected to cause severe jeopardy to the enrollee's condition.

(b) Outside the service area, emergency care services include medically necessary health care services that are immediately required because of unforeseen illness or injury while the enrollee is outside the geographical limits of the HMO's service area.

(7) "Evidence of coverage" means a certificate or a statement of the essential features and services of the HMO coverage that is given to the subscriber by the HMO or by the group contract holder.

(8) "Facility" means an institution providing health care services or a health care setting, including but not limited to hospitals and other licensed inpatient centers, ambulatory surgical or treatment centers, skilled nursing centers, residential treatment centers, diagnostic, laboratory and imaging centers,

and rehabilitation and other therapeutic health settings which operate within their specific licensure requirements.

(9) "Grievance" means a written complaint submitted in accordance with the HMO's formal grievance procedure by or on behalf of the enrollee regarding any aspect of the HMO relative to the enrollee.

(10) "Group contract" means a contract for health care services by which its terms limit eligibility to enrollees of a specified group.

(11) "Group contract holder" means the person to which a group contract has been issued.

(12) "Incidental coverage" means a contract or endorsement offered by an HMO that provides limited health plan benefits as defined in Subsection 31A-8-101(6)(a).

(13) "Individual contract" means a contract for health care services issued to and covering an individual. The individual contract may include coverage for dependents of the subscriber.

(14) "Medical necessity" or "medically necessary" 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) 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.

(15) "Out-of-area services" means the health care services that an HMO covers when its enrollees are outside of the service area.

(16) "Physician" means a duly licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy practicing within the scope of the license.

(17) "Primary care physician" means a physician who supervises, coordinates, and provides initial and basic care to enrollees, and who initiates their referral for specialist care and maintains continuity of patient care.

(18) "Scientific evidence" means:

(a) 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

(b) findings, studies or research conducted by or under the auspices of federal government agencies and nationally recognized federal research institutes.

(c) 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.

(19) "Service area" means the geographical area within a 40-mile radius of the HMO's health care facility.

(20) "Subscriber" means an individual whose employment or other status, except family dependency, is the basis for eligibility for enrollment in the HMO, or in the case of an

individual contract, the person in whose name the contract is issued.

R590-76-5. Requirements for HMO Contracts and Evidence of Coverage.

(1)(a) Individual contracts. Each subscriber shall be entitled to receive an individual contract and evidence of coverage in a form that has been filed with the commissioner.

(b) Group contracts. Each group contract holder shall be entitled to receive a group contract that has been filed with the commissioner.

(c) Group contracts, individual contracts and evidences of coverage shall be delivered or issued for delivery to subscribers or group contract holders within a reasonable time after enrollment, but not more than 30 days from the later of the effective date of coverage or the date on which the HMO is notified of enrollment.

(2) HMO information. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain the name, address and telephone number of the HMO, and where and in what manner information is available as to how services may be obtained. A telephone number within the service area for calls, without charge to members, to the HMO's administrative office shall be made available and disseminated to enrollees to adequately provide telephone access for enrollee services, problems or questions. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage may indicate the manner in which the number will be disseminated rather than list the number itself.

(3) Eligibility requirements. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain eligibility requirements indicating the conditions that shall be met to enroll. The forms shall include a clear statement regarding coverage of dependents and newborn children.

(4) Benefits and services within the service area. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a specific description of benefits and services available within the service area.

(5) Emergency care benefits and services. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a specific description of benefits and services available for emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including disclosure of any restrictions on emergency care services. No group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall limit the coverage of emergency services within the service area to affiliated providers only.

(6) Out-of-area benefits and services. Other than emergency care, if benefits and services are covered outside the service area, a group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a specific description of that coverage.

(7) Copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a description of any copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles that must be paid by enrollees.

(8) Limitations and exclusions. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a description of any limitations or exclusions on the services or benefits, including any limitations or exclusions due to preexisting conditions or waiting periods.

(9) Claims procedures. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain procedures for filing claims that include:

- (a) any required notice to the HMO;
- (b) any required claim forms, including how, when and where to obtain them;
- (c) any requirements for filing proper proofs of loss;
- (d) any time limit of payment of claims;
- (e) notice of any provisions for resolving disputed claims, including arbitration; and
- (f) a statement of restrictions, if any, on assignment of

sums payable to the enrollee by the HMO.

(10) Enrollee grievance procedures and arbitration. In compliance with R590-76-8(4), the group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a description of the HMO's method for resolving enrollee grievances, including procedures to be followed by the enrollee in the event any dispute arises under the contract, including any provisions for arbitration.

(11) Extension and conversion of coverage. A group contract, and evidence of coverage shall contain a conversion provision which provides each enrollee the right to a conversion policy and/or extend coverage to a contract as set forth in Chapter 22 of Title 31A, Part VII.

(12) Coordination of benefits. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage may contain a provision for coordination of benefits that shall be consistent with that applicable to other carriers in the jurisdiction. Any provisions or rules for coordination of benefits established by an HMO shall not relieve an HMO of its duty to provide or arrange for a covered health care service to an enrollee because the enrollee is entitled to coverage under any other contract, policy or plan, including coverage provided under government programs.

(13) Description of the service area. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain a description of the service area.

(14) Entire contract provision. The group or individual contract shall contain a statement that the contract, all applications and any amendments thereto shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties. No portion of the charter, bylaws or other document of the HMO shall be part of the contract unless set forth in full in the contract or attached to it. However, the evidence of coverage may be attached to and made a part of the group contract.

(15) Term of coverage. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain the time and date or occurrence upon which coverage takes effect, including any applicable waiting periods, or describe how the time and date or occurrence upon which coverage takes effect is determined. The contract and evidence of coverage shall also contain the time and date or occurrence upon which coverage will terminate.

(16) Cancellation or termination. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain the conditions upon which cancellation or termination may be effected by the HMO, the group contract holder or the subscriber.

(17) Renewal. The group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall contain the conditions for, and any restrictions upon, the subscriber's right to renewal.

(18) Reinstatement of group or individual contract holder. If an HMO permits reinstatement of a group or individual, the contract and evidence of coverage shall include any terms and conditions concerning reinstatement. The contract and evidence of coverage may state that all reinstatements are at the option of the HMO and that the HMO is not obligated to reinstate any terminated contract.

(19) Conformity with State Law. A group or individual contract and evidence of coverage delivered or issued for delivery in this state shall include a provision that states that any provision not in conformity with Chapter 8 of Title 31A, this regulation or any other applicable law or regulation in this state shall not be rendered invalid but shall be construed and applied as if it were in full compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of this state.

(20) Definitions. All definitions used in the group or individual contract and evidence of coverage shall be in alphabetical order.

R590-76-6. Unfair Discrimination.

An HMO shall not unfairly discriminate against an enrollee

or applicant for enrollment on the basis of the age, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, religion, marital status or lawful occupation of an enrollee, or because of the frequency of utilization of services by an enrollee. An HMO shall not expel or refuse to re-enroll any enrollee nor refuse to enroll individual members of a group on the basis of an individual's or enrollee's health status or health care needs, except for a policy which contains a lifetime policy maximum and such maximum has been reached. However, nothing shall prohibit an HMO from setting rates, establishing a schedule of charges in accordance with actuarially sound and appropriate data, or appropriately applying policy provisions in compliance with the Utah Insurance Code.

R590-76-7. HMO Services.

(1) Access to Care.

(a) An HMO shall establish and maintain adequate arrangements to provide health services for its enrollees, including:

- (i) reasonable proximity to the business or personal residences of the enrollees so as not to result in unreasonable barriers to accessibility;
- (ii) reasonable hours of operation and after-hours services;
- (iii) emergency care services available and accessible within the service area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and
- (iv) sufficient providers, personnel, administrators and support staff to assure that all services contracted for will be accessible to enrollees on an appropriate basis without delays detrimental to the health of enrollees.

(b) If a primary care physician is required in order to obtain covered services, an HMO shall make available to each enrollee a primary care physician and provide accessibility to medically necessary specialists through staffing, contracting or referral.

(c) An HMO shall have written procedures governing the availability of services utilized by enrollees, including at least the following:

- (i) well-patient examinations and immunizations;
- (ii) treatment of emergencies;
- (iii) treatment of minor illness; and
- (iv) treatment of chronic illnesses.

(2) Basic health care services. An HMO shall provide, or arrange for the provision of, as a minimum, basic health care services, which shall include the following:

- (a) emergency care services;
- (b) inpatient hospital services, meaning medically necessary hospital services including:
 - (i) room and board;
 - (ii) general nursing care;
 - (iii) special diets when medically necessary;
 - (iv) use of operating room and related facilities;
 - (v) use of intensive care units and services;
 - (vi) x-ray, laboratory and other diagnostic tests;
 - (vii) drugs, medications, biologicals;
 - (viii) anesthesia and oxygen services;
 - (ix) special nursing when medically necessary;
 - (x) physical therapy, radiation therapy and inhalation therapy;
 - (xi) administration of whole blood and blood plasma; and
 - (xii) short-term rehabilitation services;
- (c) inpatient physician care services, meaning medically necessary health care services performed, prescribed, or supervised by physicians or other providers including diagnostic, therapeutic, medical, surgical, preventive, referral and consultative health care services;

(d) Outpatient medical services, meaning preventive and medically necessary health care services provided in a physician's office, a non-hospital-based health care facility or at a hospital. Outpatient medical services shall include:

- (i) diagnostic services;
- (ii) treatment services;
- (iii) laboratory services;
- (iv) x-ray services;
- (v) referral services;
- (vi) physical therapy, radiation therapy and inhalation therapy; and
- (vii) preventive health services, which shall include at least a range of services for the diagnosis of infertility, well-child care from birth, periodic health evaluations for adults, screening to determine the need for vision and hearing correction, and pediatric and adult immunizations in accordance with accepted medical practice;

(e) Coverage of inborn metabolic errors as required by 31A-22-623 and Rule R590-194, Coverage of Dietary Products for Inborn Errors of Amino Acid or Urea Cycle Metabolism, and benefits for diabetes as required by 31A-22-626 and Rule R590-200, Diabetes Treatment and Management.

(3) Out-of-area benefits and services. Other than emergency care, if the contract provides out-of-area services, they shall be subject to the same copayment, coinsurance, and deductible requirements set forth in R590-76-5(7).

(4)(a) An HMO may offer a contract or endorsement that provides incidental coverage.

(b) An incidental coverage contract or endorsement is exempt from the basic health care services and emergency care requirements set forth in this rule.

(c) An HMO offering an incidental benefit contract or endorsement may offer all of the basic health care services.

R590-76-8. Other HMO Requirements.

(1) Provider lists.

(a) An HMO shall provide its subscribers with a list of the names and locations of all of its providers no later than the time of enrollment or the time the group or individual contract and evidence of coverage are issued and upon reenrollment.

(b) Upon notification to an HMO that a provider is no longer affiliated, the HMO shall within 30 days:

- (i) notify enrollees who are receiving ongoing care; and
- (ii) update any applicable web site provider lists.

(c) Subject to the approval of the commissioner, an HMO may provide its subscribers with a list of providers or provider groups for a segment of the service area. However, a list of all providers shall be made available to subscribers upon request.

(d) Provider lists shall contain a notice regarding the availability of the listed primary care physicians. The notice shall be in not less than 12-point type and be placed in a prominent place on the list of providers. The notice shall contain the following or similar language:

"Enrolling in (name of HMO) does not guarantee services by a particular provider on this list. If you wish to receive care from specific providers listed, you should contact those providers to be sure that they are accepting additional patients for (name of HMO)."

(2) Description of the services area. An HMO shall provide its subscribers with a description of its service area no later than the time of enrollment or the time the group or individual contract and evidence of coverage are issued and upon request thereafter. If the description of the service area is changed, the HMO shall provide at such time a new description of the service area to its affected subscribers within 30 days.

(3) Copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. An HMO may require copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles of enrollees as a condition for the receipt of health care services. Copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles shall be the only allowable charge, other than premiums, insurers may assess to subscribers, unless otherwise allowed by law.

(4) Grievance procedure. A grievance procedure in compliance with 31A-22-629 and Rule R590-203, Health Care

Benefit Plans-Grievance and Voluntary Independent Review Procedures Rule, to resolve an adverse benefit determination, shall be established and maintained by an HMO to provide reasonable procedures for the prompt and effective resolution of written grievances.

(5) Provider contracts. All provider contracts must be on file and available for review by the commissioner and the director of the UDOH.

R590-76-9. Quality Assurance.

(1) Quality assurance plan.

(a) Each HMO shall develop a quality assurance plan. The plan shall be designed to objectively and systematically monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of patient care, pursue opportunities to improve patient care, and resolve identified problems.

(b) Certification of quality assurance plan.

(i) A new HMO shall arrange and pay for a review and certification of its quality assurance plan no later than 18 months after receiving a Certificate of Authority and commencing operation.

(ii) An existing HMO shall arrange a pay for a review and certification of its quality assurance plan every three years unless required sooner by the certifying entity.

(iii) Reviews shall be conducted by the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA), the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the American Accreditation HealthCare Commission (URAC), formerly known as the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission, Health Insight, or other entities as approved by the commissioner. Reviews conducted for the federal government shall satisfy these requirements if the requirements of this subsection are met.

(iv) Each HMO shall arrange for the directors to receive a copy of the review findings, recommendations, and certification, or notice of non-approval, of the quality assurance plan. This material shall be sent directly from the certifying entity to the directors. Certification status and review materials will be maintained as a protected record by the directors.

(v) Each HMO shall implement clinical and procedural requirements made by the certifying entity after the findings are received by the HMO.

(c) Each year on or before July 1, an HMO shall file to the directors a written report of the effectiveness of its internal quality control. The report must include a copy of the HMO's quality assurance plan.

(2) Quality assurance audits. The commissioner may audit an HMO's quality control system. Such audit shall be performed by qualified persons designated by the commissioner.

(a) The HMO shall comply with reasonable requests for information required for the audit and necessary to:

(i) measure health care outcomes according to established medical standards;

(ii) evaluate the process of providing or arranging for the provision of patient care;

(iii) evaluate the system the HMO uses to conduct concurrent reviews and preauthorized medical care;

(iv) evaluate the system the HMO uses to conduct retrospective reviews of medical care; and

(v) evaluate the accessibility and availability of medical care provided or arranged for by the HMO.

(b) Information furnished shall only be used in accordance with 31A-8-404.

(3) Internal peer review. The HMO shall show written evidence of continuing internal peer reviews of medical care given. The program must provide for review by physicians and other health professionals; have direct accountability to senior management; and have resources specifically budgeted for quality assessment, monitoring, and remediation.

R590-76-10. Reporting Requirements and Fee Payments.

Section 31A-3-103 and 31A-4-113 apply to organizations. Both types of entities shall submit their annual reports on the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's (NAIC) blanks that have been adopted for HMOs. In addition, all HMOs shall submit the information asked for in the annual statistical report required by the UDOH. The annual statement blank will be filed with the Insurance Department and the UDOH by March 1 each year.

R590-76-11. Financial Condition.

(1) Qualified assets. In determining the financial condition of any organization, only the following assets may be used:

(a) assets as determined to be admitted in the Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual published by the NAIC; and

(b) other assets, not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions, deemed by the commissioner available for the provision of health care, at values determined by him/her.

(2) Investments. Investments of organizations shall be consistent with Title 31A, Chapter 18.

(3) Liability insurance. Evidence of adequate general liability and professional liability insurance, or a plan for self-insurance approved by the commissioner, must be maintained by the organization. Organizations may only contract with providers of health services that have liability insurance.

R590-76-12. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule 45 days from the rule's effective date.

R590-76-13. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, such invalidity 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.**R590-79. Life Insurance Disclosure Rule.****R590-79-1. Authority.**

This rule is adopted and promulgated pursuant to Section 31A-2-201(3) wherein the commissioner may make rules to implement the provisions of Title 31A, and Section 31A-22-425(1) wherein the commissioner may make rules to establish standards for buyer's guides and disclosures.

R590-79-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to require insurers to deliver to purchasers of life insurance, information which will improve the purchaser's ability to select a plan of life insurance most appropriate for the purchaser's needs and improve the purchaser's understanding of the basic features of the policy being purchased or under consideration for purchase.

This rule does not prohibit the use of additional material which is not in violation of this rule or any other statute or rule.

R590-79-3. Scope.

Except as hereinafter exempted, this rule shall apply to any solicitation, negotiation or procurement of life insurance occurring within this state. This rule shall apply to any issuer of life insurance contracts including fraternal benefit societies.

Unless otherwise specifically included, this rule shall not apply to:

- A. annuities;
- B. credit life insurance;
- C. group life insurance (except for disclosures relating to preneed funeral contracts or prearrangements. These disclosure requirements shall extend to the issuance or delivery of certificates as well as to the master policy);
- D. life insurance policies issued in connection with pension and welfare plans as defined by and which are subject to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended; or
- E. variable life insurance under which the amount and duration of the death benefits and cash values vary according to the investment experience of a separate account.

R590-79-4. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section 31A-1-301, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule:

- A. A Buyer's Guide means a document which contains, and is limited to, the language contained in the "Life Insurance Buyer's Guide," as adopted and amended by, and available from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 2000 edition, which is incorporated in this rule by reference.
- B. Current Scale of Nonguaranteed Elements means a formula or other mechanism that produces values for an illustration as if there is no change in the basis of those values after the time of illustration.
- C. Generic name means a short title which is descriptive of the premium and benefit patterns of a policy or a rider.
- D. Nonguaranteed Elements means the premiums, credited interest rates including any bonus, benefits, values, non-interest based credits, charges or elements of formulas used to determine any of these that are subject to company discretion and are not guaranteed at issue. An element is considered non-guaranteed if any of the underlying non-guaranteed elements are used in its calculation.
- E. Policy Data means a display or schedule of numerical values, both guaranteed and nonguaranteed for each policy year or a series of designated policy years of the following information: illustrated annual, other periodic, and terminal dividends; premiums; death benefits; cash surrender values; and endowment benefits.
- F.(1) Policy summary means a written statement describing only the guaranteed elements of the policy. A policy

summary must include the following information:

(a) A prominently placed title as follows: STATEMENT OF POLICY COST AND BENEFIT INFORMATION.

(b) The name and address of the insurance producer, or, if no producer is involved, a statement of the procedure to be followed in order to receive responses to inquiries regarding the policy summary.

(c) The full name and home office or administrative office address of the company in which the life insurance policy is to be or has been written.

(d) The generic name of the basic policy and each rider.

(e) The following amounts, where applicable, for the first five policy years and representative policy years thereafter sufficient to clearly illustrate the premium and benefit patterns, including, but not necessarily limited to, the tenth and twentieth policy years, and at least one age from 60 through 65 or maturity, whichever is earlier.

(i) The annual premium for the basic policy.

(ii) The annual premium for each optional rider.

(iii) Guaranteed amount payable upon death, at the beginning of the policy year regardless of the cause of death other than suicide, or other specifically enumerated exclusions, which is provided by the basic policy and each optional rider, with benefits provided under the basic policy and each rider shown separately.

(iv) Total guaranteed cash surrender values at the end of the year with values shown separately for the basic policy and each rider.

(v) Guaranteed endowment amounts payable under the policy which are not included under guaranteed cash surrender values above.

(f) The effective policy loan annual percentage interest rate, if the policy contains this provision, specifying whether this rate is applied in advance or in arrears. If the policy loan interest rate is adjustable, the policy summary shall indicate the maximum annual percentage rate, and shall also indicate that the annual percentage rate will be determined by the company in accordance with the provisions of the policy and the applicable law.

(g) The date on which the policy summary is prepared.

(2) The policy summary must consist of a separate document. All information required to be disclosed must be set out in such a manner as not to minimize or render any portion thereof obscure. Any amounts which remain level for two or more years of the policy may be represented by a single number if it is clearly indicated what amounts are applicable for each policy year. Amounts in item F.(1)(e) of this section shall be listed in total, not on a per thousand nor per unit basis. If more than one insured is covered under one policy or rider, death benefits shall be displayed separately for each insured or for each class of insureds if death benefits do not differ within the class. Zero amounts shall be displayed as zero and may not be displayed as a blank space.

(3) If an illustration subject to the requirements of R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule, is used in the sale of a policy, a policy summary is not required.

G. Preneed Funeral Contract or Prearrangement means an agreement by or for an individual before that individual's death relating to the purchase or provisions of specific funeral or cemetery merchandise or services.

R590-79-5. Disclosure Requirements.

A. The insurer shall provide a Buyer's Guide and either a policy summary or a life illustration that is in compliance with Rule R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule, when the policy is delivered or prior to delivery of the policy if so requested.

B. The insurer shall provide a Buyer's Guide to any prospective purchaser upon request.

C. Flexible Premium and Benefit Policies. For policies commonly called "universal life insurance" and similarly structured policies, the policy summary shall indicate when the policy will expire based on the interest rates and mortality rates and other charges guaranteed in the policy and the anticipated or assumed annual premiums shown in the policy summary.

D. Requirements applicable to existing policies.

Upon request by the policyholder, the insurer shall furnish either policy data or an in force illustration as follows:

(1) For policies issued prior to January 1, 1997, the effective date of R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule, the insurer shall furnish policy data, or at its option, an in force illustration meeting the requirements of R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule.

(2) For policies issued on or after January 1, 1997 that were declared not to be used with an illustration, the insurer shall furnish policy data, limited to guaranteed values, if it has chosen not to furnish an in force illustration meeting the requirements of R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule.

(3) If the policy was issued on or after January 1, 1997, and declared to be used with an illustration, an in force illustration shall be provided.

(4) Unless otherwise requested, the policy data shall be provided for 20 consecutive years beginning with the previous policy anniversary. The statement of policy data shall include nonguaranteed elements according to the current scale, the amount of outstanding policy loans, and the current policy loan interest rate. Policy values shown shall be based on the current application of nonguaranteed elements in effect at the time of the request. The insurer may charge a reasonable fee for the preparation of the statement after providing one annually without charge.

E. Preneed Funeral Contracts or Prearrangements. The following information shall be adequately disclosed at the time an application is made prior to accepting the applicant's initial premium or deposit, for a preneed funeral contract or prearrangement which is funded or to be funded by a life insurance policy:

(1) The fact that a life insurance policy is involved or being used to fund a prearrangement;

(2) The nature of the relationship among the soliciting producer or producers, the provider of the funeral or cemetery merchandise or services, the administrator and any other person;

(3) The relationship of the life insurance policy to the funding of the prearrangement and the nature and existence of any guarantees relating to the prearrangement;

(4) The impact on the prearrangement:

(a) of any changes in the life insurance policy including but not limited to changes in the assignment, beneficiary designation or use of the proceeds;

(b) of any penalties to be incurred by the policyholder as a result of failure to make premium payments; and

(c) of any penalties to be incurred or monies to be received as a result of cancellation or surrender of the life insurance policy;

(5) A list of the merchandise and services which are applied or contracted for in the prearrangement and all relevant information concerning the price of the funeral services, including an indication that the purchase price is either guaranteed at the time of purchase or to be determined at the time of need;

(6) All relevant information concerning what occurs and whether any entitlements or obligations arise if there is a difference between the proceeds of the life insurance policy and the amount actually needed to fund the prearrangement;

(7) Any penalties or restrictions, including but not limited to geographic restrictions or the inability of the provider to perform, on the delivery of merchandise, services or the prearrangement guarantee;

(8) The fact that a sales commission or other form of compensation is being paid and if so, the identity of such individuals or entities to whom it is paid.

R590-79-6. General Requirements.

A. Each insurer shall maintain at its home office or principal office, a complete file containing one copy of each document authorized by the insurer for use pursuant to this rule. Such file shall contain one copy of each authorized form for a period of three years following the date of its last authorized use.

B. A producer shall inform the prospective purchaser, prior to commencing a life insurance sales presentation, that he or she is acting as a life insurance producer and inform the prospective purchaser of the full name of the insurance company which the producer is representing to the buyer. In sales situations in which a producer is not involved, the insurer shall identify its full name. A presentation commences with an initial contact with a prospective purchaser in person, by telephone, by electronic communication, or by way of printed materials, particularly where rates or values are quoted or when policy or contract representations are made.

C. Terms such as financial planner, investment advisor, financial consultant, or financial counseling shall not be used unless properly licensed if required or in such a way as to imply that the insurance producer is generally engaged in an advisory business in which compensation is unrelated to sales unless such is actually the case and represented by way of required disclosure.

D. Any reference to nonguaranteed elements shall include a statement that the item is not guaranteed and is based on the company's current scale of nonguaranteed elements (use appropriate special term such as "current dividend" or "current rate" scale.) If a nonguaranteed element would be reduced by the existence of a policy loan, a statement to that effect shall be included in any reference to nonguaranteed elements. A presentation or depiction of a policy issued on or after January 1, 1997, that includes nonguaranteed elements over a period of years shall be governed by R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule.

E. For a life insurance policy or certificate with a death benefit not exceeding \$15,000, the insurer shall provide disclosure of the following:

(1) limited death benefits whenever a policy limits death benefits during a period following the inception date of coverage;

(2) the possibility that premiums paid over several years may exceed the death benefit whenever that possibility exists.

The disclosure shall be provided to the applicant no later than delivery of the policy or certificate.

F. The policy summary, the life illustration that is subject to the requirements of R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule, and all other sales materials must be complete, consistent, and not misleading. If asterisks are used to reference footnotes, the asterisk must be clear and easily seen.

G. For the purposes of this rule, the annual premium for a basic policy or rider, for which the company reserves the right to change the premium, shall be the maximum annual premium.

H. If the policy will lapse under the guaranteed assumptions unless a premium higher than the planned premium is paid, that fact must be disclosed and the date, policy duration, or attained age of lapse must be disclosed in the policy summary and any periodic report.

R590-79-7. Failure to Comply.

Failure of an insurer to provide or deliver a Buyer's Guide and either a policy summary or life illustration subject to the requirements of R590-177, Life Insurance Illustrations Rule, as provided in this rule shall constitute an omission which

misrepresents the benefits, advantages, conditions or terms of an insurance policy.

R590-79-8. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or application to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of this provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

R590-79-9. Penalties.

A person found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-79-10. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this revised rule 45 days after its effective date.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.**R590-177. Life Insurance Illustrations Rule.****R590-177-1. Authority.**

This rule is issued based upon the authority granted the commissioner under:

A. Subsection 31A-2-201(3)(a) to implement the provisions of Title 31A;

B. Subsection 31A-22-425(1)(c) to establish standards for illustrations; and

C. Subsection 31A-23a-402(8) to define unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance.

R590-177-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to provide rules for life insurance policy illustrations that will protect consumers and foster consumer education. The rule provides illustration formats, prescribes standards to be followed when illustrations are used, and specifies the disclosures that are required in connection with illustrations. The goals of this rule are to ensure that illustrations do not mislead purchasers of life insurance and to make illustrations more understandable. Insurers will, as far as possible, eliminate the use of footnotes and caveats and define terms used in the illustration in language that would be understood by a typical person within the segment of the public to which the illustration is directed.

R590-177-3. Applicability and Scope.

A. This rule applies to all group and individual life insurance policies and certificates except:

- (1) variable life insurance;
- (2) individual and group annuity contracts;
- (3) credit life insurance; or
- (4) life insurance policies with no illustrated death benefits on any individual exceeding \$10,000.

B. The provisions of this rule apply to policies sold on or after January 1, 1997.

R590-177-4. Definitions.

In addition to definitions in Section 31A-1-301, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule:

A. "Actuarial Standards Board" means the board established by the American Academy of Actuaries to develop and promulgate standards of actuarial practice.

B. "Contract premium" means the gross premium that is required to be paid under a fixed premium policy, including the premium for a rider for which benefits are shown in the illustration.

C. "Currently payable scale" means a scale of non-guaranteed elements in effect for a policy form as of the preparation date of the illustration or declared to become effective within the next 95 days.

D. "Disciplined current scale" means a scale of non-guaranteed elements constituting a limit on illustrations currently being illustrated by an insurer that is reasonably based on actual recent historical experience, as certified annually by an illustration actuary designated by the insurer. Further guidance in determining the disciplined current scale as contained in standards established by the Actuarial Standards Board may be relied upon if the standards:

- (1) are consistent with all provisions of this rule;
- (2) limit a disciplined current scale to reflect only actions that have already been taken or events that have already occurred;
- (3) do not permit a disciplined current scale to include any projected trends of improvements in experience or any assumed improvements in experience beyond the illustration date; and
- (4) do not permit assumed expenses to be less than minimum assumed expenses.

E. "Generic name" means a short title descriptive of the policy being illustrated such as "whole life," "term life" or "flexible premium adjustable life."

F. "Guaranteed elements" and "non-guaranteed elements"

(1) "Guaranteed elements" means the premiums, benefits, values, credits or charges under a policy of life insurance that are guaranteed and determined at issue.

(2) "Non-guaranteed elements" means the premiums, benefits, values, credits or charges under a policy of life insurance that are not guaranteed or not determined at issue.

G. "Illustrated scale" means a scale of non-guaranteed elements currently being illustrated that is not more favorable to the policy owner than the lesser of:

- (1) the disciplined current scale; or
- (2) the currently payable scale.

H. "Illustration" means a presentation or depiction that includes non-guaranteed elements of a policy of life insurance over a period of years and that is one of the three types defined below:

(1) "Basic illustration" means a ledger or proposal used in the sale of a life insurance policy that shows both guaranteed and non-guaranteed elements.

(2) "Supplemental illustration" means an illustration furnished in addition to a basic illustration that meets the applicable requirements of this rule, and that may be presented in a format differing from the basic illustration, but may only depict a scale of non-guaranteed elements that is permitted in a basic illustration.

(3) "In force illustration" means an illustration furnished at any time after the policy that it depicts has been in force for one year or more.

I. "Illustration actuary" means an actuary meeting the requirements of Section 11 who certifies to illustrations based on the standard of practice promulgated by the Actuarial Standards Board.

J. "Lapse-supported illustration" means an illustration of a policy form failing the test of self-supporting as defined in this rule, under a modified persistency rate assumption using persistency rates underlying the disciplined current scale for the first five years and 100% policy persistency thereafter.

K.(1) "Minimum assumed expenses" means the minimum expenses that may be used in the calculation of the disciplined current scale for a policy form. The insurer may choose to designate each year the method of determining assumed expenses for all policy forms from the following:

- (a) fully allocated expenses;
- (b) marginal expenses; and
- (c) a generally recognized expense table based on fully allocated expenses representing a significant portion of insurance companies and approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or by the commissioner.

(2) Marginal expenses may be used only if greater than a generally recognized expense table. If no generally recognized expense table is approved, fully allocated expenses must be used.

L. "Non-term group life" means a group policy or individual policies of life insurance issued to members of an employer group or other permitted group where:

- (1) every plan of coverage was selected by the employer or other group representative;
- (2) some portion of the premium is paid by the group or through payroll deduction; and
- (3) group underwriting or simplified underwriting is used.

M. "Policy owner" means the owner named in the policy or the certificate holder in the case of a group policy.

N. "Premium outlay" means the amount of premium assumed to be paid by the policy owner or other premium payer out-of-pocket.

O. "Self-supporting illustration" means an illustration of

a policy form for which it can be demonstrated that, when using experience assumptions underlying the disciplined current scale, for all illustrated points in time on or after the fifteenth policy anniversary or the twentieth policy anniversary for second-or-later-to-die policies, or upon policy expiration if sooner, the accumulated value of all policy cash flows equals or exceeds the total policy owner value available. For this purpose, policy owner value will include cash surrender values and any other illustrated benefit amounts available at the policy owner's election.

R590-177-5. Policies to Be Illustrated.

A. Each insurer marketing policies to which this rule is applicable shall notify the commissioner whether a policy form is to be marketed with or without an illustration. For all policy forms being actively marketed on January 1, 1997, the insurer shall identify in writing those forms and whether or not an illustration will be used with them. For policy forms filed after January 1, 1997, the identification shall be made at the time of filing. Any previous identification may be changed by notice to the commissioner.

B. If the insurer identifies a policy form as one to be marketed without an illustration, any use of an illustration for any policy using that form prior to the first policy anniversary is prohibited.

C. If a policy form is identified by the insurer as one to be marketed with an illustration, a basic illustration prepared and delivered in accordance with this rule is required, except that a basic illustration need not be provided to individual members of a group or to individuals insured under multiple lives coverage issued to a single applicant unless the coverage is marketed to these individuals. The illustration furnished an applicant for a group life insurance policy or policies issued to a single applicant on multiple lives may be either an individual or composite illustration representative of the coverage on the lives of members of the group or the multiple lives covered.

D. Potential enrollees of non-term group life subject to this rule shall be furnished a quotation with the enrollment materials. The quotation shall show potential policy values for sample ages and policy years on a guaranteed and non-guaranteed basis appropriate to the group and the coverage. This quotation shall not be considered an illustration for purposes of this rule, but all information provided shall be consistent with the illustrated scale. A basic illustration shall be provided at delivery of the certificate to enrollees for non-term group life who enroll for more than the minimum premium necessary to provide pure death benefit protection. In addition, the insurer shall make a basic illustration available to any non-term group life enrollee who requests it.

R590-177-6. General Rules and Prohibitions.

A. An illustration used in the sale of a life insurance policy shall satisfy the applicable requirements of this rule, be clearly labeled "life insurance illustration" and contain the following basic information:

- (1) name and address of insurer;
- (2) name and business address of producer or insurer's authorized representative, if any;
- (3) name, age and sex of proposed insured, except where a composite illustration is permitted under this rule;
- (4) underwriting or rating classification upon which the illustration is based;
- (5) generic name of policy, the company product name, if different, and form number;
- (6) initial death benefit; and
- (7) dividend option election or application of non-guaranteed elements, if applicable.

B. When using an illustration in the sale of a life insurance policy, an insurer or its producers or other authorized

representatives shall not:

- (1) represent the policy as anything other than a life insurance policy;
 - (2) use or describe non-guaranteed elements in a manner that is misleading or has the capacity or tendency to mislead;
 - (3) state or imply that the payment or amount of non-guaranteed elements is guaranteed;
 - (4) use an illustration that does not comply with the requirements of this rule;
 - (5) use an illustration that at any policy duration depicts policy performance more favorable to the policy owner than that produced by the illustrated scale of the insurer whose policy is being illustrated;
 - (6) provide an applicant with an incomplete illustration;
 - (7) represent in any way that premium payments will not be required for each year of the policy in order to maintain the illustrated death benefits, unless that is the fact;
 - (8) use the term "vanish" or "vanishing premium," or a similar term that implies the policy becomes paid up, to describe a plan for using non-guaranteed elements to pay a portion of future premiums;
 - (9) except for policies that can never develop nonforfeiture values, use an illustration that is "lapse-supported"; or
 - (10) use an illustration that is not "self-supporting."
- C. If an interest rate used to determine the illustrated non-guaranteed elements is shown, it shall not be greater than the earned interest rate underlying the disciplined current scale.

R590-177-7. Standards for Basic Illustrations.

A. Format. A basic illustration shall conform with the following requirements:

- (1) The illustration shall be labeled with the date on which it was prepared.
- (2) Each page, including any explanatory notes or pages, shall be numbered and show its relationship to the total number of pages in the illustration, e.g., the fourth page of a seven-page illustration shall be labeled "page 4 of 7 pages".
- (3) The assumed dates of payment receipt and benefit payout within a policy year shall be clearly identified.
- (4) If the age of the proposed insured is shown as a component of the tabular detail, it shall be issue age plus the numbers of years the policy is assumed to have been in force.
- (5) The assumed payments on which the illustrated benefits and values are based shall be identified as premium outlay or contract premium, as applicable. For policies that do not require a specific contract premium, the illustrated payments shall be identified as premium outlay.
- (6) Guaranteed death benefits and values available upon surrender, if any, for the illustrated premium outlay or contract premium shall be shown and clearly labeled guaranteed.
- (7) If the illustration shows any non-guaranteed elements, they cannot be based on a scale more favorable to the policy owner than the insurer's illustrated scale at any duration. These elements shall be clearly labeled non-guaranteed.
- (8) The guaranteed elements, if any, shall be shown before corresponding non-guaranteed elements and shall be specifically referred to on any page of an illustration that shows or describes only the non-guaranteed elements, e.g., "see page one for guaranteed elements."
- (9) The account or accumulation value of a policy, if shown, shall be identified by the name this value is given in the policy being illustrated and shown in close proximity to the corresponding value available upon surrender.
- (10) The value available upon surrender shall be identified by the name this value is given in the policy being illustrated and shall be the amount available to the policy owner in a lump sum after deduction of surrender charges, policy loans and policy loan interest, as applicable.
- (11) Illustrations may show policy benefits and values in

graphic or chart form in addition to the tabular form.

(12) Any illustration of non-guaranteed elements shall be accompanied by a statement indicating that:

- (a) the benefits and values are not guaranteed;
- (b) the assumptions on which they are based are subject to change by the insurer; and
- (c) actual results may be more or less favorable.

(13) If the illustration shows that the premium payer may have the option to allow policy charges to be paid using non-guaranteed values, the illustration must clearly disclose that a charge continues to be required and that, depending on actual results, the premium payer may need to continue or resume premium outlays. Similar disclosure shall be made for premium outlay of lesser amounts or shorter durations than the contract premium. If a contract premium is due, the premium outlay display shall not be left blank or show zero unless accompanied by an asterisk or similar mark to draw attention to the fact that the policy is not paid up.

(14) If the applicant plans to use dividends or policy values, guaranteed or non-guaranteed, to pay all or a portion of the contract premium or policy charges, or for any other purpose, the illustration may reflect those plans and the impact on future policy benefits and values.

(15) The illustration shall be complete, not misleading, and the narrative summary, numeric summary, and tabular detail shall be consistent.

B. Narrative Summary. A basic illustration shall include the following:

(1) a brief description of the policy being illustrated, including a statement that it is a life insurance policy;

(2) a brief description of the premium outlay or contract premium, as applicable, for the policy. For a policy that does not require payment of a specific contract premium, the illustration shall show the premium outlay that must be paid to guarantee coverage for the term of the contract, subject to maximum premiums allowable to qualify as a life insurance policy under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code;

(3) a brief description of any policy features, riders or options, guaranteed or non-guaranteed, shown in the basic illustration and the impact they may have on the benefits and values of the policy;

(4) identification and a brief definition of column headings and key terms used in the illustration; and

(5) a statement containing in substance the following: "This illustration assumes that the currently illustrated nonguaranteed elements will continue unchanged for all years shown. This is not likely to occur, and actual results may be more or less favorable than those shown."

C. Numeric Summary.

(1) Following the narrative summary, a basic illustration shall include a numeric summary of the death benefits and values and the premium outlay and contract premium, as applicable. For a policy that provides for a contract premium, the guaranteed death benefits and values shall be based on the contract premium. This summary shall be shown for at least policy years 5, 10 and 20 and at age 70, if applicable, on the three bases shown below. For multiple life policies the summary shall show at least policy years 5, 10, 20 and 30 on the three bases shown below.

- (a) Policy guarantees;
- (b) Insurer's illustrated scale;
- (c) Insurer's illustrated scale used but with the non-guaranteed elements reduced as follows:

(i) dividends at 50% of the dividends contained in the illustrated scale used;

(ii) non-guaranteed credited interest at rates that are the average of the guaranteed rates and the rates contained in the illustrated scale used; and

(iii) all non-guaranteed charges, including term insurance charges, and mortality and expense charges, at rates that are the average of the guaranteed rates and the rates contained in the illustrated scale used.

(2) In addition, if coverage would cease prior to policy maturity or age 100, the year in which coverage ceases shall be identified for each of the three bases.

D. Statements. Statements substantially similar to the following shall be included on the same page as the numeric summary and signed by the applicant, or the policy owner in the case of an illustration provided at time of delivery, as required in this rule.

(1) A statement to be signed and dated by the applicant or policy owner reading as follows: "I have received a copy of this illustration and understand that any non-guaranteed elements illustrated are subject to change and could be either higher or lower. The producer has told me they are not guaranteed."

(2) A statement to be signed and dated by the insurance producer or other authorized representative of the insurer reading as follows: "I certify that this illustration has been presented to the applicant and that I have explained that any non-guaranteed elements illustrated are subject to change. I have made no statements that are inconsistent with the illustration."

E. Tabular Detail.

(1) A basic illustration shall include the following for at least each policy year from one to ten and for every fifth policy year thereafter ending at age 100, policy maturity or final expiration; and except for term insurance beyond the twentieth year, for any year in which the premium outlay and contract premium, if applicable, is to change:

(a) the premium outlay and mode the applicant plans to pay and the contract premium, as applicable;

(b) the corresponding guaranteed death benefit, as provided in the policy; and

(c) the corresponding guaranteed value available upon surrender, as provided in the policy.

(2) For a policy that provides for a contract premium, the guaranteed death benefit and value available upon surrender shall correspond to the contract premium.

(3) Non-guaranteed elements may be shown if described in the contract. In the case of an illustration for a policy on which the insurer intends to credit terminal dividends, they may be shown if the insurer's current practice is to pay terminal dividends. If any non-guaranteed elements are shown they must be shown at the same durations as the corresponding guaranteed elements, if any. If no guaranteed benefit or value is available at any duration for which a non-guaranteed benefit or value is shown, a zero shall be displayed in the guaranteed column.

R590-177-8. Standards for Supplemental Illustrations.

A. A supplemental illustration may be provided so long as:

(1) it is appended to, accompanied by or preceded by a basic illustration that complies with this rule;

(2) the non-guaranteed elements shown are not more favorable to the policy owner than the corresponding elements based on the scale used in the basic illustration;

(3) it contains the same statement required of a basic illustration that non-guaranteed elements are not guaranteed; and

(4) for a policy that has a contract premium, the contract premium underlying the supplemental illustration is equal to the contract premium shown in the basic illustration. For policies that do not require a contract premium, the premium outlay underlying the supplemental illustration shall be equal to the premium outlay shown in the basic illustration.

B. The supplemental illustration shall include a notice referring to the basic illustration for guaranteed elements and other important information.

R590-177-9. Delivery of Illustration and Record Retention.

A.(1) If a basic illustration is used by an insurance producer or other authorized representative of the insurer in the sale of a life insurance policy and the policy is applied for as illustrated, a copy of that illustration, signed in accordance with this rule, shall be submitted to the insurer at the time of policy application. A copy also shall be provided to the applicant.

(2) If the policy is issued other than as applied for, a revised basic illustration conforming to the policy as issued shall be sent with the policy. The revised illustration shall conform to the requirements of this rule, shall be labeled "Revised Illustration" and shall be signed and dated by the applicant or policy owner and producer or other authorized representative of the insurer no later than the time the policy is delivered. A copy shall be provided to the insurer and the policy owner.

B.(1) If no illustration is used by an insurance producer or other authorized representative in the sale of a life insurance policy or if the policy is applied for other than as illustrated, the producer or representative shall certify to that effect in writing on a form provided by the insurer. On the same form, the applicant shall acknowledge that no illustration conforming to the policy applied for was provided and shall further acknowledge an understanding that an illustration conforming to the policy as issued will be provided no later than at the time of policy delivery. This form shall be submitted to the insurer at the time of policy application.

(2) If the policy is issued, a basic illustration conforming to the policy as issued shall be sent with the policy and signed no later than the time the policy is delivered. A copy shall be provided to the insurer and the policy owner.

C. If the basic illustration or revised illustration is sent to the applicant or policy owner by mail from the insurer, it shall include instructions for the applicant or policy owner to sign the duplicate copy of the numeric summary page of the illustration for the policy issued and return the signed copy to the insurer. The insurer's obligation under this subsection shall be satisfied if it can demonstrate that it has made a diligent effort to secure a signed copy of the numeric summary page. 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 numeric summary page.

D. A copy of the basic illustration and a revised basic illustration, if any, signed as applicable, along with any certification that either no illustration was used or that the policy was applied for other than as illustrated, shall be retained by the insurer until three years after the policy is no longer in force. A copy need not be retained if no policy is issued.

R590-177-10. Annual Report; Notice to Policy Owners.

A. In the case of a policy designated as one for which illustrations will be used, the insurer shall provide each policy owner with an annual report on the status of the policy that shall contain at least the following information:

(1) for universal life policies, the report shall include the following:

(a) the beginning and end date of the current report period;

(b) the policy value at the end of the previous report period and at the end of the current report period;

(c) 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;

(d) the current death benefit at the end of the current report period on each life covered by the policy;

(e) the net cash surrender value of the policy as of the end of the current report period;

(f) the amount of outstanding loans, if any, as of the end of the current report period; and

(g) for fixed premium policies: if, assuming guaranteed

interest, mortality and expense loads and continued scheduled premium payments, the policy's net cash surrender value is such that it would not maintain insurance in force until the end of the next reporting period, a notice to this effect shall be included in the report; or

(h) for flexible premium policies: if assuming guaranteed interest, mortality and expense loads, the policy's net cash surrender value will not maintain insurance in force until the end of the next reporting period unless further premium payments are made, a notice to this effect shall be included in the report.

(2) For all other policies, where applicable:

(a) current death benefit;

(b) annual contract premium;

(c) current cash surrender value;

(d) current dividend;

(e) application of current dividend; and

(f) amount of outstanding loan.

(3) Insurers writing life insurance policies that do not build nonforfeiture values shall only be required to provide an annual report with respect to these policies for those years when a change has been made to nonguaranteed policy elements by the insurer.

B. If the annual report does not include an in force illustration, it shall contain the following notice displayed prominently:

"IMPORTANT POLICY OWNER NOTICE: You should consider requesting more detailed information about your policy to understand how it may perform in the future. You should not consider replacement of your policy or make changes in your coverage without requesting a current illustration. You may annually request, without charge, such an illustration by calling (insurer's phone number), writing to (insurer's name) at (insurer's address) or contacting your producer. If you do not receive a current illustration of your policy within 30 days from your request, you should contact your state insurance department."

The insurer may vary the sequential order of the methods for obtaining an in force illustration.

C. Upon the request of the policy owner, the insurer shall furnish an in force illustration of current and future benefits and values based on the insurer's present illustrated scale. This illustration shall comply with the requirements of Section 6A, 6B, 7A and 7E. No signature or other acknowledgment of receipt of this illustration shall be required.

D. If an adverse change in non-guaranteed elements that could affect the policy has been made by the insurer since the last annual report, the annual report shall contain a notice of that fact and the nature of the change prominently displayed.

R590-177-11. Annual Certifications.

A. The board of directors of each insurer shall appoint one or more illustration actuaries.

B. The illustration actuary shall certify that:

(1) the disciplined current scale used in illustrations is in conformity with the Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 24, Compliance with the NAIC Life Insurance Illustrations Model Regulation promulgated by the Actuarial Standards Board; and

(2) the illustrated scales used in insurer-authorized illustrations meet the requirements of this rule.

C. The illustration actuary shall:

(1) be a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries;

(2) be familiar with the standard of practice regarding life insurance policy illustrations;

(3) not have been found by the commissioner, following appropriate notice and hearing, to have:

(a) violated any provision of, or any obligation imposed by, the insurance law or other law in the course of dealings as

an illustration actuary;

(b) been found guilty of fraudulent or dishonest practices;
 (c) demonstrated incompetence, lack of cooperation, or untrustworthiness to act as an illustration actuary; or

(d) resigned or been removed as an illustration actuary within the past five years as a result of acts or omissions indicated in any adverse report on examination or as a result of a failure to adhere to generally acceptable actuarial standards;

(4) not fail to notify the commissioner of any action taken by a commissioner of another state similar to that under Subsection (3) above;

(5) disclose in the annual certification whether, since the last certification, a currently payable scale applicable for business issued within the previous five years and within the scope of the certification has been reduced for reasons other than changes in the experience factors underlying the disciplined current scale. If nonguaranteed elements illustrated for new policies are not consistent with those illustrated for similar in force policies, this shall be disclosed in the annual certification. If nonguaranteed elements illustrated for both new and in force policies are not consistent with the nonguaranteed elements actually being paid, charged or credited to the same or similar forms, this shall be disclosed in the annual certification; and

(6) disclose in the annual certification the method used to allocate overhead expenses for all illustrations:

(a) fully allocated expenses;
 (b) marginal expenses; or
 (c) a generally recognized expense table based on fully allocated expenses representing a significant portion of insurance companies and approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or by the commissioner.

D.(1) The illustration actuary shall file a certification with the board:

(a) annually for all policy forms for which illustrations are used; and
 (b) before a policy form is illustrated.

(2) If an error in a previous certification is discovered, the illustration actuary shall notify the board of directors of the insurer and the commissioner promptly.

E. If an illustration actuary is unable to certify the scale for any policy form illustration the insurer intends to use, the actuary shall notify the board of directors of the insurer and the commissioner promptly of the inability to certify.

F. A responsible officer of the insurer, other than the illustration actuary, shall certify annually:

(1) that the illustration formats meet the requirements of this rule and that the scales used in insurer-authorized illustrations are those scales certified by the illustration actuary; and

(2) that the company has provided its producers with information about the expense allocation method used by the company in its illustrations and disclosed as required in Subsection C(6) of this section.

G. The annual certifications shall be completed each year by a date determined by the insurer. The certifications shall be maintained by the insurer for a period of 5 years and be available for inspection by the commissioner.

H. If an insurer changes the illustration actuary responsible for all or a portion of the company's policy forms, the insurer shall notify the commissioner and disclose the reason for the change.

R590-177-12. Penalties.

An insurer or producer that violates this rule is subject to the penalties provided for in Sections 31A-23a-111, 31A-23a-112, and 31A-2-308 in addition to any other penalties provided by the laws of the state.

R590-177-13. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid by any court of law, the remainder of the rule and its application to other persons or circumstances may not be affected.

R590-177-14. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule 45 days from the effective date of the revised rule.

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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.

- (a) Actual copies may be used or you may adapt them to your word processing system.
- (b) 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>.

- (a) "NAIC Uniform Property and Casualty Transmittal Document", dated January 1, 2009;
- (b) "NAIC Property and Casualty Transmittal Document (Instructions)", dated January 1, 2009;
- (c) "NAIC Uniform Property and Casualty Coding Matrix", dated January 1, 2009;
- (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) "Electronic Filing" means a:
 - (a) filing submitted via the Internet by using the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filings, SERFF, or
 - (b) filing submitted via an email system.
- (3) "File And Use" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed with the department.
- (4) "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.
- (5) "Filer" means a person who submits a filing.
- (6) "Filing Objection Letter" means a letter issued by the commissioner when a review has determined the filing fails to comply with Utah law and rules. The filing objection letter may, in addition to requiring correction of non-compliant items, request clarification or additional information pertaining to the filing.
- (7) "Letter of authorization" means a letter signed by an officer of the licensee on whose behalf the filing is submitted that designates filing authority to the filer.

(8) "Order to Prohibit Use" means an order issued by the commissioner that prohibits the use of a filing.

(9) "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.

(10) "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.

(11) "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.

(12) "Utah Filed Date" means the date provided to a filer by the Utah Insurance Department that indicates a filing has been accepted.

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) Licensee and filer are responsible for assuring that a filing is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. A filing not in compliance with Utah laws and rules is 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 and returned to the filer. A rejected filing:

- (a) is not considered filed with the department;
 - (b) must be submitted as a new filing;
 - (c) will not be reopened for purposes of resubmission.
- (5) A prior filing 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, A Filing Objection Letter or an Order To Prohibit Use will be issued to the filer. The commissioner may require the licensee to disclose deficiencies in forms or rating practices to affected consumers.

(7) Filing correction:

- (a) Filing corrections are considered informational.
- (b) Filing corrections must be submitted within 15 days of the date the original filing was submitted to the department. The filer must reference the original filing.

(c) A new filing is required if a filing correction is made more than 15 days after the date the original filing was submitted to the department. The filer must reference the original filing in the filing description.

(8) If responding to a Response to Filing Objection Letter or an Order to Prohibit Use, refer to section R590-225-12 for instructions.

(9) Filing withdrawal. A filer must notify the department when withdrawing a previously filed form, rate, or supplementary information.

R590-225-6. Filing Submission Requirements.

(1) All filings must be submitted as an electronic filing.

- (a) All filers must use SERFF to submit a filing.

(b) EXCEPTION: bail bond agencies and service contract providers may choose to use email instead of SERFF to submit a filing.

(2) A filing must be submitted by market type and type of insurance, not by annual statement line number.

(3) 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.

(4) A filer may submit a filing for more than one insurer if all applicable companies are listed.

(5) SERFF Filing.

(a) Filing Description. Do not submit a cover letter. On the General Information tab, complete the Filing Description Section with the following information, presented in the order shown below.

(i) Certification.

(A) The filer must certify that a filing has been properly completed AND is in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(B) The following statement must be included in the filing description: "BY SUBMITTING THIS FILING 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".

(C) A filing will be rejected if the certification is false, missing, or incomplete.

(D) A certification that is false may subject the licensee to administrative action.

(ii) Provide a description of the filing including:

(A) the intent of the filing; and

(B) the purpose of each document within the filing.

(iii) Indicate if the filing:

(A) is new;

(B) is replacing or modifying a previous submission; if so, describe the changes made, if previously rejected the reasons for rejection, and previous filing's Utah Filed Date;

(C) includes forms for informational purposes; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date; or

(D) does not include the base policy; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date of the base policy and describe the effect on the base policy.

(iv) Identify if any of the provisions are unusual, controversial, or have been previously objected to, or prohibited, and explain why the provision is included in the filing.

(b) Letter of Authorization.

(i) When the filer is not the licensee, a letter of authorization from the licensee must be attached to the Supporting Documentation tab.

(ii) The licensee remains responsible for the filing being in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(c) Items being submitted for filing.

(i) All forms must be attached to the Form Schedule tab.

(ii) All rates and supplementary rating information must be attached to the Rate/Rule Schedule tab.

(d) Refer to each applicable section of this rule for additional procedures on how to submit forms, rates, and supplementary information.

(6) A complete EMAIL filing consists of the following when submitted by a bail bond agent or a service contract provider:

(a) The title of the EMAIL must display the company name only.

(b) Transmittal. The NAIC Uniform Property and Casualty Transmittal Document, as provided in section R590-225-3(2), must be properly completed.

(i) COMPLETE THE TRANSMITTAL BY USING THE FOLLOWING:

(A) "NAIC Coding Matrix;"

(B) "NAIC Instruction Sheet;" and

(C) "Utah Property and Casualty Content Standards."

(ii) Do not submit the documents described in (A), (B), and (C) with the filing.

(c) Filing Description. Filing Description. Do not submit a cover letter. In section 21 of the transmittal, complete the Filing Description with the following information, presented in the order shown below.

(i) Certification.

(A) The filer must certify that a filing has been properly completed AND is in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(B) The following statement must be included in the filing description: "BY SUBMITTING THIS FILING 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".

(C) A filing will be rejected if the certification is false, missing, or incomplete.

(D) A certification that is false may subject the licensee to administrative action.

(ii) Provide a description of the filing including:

(A) the intent of the filing; and

(B) the purpose of each document within the filing.

(iii) Indicate if the filing:

(A) is new;

(B) is replacing or modifying a previous submission; if so, describe the changes made, if previously rejected the reasons for rejection, and previous filing's Utah Filed Date;

(C) includes forms for informational purposes; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date; or

(iv) Identify if any of the provisions are unusual, controversial, or have been previously objected to, or prohibited, and explain why the provision is included in the filing.

(d) Letter of Authorization.

(i) When the filer is not the licensee, a letter of authorization from the licensee must be attached to the supplementary documentation tab.

(ii) The licensee remains responsible for the filing being in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(e) Refer to each applicable Section of this rule for additional procedures on how to submit forms, rates, and supplementary information.

(f) Items being submitted for filing. Any items submitted for filing must be submitted in PDF format.

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) A filing is required if you delay the effective date, non-adopt or alter the filing in any way.

(b) Your filing must be received by the department before the RSO effective date.

(c) 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.

(a) Copies of the RSO forms are not required.

(b) 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, bail bond agency, or service contract provider 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:

(a) only one copy of each form is required;

(b) 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 agencies, 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) A filing is required if you delay the effective date, non-adopt, or alter the filing in any way.

(b) Any such filing must be received by the department within 30 days of the effective date established by the RSO.

(c) 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

(a) you must include in your filing a letter stating your intent to adopt the RSO prospective loss cost, supplementary rating information filing, or both.

(b) 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 licensee, 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.

(a) Justification must include:

(i) submission of all factors used in determining initial supplementary information and rates or changes in existing supplementary information and rates; and

(ii) a complete explanation as to the extent to which each factor has been used.

(b) Underwriting criteria are not required unless they directly affect the rating of the policy.

(c) 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.

(a) This data should include earned premiums, incurred losses, loss ratios, establishment of expense factors, and expected loss ratios.

(b) Calculations involved in establishing rates from loss experience are to be exhibited including the establishment of trend factors, loss development factors, etc.

(c) If any of the above information is not available, a detailed explanation of why must be provided with the filing.

(9) Rate deviation, prospective loss cost, and loss cost multiplier.

(a) In the past, a rate deviation filing was common.

(i) A rate deviation consisted of a modification, usually a percentage decrease or increase, to a RSO manual rate or supplementary information.

(ii) 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 the promulgation of a prospective loss cost, rate deviation ceased to exist.

(i) There are no longer manual rates from which to deviate.

(ii) Once an insurer has filed to implement the RSO prospective loss cost for a given line, company deviations previously filed became null and void.

(iii) A filing of a straight percentage deviation is no longer applicable.

(c) Loss cost multiplier.

(i) An individual insurer adjustment to the RSO prospective loss cost must be made as part of the calculation of the loss cost multiplier and must be included in the "Utah Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier Filing Forms."

(ii) 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 an advisory rate that contains provisions for expenses, other than loss adjustment expenses.

(i) An RSO develops and files with the commissioner a "Reference Filing" containing advisory prospective loss cost and supporting actuarial and statistical data.

(ii) 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."

(c) 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."

(d) An insurer may file a modification of the prospective loss cost in the RSO Reference Filing based on its own anticipated experience.

(e) Actuarial justification is required for a modification, upwards or downwards, of the prospective loss cost in the Reference Filing.

(f) An insurer may request to have its loss cost

adjustments remain on file and reference all subsequent RSO prospective loss cost Reference Filings.

(i) 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.

(ii) The insurer need not file anything further with the commissioner.

(g) 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.

(h) 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."

(i) A filer may file such other information the filer deems relevant.

(j) 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 RSO filings containing a revision of rules, relativities and supplementary rate information. These RSO filings include:

(i) policy-writing rules;

(ii) rating plans;

(iii) classification codes and descriptions; and

(iv) 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 the insurer's 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.

(a) 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.

(b) The Filing Description must indicate that it is a consent-to-rate filing, show the filed rate, the proposed rate, and the reasons for the difference.

(13) Individual Risk Filing.

(a) R590-127, "Rate Filing Exemptions", provides for those circumstances when an Individual Risk filing is permitted.

(b) An individual risk filing must be filed with the commissioner.

(i) The filing shall consist of a copy of the Declarations Page, copies of any pertinent coverage forms and rating schedules, and premium development.

(ii) The Filing Description must indicate that it is an individual risk filing, and 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 a dividend 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.

(c) A plan or schedule for the distribution of a dividend 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.

(b) A filing must provide supporting information that shows a clear distinction between the expected losses and expenses for each tier.

(c) 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.

(i) 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.

(ii) 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)(a) Each insurer must individually determine the rates it will file.

(b) Filed rates.

(i) 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 Form."

(ii) 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.**

(iii) An insurer's filed loss cost multiplier will remain in effect until the insurer withdraws it or files a new loss cost multiplier.

(iv) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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. Correspondence, and Status Checks.

(1) Correspondence. When corresponding with the department, provide sufficient information to identify the original filing:

- (a) type of insurance;
- (b) date of filing; and
- (c) Submission method, SERFF, or email; and
- (d) tracking number

(2) Status Checks.

(a) A complete filing is usually processed within 45 days of receipt.

(b) A filer can request the status of its filing 60 days after the date of submission. A response will not be provided to a status request prior to 60 days.

R590-225-12. Responses.

(1) Response to a Filing Objection Letter. When responding to a Filing Objection letter a filer must:

(a) provide an explanation identifying all changes made;

(b) include an underline and strikeout version for each revised document;

(c) a final version of revised documents that incorporates all changes; and

(d) for filings submitted in Serff, attach the documents in Subsections R590-225-12(1)(b) and (c) to the appropriate Form Schedule or Rate/Rule Schedule tabs.

(3) Response to an Order to Prohibit Use.

(a) An Order to Prohibit Use becomes final 15 days after the date of the Order.

(b) Use of the filing must be discontinued not later than the date specified in the Order.

(c) To contest an Order to Prohibit Use, the commissioner must receive a written request for a hearing no later than 15 days after the date of the Order.

(d) A new filing is required if the licensee chooses to make the requested changes addressed in the Filing Objection Letter. The new filing must reference the previously prohibited filing.

R590-225-13. Penalties.

A person found 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 revised provisions of this rule 15 days from the effective date of this rule.

R590-225-15. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity 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.**R590-226. Submission of Life Insurance Filings.****R590-226-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(3), 31A-2-201.1, and 31A-2-202(2).

R590-226-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to set forth the procedures for submitting:

(a) life insurance filings required by Section 31A-21-201; and

(b) report filings as required.

(2) This rule applies to:

(a) all types of individual and group life insurance, and variable life insurance; and

(b) group life insurance contracts issued to nonresident policyholders, including trusts, when Utah residents are provided coverage by certificates of insurance.

R590-226-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section 31A-1-301, 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) "Data page" means the page or pages in a policy or certificate that provide the specific data for the insured detailing the coverage provided and may be titled by the insurer as policy specifications, policy schedule, policy information, etc.

(3) "Discretionary group" means a group that has been specifically authorized by the commissioner under Section 31A-22-509.

(4) "Electronic Filing" means a:

(a) filing submitted via the Internet by using the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filings, SERFF, or

(b) filing submitted via an email system.

(5) "Eligible group" means a group that meets the definitions in Sections 31A-22-502 through 31A-22-508.

(6) "Endorsement" means a written agreement attached to a life insurance policy that alters a provision of the policy, for example, a war exclusion endorsement, a name change endorsement and a tax qualification endorsement.

(7) "File and Use" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed with the department.

(8) "Filer" means a person who submits a filing.

(9) "Filing," when used as a noun, means an item required to be filed with the department including:

(a) a policy;

(b) a form;

(c) a document;

(d) an application;

(e) a report;

(f) a certificate;

(g) an endorsement;

(h) a rider;

(i) a life insurance illustration;

(j) a statement of policy cost and benefit information; and

(k) an actuarial memorandum, demonstration, and certification.

(10) "Filing Objection Letter" means a letter issued by the commissioner when a review has determined the filing fails to comply with Utah law and rules. The filing objection letter, in addition to requiring correction of non-compliant items, may request clarification or additional information pertaining to the filing.

(11) "Filing status information" means a list of the states to which the filing was submitted, the date submitted, and the states' actions, including their responses.

(12) "Issue Ages" means the range of minimum and

maximum ages for which a policy or certificate will be issued.

(13) "Letter of Authorization" means a letter signed by an officer of the licensee on whose behalf the filing is submitted that designates filing authority to the filer.

(14) "Market type" means the type of policy that indicates the targeted market such as individual or group.

(15) "Order to Prohibit Use" means an order issued by the commissioner that prohibits the use of a filing.

(16) "Rejected" means a filing is:

(a) not submitted in accordance with applicable laws or rules;

(b) returned to the licensee by the department with the reasons for rejection; and

(c) not considered filed with the department.

(17) "Rider" means a written agreement attached to a life insurance policy or certificate that adds a benefit, for example, a waiver of premium rider, an accidental death benefit rider and a term insurance rider.

(18) "Type of insurance" means a specific life insurance product including, but not limited to, term, universal, variable, or whole life.

(19) "Utah Filed Date" means the date provided to a filer by the Utah Insurance Department, that indicates a filing has been accepted.

R590-226-4. 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) Licensee and filer are responsible for assuring that a filing is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. A filing not in compliance with Utah laws and rules is subject to regulatory action under Section 31A-2-308.

(3) A filing that does not comply with this rule will be rejected and returned to the filer. A rejected filing:

(a) is not considered filed with the department;

(b) must be submitted as a new filing; and

(c) will not be reopened for purposes of resubmission.

(4) A prior filing will not be researched to determine the purpose of the current filing.

(5) 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, a Filing Objection Letter or 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 insureds.

(6) Filing Correction.

(a) Filing corrections are considered informational.

(b) Filing corrections must be submitted within 15 days of the date the original filing was submitted to the department.

(c) A new filing is required if a filing correction is made more than 15 days after the date the original filing was submitted to the department. The filer must reference the original filing in the filing description.

(7) If responding to a Filing Objection Letter or an Order to Prohibit Use, refer to Section R590-226-13 for instructions.

(8) Filing withdrawal. A filer must notify the department when withdrawing a previously filed form, rate, or supplementary information.

R590-226-5. Filing Submission Requirements.

- (1) All filing must be submitted as an electronic filing.
 - (a) All filers must use SERFF to submit a filing.
 - (b) EXCEPTION: life settlement may choose to use email instead of SERFF to submit a filing.
 - (c) All filings must comply with The "NAIC Uniform Life, Accident and Health, Annuity, and Credit Coding Matrix," dated January 1, 2009, and incorporated by reference. This form is available on the department's website, www.insurance.utah.gov.
- (2) A filings must be submitted by market type and type of insurance.
- (3) A filing may not include more than one type of insurance, or request filing for more than one licensee.
- (4) SERFF Filings.
 - (a) Filing Description. Do not submit a cover letter. On the General Information tab, complete the Filing Description section with the following information, presented in the order shown below.
 - (i) Provide a description of the filing including:
 - (A) the intent of the filing; and
 - (B) the purpose of each document within the filing.
 - (ii) Indicate if the filing:
 - (A) is new;
 - (B) is replacing or modifying a previous submission; if so, describe the changes made, if previously rejected the reasons for rejection, and the previous Utah Filed Date;
 - (C) includes documents for informational purposes; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date; or
 - (D) does not include the base policy; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date of the base policy and describe the effect on the base policy.
 - (iii) Identify if any of the provisions are unusual, controversial, or have been previously objected to, or prohibited, and explain why the provision is included in the filing.
 - (iv) Explain any change in benefits or premiums that may occur while the contract is in force.
 - (v) List the issue ages, which means the range of minimum and maximum ages for which a policy will be issued.
 - (vi) List the minimum death benefit.
 - (vii) Identify the intended market for filing, such as senior citizens, nonprofit organizations, association members, corporate owned, bank owned, etc.
 - (b) Certification. The filer must certify that a filing has been properly completed AND is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. The "Utah Life Insurance Filing Certification for Individual" or the "Utah Life Insurance Filing Certification for Group" must be properly completed, signed, and attached to the Supporting Documentation tab. A false certification may subject the licensee to administrative action.
 - (c) Domiciliary Approval and Filing Status Information. All filings for a foreign licensee must include on the Supporting Documentation tab:
 - (i) copy of domicile approval for the exact same filing; or
 - (ii) filing status information, which includes:
 - (A) a list of the states to which the filing was submitted;
 - (B) the date submitted; and
 - (C) summary of the states' actions and their responses; or
 - (iii) if the filing is specific to Utah and only filed in Utah, then state, "UTAH SPECIFIC - NOT SUBMITTED TO ANY OTHER STATE."
 - (d) Group Questionnaire or Discretionary Group Authorization Letter. A group filing must attach to the Supporting Documentation tab either a:
 - (i) signed and fully completed "Utah Life and Annuity Group Questionnaire"; or
 - (ii) copy of the Utah Life and Annuity Discretionary Group Authorization letter.
 - (e) Letter of Authorization.

- (i) When the filer is not the licensee, a letter of authorization from the licensee must be attached to the Supporting Documentation tab.
 - (ii) The licensee remains responsible for the filing being in compliance with Utah laws and rules.
- (f) Statement of Variability.
 - (i) A statement of variability must be attached to the Supporting Documentation tab and certify:
 - (A) the final form will not contain brackets denoting variable data;
 - (B) the use of variable data will be administered in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner and will not result in unfair discrimination;
 - (C) the variable data included in this statement will be used on the referenced forms;
 - (D) any changes to variable data will be submitted prior to implementation.
 - (ii) Variable data are denoted in brackets and are defined, either by imbedding in the form, or by a separate form identified by its own form number and edition date. Variable data submitted as a separate form must be in a manner that follows the construction of the form, by page and paragraph, or page and footnote.
 - (iii) Variable data must be reasonable, appropriate and compliant.
 - (iv) Use of unauthorized variable data is prohibited.
 - (g) Life Insurance Illustration Materials. If the life insurance form is identified as illustrated, the filing must include a sample:
 - (i) basic illustration complete with data in John Doe fashion;
 - (ii) current illustration actuary's certification;
 - (iii) company officer certification; and
 - (iv) sample annual report.
 - (h) Statement of Policy Cost and Benefit Information. If the life insurance form is not illustrated, the filing must include a sample of the Statement of Policy Cost and Benefit Information.
 - (i) Items being submitted for filing.
 - (i) All forms must be attached to the Form Schedule tab.
 - (ii) All rating documentation, including actuarial memorandums and rate schedules, must be attached to the Rate/Rule Schedule tab.
 - (iii) Actuarial Memorandum, Demonstration, and Certification of Compliance. An actuarial memorandum, demonstration of compliance, and a certification of compliance with Utah law are required in individual and group life insurance filings. The memorandum must be currently dated and signed by the actuary. The memorandum must include:
 - (A) description of the coverage in detail;
 - (B) demonstration of compliance with applicable nonforfeiture and valuation laws; and
 - (C) a certification of compliance with Utah law.
 - (5) Refer to each applicable section of this rule for additional procedures on how to submit forms and reports.

R590-226-6. Procedures for Filings.

- (1) Forms in General.
 - (a) Forms are "File and Use" filings.
 - (b) Each form must be identified by a unique form number. The form number may not be variable.
 - (c) Forms must contain a descriptive title on the cover page.
 - (d) Forms must be in final printed form or printer's proof format. Drafts may not be submitted.
 - (e) Blank spaces within the form must be completed in John Doe fashion to accurately represent the intended market, purpose, and use.
 - (i) If the market intended is for the senior age group, the

form must be completed with data representative of senior insureds.

(ii) All John Doe data in the forms including the data page must be accurate and consistent with the actuarial memorandum, the basic illustration, the Statement of Policy Cost and Benefit information, and the application, as applicable.

(2) Application Filing.

(a) Each application or enrollment form may be submitted as a separate filing or may be filed with its related policy or certificate filing.

(b) If an application has been previously filed or is filed separately, an informational copy of the application must be included with the policy or certificate filing.

(3) Policy Filings.

(a) Each type of insurance must be filed separately.

(b) A policy filing consists of one policy form, including its related forms, such as the application, sample data page, rider, endorsement, and actuarial memorandum.

(c) A policy data page must be included with every policy filing.

(d) Only one policy form for a single type of insurance may be filed, in each filing a life insurance policy with different premium payment periods is considered one form.

(e) A policy data page that changes the basic feature of the policy may not be filed without including the entire policy form in the filing.

(4) Rider or Endorsement Filing.

(a) Related riders or endorsements may be filed together.

(b) A single rider or endorsement that affects multiple forms may be filed if the Filing Description references all affected forms.

(c) A rider or endorsement that is based on morbidity risks, such as critical illness or long-term care, is considered accident and health insurance and must be filed in accordance with Rule R590-220, "Accident and Health Insurance Filings."

(d) The filing must include:

(i) a listing of all base policy form numbers, title and Utah Filed Dates;

(ii) a description of how each filed rider or endorsement affects the base policy; and

(iii) a sample data page with data for the submitted form.

(e) Unrelated riders or endorsement may not be filed together.

R590-226-7. Additional Procedures for Individual Life Insurance Forms and Group Life Insurance Certificates Marketed Individually.

(1) Insurers filing life insurance forms are advised to review the following code sections and rules prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-21 Part III, "Specific Clauses in Contracts;"

(b) Section 31A-22 Part IV, "Life Insurance and Annuities;"

(c) R590-79, "Life Insurance Disclosure Rule;"

(d) R590-93, "Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities;"

(e) R590-94, "Smoker/Nonsmoker Mortality Tables";

(f) R590-95, "Minimum Nonforfeiture Standards 1980 CSO and 1980 CET Mortality Tables;"

(g) R590-98, "Unfair Practice in Payment of Life Insurance and Annuity Policy Values;"

(h) R590-108, "Interest Rate During Grace Period or Upon Reinstatement of Policy;"

(i) R590-122, "Permissible Arbitration Provisions;"

(j) R590-177, "Life Insurance Illustrations;"

(k) R590-191, "Unfair Life Insurance Claims Settlement Practice;"

(l) R590-198, "Valuation of Life Insurance Policies;" and

(m) R590-223, "Rule to Recognize 2001 CSO Mortality Table."

(2) Every individual life insurance policy, rider or endorsement providing benefits, and every group life insurance filing including certificates that are marketed individually, shall include an actuarial memorandum, a demonstration, and a certification of compliance for nonforfeiture and valuation. Refer to the following:

(a) Section 31A-22-408, "Standard Nonforfeiture Law for Life Insurance;"

(b) Section 31A-17 Part V, "Standard Valuation Law."

R590-226-8. Additional Procedures for Group Market Filings.

(1) A filer submitting group life insurance filings are advised to review the following code sections and rules prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-21 Part III, "Specific Clauses in Contracts;"

(b) Section 31A-22 Part IV, "Life Insurance and Annuities;"

(c) Section 31A-22 Part V, "Group Life Insurance;"

(d) R590-79, "Life Insurance Disclosure Rule;" and

(e) R590-191, "Unfair Life Insurance Claims Settlement Practice."

(2) A policy must be included with each certificate filing along with a master application and enrollment form.

(3) Statement of Policy Cost and Benefit Information. A statement of policy cost and benefit information must be included in non-term group life insurance and preneed funeral policies or prearrangements. This disclosure requirement shall extend to the issuance or delivery of certificates as well as to the master policy in compliance with R590-79-3.

(4) Actuarial Memorandum. An actuarial memorandum must be included in all group life insurance filings describing the coverage in detail and certifying compliance with applicable laws and rules. For non-term group life filings, the memorandum must also demonstrate nonforfeiture compliance with Section 31A-22-515.

(5) Eligible Group. A filing for an eligible group must include a completed "Utah Life and Annuity Group Questionnaire."

(a) A questionnaire must be completed for each eligible group under Section 31A-22-502 through 508.

(b) When a filing applies to multiple employer-employee groups under Section 31A-22-502, only one questionnaire is required to be completed.

(6) Discretionary Group. If a group is not an eligible group, then specific discretionary group authorization must be obtained prior to submitting the filing. If a form filing is submitted without discretionary group authorization, the filing will be rejected.

(a) To obtain discretionary group authorization a "Utah Life and Annuity Request For Discretionary Group Authorization" must be submitted and include all required information.

(b) Evidence or proof of the following items are some factors considered in determining acceptability of a discretionary group:

(i) existence of a verifiable group;

(ii) that granting permission is not contrary to public policy;

(iii) the proposed group would be actuarially sound;

(iv) the group would result in economies of acquisition and administration which justify a group rate; and

(v) the group would not present hazards of adverse selection.

(c) Discretionary group filings that do not provide authorization documentation will be rejected.

(d) Any changes to an authorized discretionary group must be submitted to the department, such as; change of name, trustee, domicile state, within 30 days of the change.

(e) The commissioner may periodically re-evaluate the group's authorization.

R590-226-9. Additional Procedures for Variable Life Filings.

(1) Insurers submitting variable life filings are advised to review the following code sections and rules prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-22-411, "Contracts Providing Variable Benefits;"

(b) R590-133, "Variable Contracts."

(2) A variable life insurance policy must have been previously approved or accepted by the licensee's state of domicile before it is submitted for filing in Utah.

(3) Information regarding the status of the filing of the variable life insurance policy with the Securities and Exchange Commission must be included in the filing.

(4) The description and the actuarial memorandum must:

(a) describe the types of accounts available in the policy; and

(b) identify those accounts that are separate accounts, including modified guaranteed accounts, and those that are general accounts.

(5) The actuarial memorandum must demonstrate nonforfeiture compliance:

(a) for separate accounts pursuant to Section 31A-22-411; and

(b) for fixed interest general accounts pursuant to Section 31A-22-408.

(c) In addition, for fixed accounts, the actuarial memorandum must:

(i) identify the guaranteed minimum interest rate, and

(ii) identify the maximum surrender charges.

(6) An actuarial certification of compliance with applicable Utah laws and rules must be included in the filing.

(7) A prospectus is not required to be filed.

R590-226-10. Additional Procedures for Combination Policies, Riders or Endorsements Providing Life and Accident and Health Benefits.

A filer submitting life and health combination policies, or health riders or endorsement to life policies, is advised to review Rule R590-220.

(1) A combination filing is a policy, rider, or endorsement which creates a product that provides both life and accident and health insurance benefits.

(a) The two types of acceptable combination filings are a rider or endorsement or an integrated policy.

(b) Combination filings take considerable time to process, and will be processed by both the Health Insurance Division, and the Life Section of the Life, Property and Casualty Insurance Division.

(2) A combination filing must be submitted separately to both the Health Insurance Division and the Life Section of the Life, Property and Casualty Insurance Division.

(3)(a) For an integrated policy, the filing must be submitted to the appropriate division based on benefits provided in the base policy.

(b) For a rider or endorsement, the filing must be submitted to the appropriate division based on benefits provided in the rider or endorsement.

(4) The Filing Description must identify the filing as having a combination of insurance types, such as:

(a) term policy with a long-term care benefit rider; or

(b) major medical health policy that includes a life insurance benefit.

R590-226-11. Insurer Annual Reports.

All licensee annual reports must be properly identified and must be filed separately from other filings. Each annual report must be submitted when requested.

R590-226-12. Correspondence and Status Checks.

(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) SERFF tracking number.

(2) Status Checks.

(a) A complete filing is usually processed within 45 days of receipt.

(b) A filer can request the status of its filing 60 days after the date of submission. A response will not be provided to a status request prior to 60 days.

R590-226-13. Responses.

(1) Response to a Filing Objection Letter. When responding to a Filing Objection Letter a filer must:

(a) provide an explanation identifying all changes made;

(b) include an underline and strikeout version for each revised document;

(c) include a final version of revised documents that incorporates all changes; and

(d) for filing submitted in SERFF, attach the documents in Subsections R590-226-13 (1)(b)(c) to appropriate Form Schedule or Rate/Rule Schedule tab.

(2) Response to an Order to Prohibit Use.

(a) An Order to Prohibit Use becomes final 15 days after the date of the order.

(b) Use of the filing must be discontinued no later than the date specified in the order.

(c) To contest an Order to Prohibit Use, the commissioner must receive a written request for a hearing no later than 15 days after the date of the order.

(d) A new filing is required if the licensee chooses to make the requested changes addressed in the Filing Objection Letter. The new filing must reference the previously prohibited filing.

R590-226-14. Penalties.

Persons found, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-226-15. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule 15 days from the effective date of this rule.

R590-226-16. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity 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.**R590-227. Submission of Annuity Filings.****R590-227-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(3), 31A-2-201.1, and 31A-2-202(2).

R590-227-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to set forth the procedures for submitting annuity filings under Section 31A-21-201.

(2) This rule applies to:

(a) all types of individual and group annuities, and variable annuities; and

(b) group annuity contracts issued to nonresident contract holders, including trusts, when Utah residents are provided coverage by certificates of insurance.

R590-227-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions of Section 31A-1-301, 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) "Contract" means the annuity policy including attached endorsements and riders;

(3) "Data page" means the page or pages in a contract or certificate that provide the specific data for the annuitant detailing the coverage provided and may be titled by the insurer as contract specifications, contract schedule, policy information, etc.

(4) "Discretionary group" means a group that has been specifically authorized by the commissioner under Section 31A-22-509.

(5) "Electronic Filing" means a filing submitted via the Internet by using the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filings, SERFF.

(6) "Eligible group" means a group that meets the definitions in Sections 31A-22-502 through 31A-22-508.

(7) "Endorsement" means a written agreement attached to an annuity contract that alters a provision of the contract, for example, a name change endorsement and a tax qualification endorsement.

(8) "File and Use" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed with the department.

(9) "Filer" means a person who submits a filing.

(10) "Filing," when used as a noun, means an item required to be filed with the department including:

(a) a contract;

(b) a form;

(c) a document;

(d) an application;

(e) a report;

(f) a certificate;

(g) an endorsement;

(h) a rider; and

(i) an actuarial memorandum, demonstration, and certification.

(11) "Filing Objection Letter" means a letter issued by the commissioner when a review has determined the filing fails to comply with Utah law and rules. The filing objection letter, in addition to requiring correction to non-compliant items, may request clarification or additional information pertaining to the filing.

(12) "Filing status information" means a list of the states to which the filing was submitted, the date submitted, and the states' actions, including their responses.

(13) "Issue Ages" means the range of minimum and maximum ages for which a contract or certificate will be issued.

(14) "Letter of Authorization" means a letter signed by an officer of the licensee on whose behalf the filing is submitted

that designates filing authority to the filer.

(15) "Market type" means the type of contract that indicates the targeted market such as individual or group.

(16) "Order to Prohibit Use" means an order issued by the commissioner that prohibits the use of a filing.

(17) "Rejected" means a filing is:

(a) not submitted in accordance with applicable laws or rules;

(b) returned to the licensee by the department with the reasons for rejection; and

(c) not considered filed with the department.

(18) "Rider" means a written agreement attached to an annuity contract or certificate that adds a benefit, for example, a waiver of surrender charge, a guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit and a guaranteed minimum income benefit.

(19) "Type of insurance" means a specific type of annuity including, but not limited to, equity indexed annuity, single premium immediate annuity, modified guaranteed annuity, deferred annuity, or variable annuity.

(20) "Utah Filed Date" means the date provided to a filer by the Utah Insurance Department that indicates a filing has been accepted.

R590-227-4. 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) A licensee and filer are responsible for assuring that a filing is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. A filing not in compliance with Utah laws and rules is subject to regulatory action under Section 31A-2-308.

(3) A filing that does not comply with this rule will be rejected and returned to the filer. A rejected filing:

(a) is not considered filed with the department;

(b) must be submitted as a new filing; and

(c) will not be reopened for purposes of resubmission.

(4) A prior filing will not be researched to determine the purpose of the current filing.

(5) The department does not review or proofread every filing.

(a) A filings 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, a Filing Objection Letter or 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 insureds.

(6) Filing Correction.

(a) Filing corrections are considered informational.

(b) Filing corrections must be submitted within 15 days of the date the original filing was submitted to the department.

(c) A new filing is required if a filing correction is made more than 15 days after the date original filing was submitted to department. The filer must reference the original filing in the filing description.

(7) If responding to a Filing Objection Letter or an Order to Prohibit Use, refer to R590-227-12 for instructions.

(8) Filing withdrawal. A filer must notify the department when withdrawing a previously filed form, rate, or supplementary information.

R590-227-5. Filing Submission Requirements.

(1) All filings must be submitted as an electronic filing.

(a) All filers must use SERFF to submit a filing.

(b) All filings must comply with The "NAIC Uniform Life, Accident and Health, Annuity, and Credit Coding Matrix," dated January 1, 2009, and incorporated by reference. This form is available on the department's website, www.insurance.utah.gov.

(2) A filings must be submitted by market type and type of insurance.

(3) A filing may not include more than one type of insurance, or request filing for more than one licensee.

(4) SERFF Filings.

(a) Filing Description. Do not submit a cover letter. On the General Information tab, complete the Filing Description section with the following information, presented in the order shown below.

(i) Provide a description of the filing including:

(A) the intent of the filing; and

(B) the purpose of each document within the filing.

(ii) Indicate if the filing:

(A) is new;

(B) is replacing or modifying a previous submission; if so, describe the changes made, if previously rejected the reasons for rejection, and the previous Utah Filed Date;

(C) includes documents for informational purposes; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date; or

(D) does not include the base policy; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date of the base policy and describe the effect on the base policy.

(iii) Identify if any of the provisions are unusual, controversial, or have been previously objected to, or prohibited, and explain why the provision is included in the filing.

(iv) Explain any change in benefits or premiums that may occur while the contract is in force.

(v) List the issue ages, which means the range of minimum and maximum ages for which a policy will be issued.

(vi) List the minimum initial premium.

(vii) Identify the intended market for the filing, such as senior citizens, nonprofit organizations, association members, corporate owned, bank owned, etc.

(b) Certification. The filer must certify that a filing has been properly completed AND is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. The "Utah Annuity Filing Certification" must be properly completed, signed, and attached to the Supporting Documentation tab. A false certification may subject the licensee to administrative action.

(c) Domiciliary Approval and Filing Status Information. All filings for a foreign licensee must include on the Supporting Documentation tab:

(i) copy of domicile approval for the exact same filing; or

(ii) filing status information which includes:

(A) a list of the states to which the filing was submitted;

(B) the date submitted; and

(C) summary of the states' actions and their responses; or

(iii) if the filing is specific to Utah and only filed in Utah, then state, "UTAH SPECIFIC - NOT SUBMITTED TO ANY OTHER STATE."

(d) Group Questionnaire or Discretionary Group Authorization Letter. A group filing must attach to the Supporting Documentation tab either a:

(i) signed and fully completed "Utah Life and Annuity Group Questionnaire"; or

(ii) copy of the Utah Life and Annuity Discretionary Group Authorization letter.

(e) Letter of Authorization.

(i) When the filer is not the licensee, a letter of authorization from the licensee must be attached to the Supporting Documentation tab.

(ii) The licensee remains responsible for the filing being in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(f) Statement of Variability.

(i) A statement of variability must be attached to the Supporting Documentation tab and certify:

(A) the final form will not contain brackets denoting variable data;

(B) the use of variable data will be administered in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner and will not result in unfair discrimination;

(C) the variable data included in this statement will be used on the referenced forms;

(D) any changes to variable data will be submitted prior to implementation.

(ii) Variable data are denoted in brackets and are defined, either by imbedding in the form, or by a separate form identified by its own form number and edition date. Variable data submitted as a separate form must be in a manner that follows the construction of the form, by page and paragraph, or page and footnote.

(iii) Variable data must be reasonable, appropriate and compliant.

(iv) Use of unauthorized variable data is prohibited.

(g) Annuity Report. All annuity filings must include a sample annuity annual report.

(h) Items being submitted for filing.

(i) All forms must be attached to the Form Schedule tab.

(ii) All rating documentation, including actuarial memorandums and rate schedules, must be attached to the Rate/Rule Schedule tab.

(iii) Actuarial Memorandum, Demonstration, and Certification of Compliance. An actuarial memorandum, demonstration of compliance, and a certification of compliance with Utah law are required in individual and group life insurance filings. The memorandum must be currently dated and signed by the actuary. The memorandum must include:

(A) description of the coverage in detail;

(B) demonstration of compliance with applicable nonforfeiture and valuation laws; and

(C) a certification of compliance with Utah law.

(5) Refer to each applicable Section of this rule for additional procedures on how to submit forms and reports.

R590-227-6. Procedures for Filings.

(1) Forms in General.

(a) Forms are "File and Use" filings.

(b) Each form must be identified by a unique form number. The form number may not be variable.

(c) Forms must contain a descriptive title on the cover page.

(d) Forms must be in final printed form or printer's proof format. Drafts may not be submitted.

(e) Blank spaces within the form must be completed in John Doe fashion to accurately represent the intended market, purpose, and use.

(i) If the market intended is for the senior age market, the form must be completed with data representative of senior annuitants.

(ii) All John Doe data in the forms including the data page must be accurate and consistent with the actuarial memorandum, the application, and any marketing materials, as applicable.

(2) Application Filing.

(a) Each application or enrollment form may be submitted as a separate filing or may be filed with its related policy or certificate filing.

(b) If an application has been previously filed or is filed separately, an informational copy of the application must be included with the policy or certificate filing.

(3) Contract Filing.

(a) Each type of annuity must be filed separately.

(b) A contract filing consists of one contract form, including its related forms, such as an application, data page, rider or endorsement, and actuarial memorandum.

(c) A contract data page must be included with every contract filing.

(d) Only one contract form for a single type of insurance may be filed.

(e) A contract data page that changes the basic feature of the contract may not be filed without including the entire contract form in the filing.

(4) Rider or Endorsement Filings.

(a) Related riders or endorsements may be filed together.

(b) A single rider or endorsement that affects multiple forms may be filed if the Filing Description references all affected forms.

(c) A rider or endorsement that is based on morbidity risks such as critical illness or long-term care, is considered accident and health insurance and must be filed in accordance with Rule R590-220, "Accident and Health Insurance Filings".

(d) The filing must include:

(i) a listing of all base contract form numbers, title and Utah Filed Dates; and

(ii) a description of how each filed rider or endorsement affects the base contract.

(iii) a sample data page with data for the submitted form.

(e) Unrelated endorsements may not be filed together.

R590-227-7. Additional Procedures for Fixed Annuity Filings.

(1) Insurers filing annuity forms are advised to review the following code sections and rules prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-21 Part III, "Specific Clauses in Contracts;"

(b) Section 31A-22 Part IV, "Life Insurance and Annuities;"

(c) R590-93, "Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities;"

(d) R590-96, "Annuity Mortality Tables;" and

(e) R590-191, "Unfair Life Insurance Claims Settlement Practice."

(2) Every filing of an individual annuity contract, rider or endorsement providing benefits, and every group annuity filing including certificates that are marketed individually, shall include an actuarial memorandum, a demonstration, and a certification of compliance with nonforfeiture and valuation laws. Refer to the following:

(a) Section 31A-22-409, "Standard Nonforfeiture Law for Deferred Annuities;" and

(b) Section 31A-17 Part V, "Standard Valuation Law."

(3) When submitting annuity filings the General Information Tab must:

(a) identify the specific subsection of the Utah nonforfeiture law, which applies to the submitted annuity;

(b) describe the basic features of the form submitted;

(c) identify and describe the interest earning features; including the guaranteed interest rate, the guaranteed interest terms, and any market value adjustment feature;

(d) describe the guaranteed and nonguaranteed values including any bonuses;

(e) describe all charges, fees and loads;

(f) list and describe all accounts, options and strategies, if any;

(g) identify whether the accounts are fixed interest general accounts, registered separate accounts including modified guaranteed separate accounts; and

(h) describe any restrictions or limitations regarding withdrawals, surrenders, and the maturity date or settlement options.

(4) The contract must be complete with a sample

specification page attached.

(5) The actuarial memorandum must:

(a) be currently dated and signed by the actuary;

(b) identify the specific subsections of the Utah nonforfeiture law which applies to the submitted annuity;

(c) describe all contract provisions in detail, including all guaranteed and non-guaranteed elements, that may affect the values;

(d) identify the guaranteed minimum interest crediting rates;

(e) describe in detail the particular methods of crediting interest, including:

(i) guaranteed fixed interest rates; and

(ii) guaranteed interest terms.

(f) specifically identify, describe and list all charges and fees, including loads, surrender charges, market value adjustments or any other adjustment feature;

(g) describe in detail all accounts and factors that are used to calculate guaranteed minimum nonforfeiture values and minimum cash surrender values in the contract and the elements used in the calculation of the minimum values required by the law; and

(h) include the formulas used to calculate the minimum guaranteed values provided by the contract and the formulas used to calculate the minimum guaranteed values required by the applicable subsections of the nonforfeiture law.

(6) The actuarial demonstration must:

(a) compare minimum contract values with minimum nonforfeiture values;

(b) be based on representative premium patterns, for flexible premium products use both a single premium and level premium payment, and for both age 35 and age 60 or the highest issue age if lower;

(c) numerically demonstrate that the values based on the guaranteed minimum interest rates, the maximum surrender charges, fees, loads, and any other factors affecting values, provide values that are in compliance with the Standard Nonforfeiture Law using both the retrospective and the prospective tests, each test must be clearly identified, and include the following:

(i) For the retrospective test, describe the net consideration and the interest rates used in the accumulation. Numerically compare the guaranteed contract values with the minimum values required by the nonforfeiture law.

(ii) For the prospective test, identify the maturity value and the interest rate used for each respective year to determine the present value. Numerically compare the guaranteed contract values with the minimum values required by the nonforfeiture law.

(7) The actuarial certification of compliance must be currently dated and signed by the actuary. The certification must state that the formulas used and values provided are in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

R590-227-8. Additional Procedures for Group Annuity Filings.

(1) A filer submitting group annuity filings are advised to review the following code sections and rules prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-21 Part III, "Specific Clauses in Contracts;"

(b) Section 31A-22 Part IV, "Life Insurance and Annuities;"

(c) Section 31A-22 Part V, "Group Life Insurance;" and

(d) R590-191, "Unfair Life Insurance Claims Settlement Practice."

(2) A group contract must be included with each certificate filing along with the master application and enrollment form.

(3) Actuarial Memorandum. An actuarial memorandum must be included in all group annuity filing describing the features of the contract and certifying compliance with applicable laws and rules.

(4) Eligible Groups. A filing for an eligible group must include a completed "Utah Life and Annuity Group Questionnaire."

(a) A questionnaire must be completed for each eligible group under Sections 31A-22-502 through 508.

(b) When a filing applies to multiple employer-employee groups under Section 31A-22-502, only one questionnaire is required to be completed.

(5) Discretionary Group. If a group is not an eligible group, then specific discretionary group authorization must be obtained prior to submitting the filing. If a filing is submitted without discretionary group authorization, the filing will be rejected.

(a) To obtain discretionary group authorization a "Utah Life and Annuity Request For Discretionary Group Authorization" must be submitted and include all required information.

(b) Evidence or proof of the following items are some factors considered in determining acceptability of a discretionary group:

(i) existence of a verifiable group;

(ii) that granting permission is not contrary to public policy;

(iii) the proposed group would be actuarially sound;

(iv) the group would result in economies of acquisition and administration which justify a group rate; and

(v) the group would not present hazards of adverse selection.

(c) Discretionary group filings that do not provide authorization documentation will be rejected.

(d) Any changes to an authorized discretionary group must be submitted to the department, such as; change of name, trustee, domicile state, within 30 days of the change.

(e) The commissioner may periodically re-evaluate the group's authorization.

R590-227-9. Additional Procedures for Variable Annuity Filings Procedures.

(1) Insurers submitting variable annuity filings are advised to review the following code sections and rule prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-22-411, "Contracts Providing Variable Benefits;" and

(b) R590-133, "Variable Contracts."

(2) A variable annuity contract must have been previously approved or accepted by the licensee's state of domicile before it is submitted for filing in Utah.

(3) Information regarding the status of the filing of the variable annuity with the Securities and Exchange Commission must be included in the filing.

(4) The description and the actuarial memorandum must:

(a) describe the type of accounts available in the contract; and

(b) identify those accounts that are separate accounts, including modified guaranteed annuities, and those accounts that are general accounts.

(5) The actuarial memorandum must describe all contract provisions in detail, including all guaranteed and non-guaranteed elements that may affect the values.

(6) The actuarial demonstration must numerically demonstrate compliance with the applicable nonforfeiture laws:

(a) for variable annuities, including modified guaranteed annuities, pursuant to Section 31A-22-411;

(b) for fixed interest general accounts pursuant to 31A-22-409, identify and describe all guaranteed factors that affect

values, including:

(i) the guaranteed minimum interest rate; and

(ii) the maximum surrender charges and loads.

(7) An actuarial certification of compliance with applicable Utah laws and rules must be included in the filing.

(8) A filing for a rider that provides benefits, such as guaranteed minimum death benefit and guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit, must include an actuarial memorandum.

(9) A prospectus is not required to be filed.

R590-227-10. Correspondence and Status Checks.

(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) SERFF tracking number.

(2) Status Checks.

(a) A complete filing is usually processed within 45 days of receipt.

(b) A filer can request the status of its filing 60 days after the date of submission. A response will not be provided to a status request prior to 60 days.

R590-227-11. Responses.

(1) Response to a Filing Objection Letter. When responding to a Filing Objection Letter a filer must:

(a) provide an explanation identifying all changes made;

(b) include an underline and strikeout version for each revised document;

(c) a final version of revised documents that incorporate all changes; and

(d) for filing submitted in SERFF, attached the documents in Subsections R590-227-11(1)(b)(c) to appropriate Form Schedule or Rate/Rule Schedule tab.

(2) Response to an Order to Prohibit Use.

(a) An Order to Prohibit Use becomes final 15 days after the date of the Order.

(b) Use of the filing must be discontinued no later than the date specified in the Order.

(c) To contest an Order to Prohibit Use, the commissioner must receive a written request for a hearing no later than 15 days after the date of the Order.

(d) A new filing is required if the licensee chooses to make the requested changes addressed in the Filing Objection Letter. The new filing must reference the previously prohibited filing.

R590-227-12. Penalties.

Persons found, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-227-13. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule 15 days from the effective date of this rule.

R590-227-14. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity 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.**R590-228. Submission of Credit Life and Credit Accident and Health Insurance Form and Rate Filings.****R590-228-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to Subsection 31A-2-201(3), 31A-2-201.1, 31A-2-202(2), 31A-22-807.

R590-228-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to set forth the procedures for submitting:

(a) Credit life and credit accident and health insurance filings required by Section 31A-21-201;

(b) Credit life and credit accident and health insurance rate filings required by Section 31A-22-807, R590-91; and

(c) report filings as required.

(2) This rule applies to all credit life insurance and credit accident and health insurance including group contracts issued to nonresident policyholders, including trusts, when Utah residents are provided coverage by certificates of insurance.

R590-228-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions of Section 31A-1-301, 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) "Data page" means the page or pages in a policy and certificate that provide the specific data for the insured detailing the coverage provided and may be titled by the insurer as schedule page, schedule of benefits and premiums, etc.

(3) "Electronic Filing" means a filing submitted via the Internet by using the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing, SERFF.

(4) "Eligible group" means a group that meets the definitions in Sections 31A-22-502 through 31A-22-508.

(5) "Endorsement" means a written agreement attached to a life insurance policy that alters a provision of the policy. An example is a company change of name.

(6) "File and Use" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed with the department.

(7) "File for Approval" means a filing can be used, sold, or offered for sale after it has been filed and the filer has received written confirmation that the filing was approved.

(8) "Filer" means a person who submits a filing.

(9) "Filing," when used as a noun, means an item required to be filed with the department including:

(a) a policy;

(b) a rate, rate methodologies;

(c) a form;

(d) a document;

(e) an application;

(f) a report;

(g) a certificate;

(h) an endorsement;

(i) a rider; and

(j) an actuarial memorandum, demonstration, and certification.

(10) "Filing Objection Letter" means a letter issued by the commissioner when a review has determined the filing fails to comply with Utah law and rules. The filing objection letter, in addition to requiring correction of non-compliant items, may request clarification or additional information pertaining to the filing.

(11) "Filing status information" means a list of the states to which the filing was submitted, the date submitted, and the states' actions, including their responses

(12) "Issue Ages" means the range of minimum and maximum ages for which a policy or certificate will be issued.

(13) "Letter of Authorization" means a letter signed by an

officer of the licensee on whose behalf the filing is submitted that designates filing authority to the filer.

(14) "Market type" means the type of policy that indicates the targeted market such as individual or group.

(15) "Order to Prohibit Use" means an order issued by the commissioner that prohibits the use of a filing.

(16) "Rejected" means a filing is:

(a) not submitted in accordance with applicable laws or rules;

(b) returned to the licensee by the department with the reasons for rejection; and

(c) not considered filed with the department.

(17) "Rider" means a written agreement attached to a life insurance policy or certificate that adds a benefit. An example is a credit accident and health insurance rider.

(18) "Type of insurance" means a specific credit life and credit accident and health insurance product, as defined in the NAIC Coding Matrix, including, but not limited to, gross decreasing term, net decreasing term, level term, or truncated coverage.

(19) "Utah Filing Date" means the date provided to a filer by the Utah Insurance Department that indicates a filing has been accepted.

R590-228-4. General Filing Information.

(1) Each filing submitted must be accurate, consistent, and 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) Licensee and filer are responsible for assuring that a filing is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. A filing not in compliance with Utah laws and rules is subject to regulatory action under Section 31A-2-308.

(3) A filing that does not comply with this rule will be rejected and returned to the filer. A rejected filing:

(a) is not considered filed with the department;

(b) must be submitted as a new filing; and

(c) will not be reopened for purposes of resubmission.

(4) A prior filing will not be researched to determine the purpose of the current filing.

(5) 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, a Filing Objection Letter or 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 insureds.

(6) Filing Correction.

(a) Filing corrections are considered informational.

(b) Filing corrections must be submitted within 15 days of the date the original filing was submitted to the department.

(c) A new filing is required if a filing correction is made more than 15 days after the date the original filing was submitted to the department. The filer must reference the original filing in the filing description.

(7) If responding to a Filing Objection Letter or an Order to Prohibit Use, refer to R590-228-11 for instructions.

(8) Filing withdrawal. A filer must notify the department when withdrawing a previously filed form, rate, or supplementary information.

R590-228-5. Filing Submission Requirements.

(1) All filings must be submitted as an electronic filing.

(a) All filers must use SERFF to submit a filing.
 (b) All filings must comply with The "NAIC Uniform Life, Accident and Health, Annuity, and Credit Coding Matrix," dated January 1, 2009, and incorporated by reference. This form is available on the department's website, www.insurance.utah.gov.

(2) A filings must be submitted by market type and type of insurance.

(3) A filing may not include more than one type of insurance; or request filing for more than one licensee.

(4) SERFF Filings.

(a) Filing Description. Do not submit a cover letter. On the General Information tab, complete the Filing Description section with the following information, presented in the order shown below.

(i) Provide a description of the filing including:

(A) the intent of the filing; and
 (B) the purpose of each document within the filing.

(ii) Indicate if the filing:

(A) is new;

(B) is replacing or modifying a previous submission; if so, describe the changes made, if previously rejected the reasons for rejection, and the previous Utah Filed Date;

(C) includes documents for informational purposes; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date; or

(D) does not include the base policy; if so, provide the Utah Filed Date of the base policy and describe the effect on the base policy.

(iii) Identify if any of the provisions are unusual, controversial, or have been previously objected to, or prohibited, and explain why the provision is included in the filing.

(iv) Explain any change in benefits or premiums that may occur while the contract is in force.

(v) List the types of coverage to be provided, such as gross, net, full term, truncated and critical period.

(vi) Indicate whether the insurer has a Rating and Benefits Plan on file with the department.

(vii) List the issue ages, which means the range of minimum and maximum ages for which a policy will be issued.

(viii) Identify the intended market

(ix) Identify the types and durations of loans to be insured.

(x) Describe the methods of premium charge.

(b) Certification. The filer must certify that a filing has been properly completed AND is in compliance with Utah laws and rules. The "Utah Credit Life and Credit Accident and Health Filing Certification" must be properly completed, signed, and attached to the Supporting Documentation tab. A false certification may subject the licensee to administrative action.

(c) Domiciliary Approval and Filing Status Information. All filings for a foreign licensee must include on the Supporting Documentation tab:

(i) copy of domicile approval for the exact same filing; or

(ii) filing status information which includes:

(A) a list of the states to which the filing was submitted;

(B) the date submitted; and

(C) summary of the states' actions and their responses; or

(iii) if the filing is specific to Utah and only filed in Utah, then state, "UTAH SPECIFIC - NOT SUBMITTED TO ANY OTHER STATE."

(d) Letter of Authorization.

(i) When the filer is not the licensee, a letter of authorization from the licensee must be attached to the Supporting Documentation tab.

(ii) The licensee remains responsible for the filing being in compliance with Utah laws and rules.

(e) Statement of Variability.

(i) A statement of variability must be attached to the Supporting documentation tab and certify:

(A) the final form will not contain brackets denoting variable data;

(B) the use of variable data will be administered in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner and will not result in unfair discrimination;

(C) the variable data included in this statement will be used on the referenced forms;

(D) any changes to variable data will be submitted prior to implementation.

(ii) Variable data are denoted in brackets and are defined, either by imbedding in the form, or by a separate form identified by its own form number and edition date. Variable data submitted as a separate form must be in a manner that follows the construction of the form, by page and paragraph, or page and footnote.

(iii) Variable data must be reasonable, appropriate and compliant.

(iv) Use of unauthorized variable data is prohibited.

(f) Items being submitted for filing.

(i) All forms must be attached to the form schedule tab.

(ii) All rating documentation, including actuarial memorandums and rate schedules, must be attached to the Rate/Rule Schedule tab.

(iii) Actuarial Memorandum, Demonstration, and Certification of Compliance. An actuarial memorandum and demonstration with sample rate calculations and a certification of compliance with Utah law are required in each filing. The memorandum must be currently dated and signed by the actuary.

(5) Refer to each applicable Section of this rule for additional procedures on how to submit forms, rates, and reports.

R590-228-6. Procedures for Filings.

(1) Forms in General.

(a) Forms are "File and Use" filings.

(b) Each form must be identified by a unique form number. The form number may not be variable.

(c) Forms must contain a descriptive title on the cover page.

(d) Forms must be in final printed form or printer's proof format. Drafts may not be submitted.

(e) Blank spaces within the forms must be completed in John Doe fashion to accurately represent the intended market, purpose, and use.

(f) All John Doe data in the forms, including the data page, premium rates and benefits, must be accurate and consistent with the actuarial memorandum and rate schedule.

(2) Policy Filings.

(a) Each type of insurance must be filed separately.

(b) A policy filing consists of one policy form, including its related forms, including the application, enrollment form, certificate, actuarial memorandum, certification, and rate schedule.

(c) Only one policy filing for a single type of insurance may be filed.

(3) Rider or Endorsement Filings.

(a) Related riders or endorsements may be filed together.

(b) A single rider or endorsement that affects multiple forms may be filed in the Filing Description and references all affected forms.

(c) The filing must include:

(i) a listing of the base policy form number, title and Utah Filed Dates;

(ii) a description of how each rider or endorsement affects the base policy; and

(iii) appropriate actuarial memorandum and rate schedule.

(4) Application Filings.

(a) Each application or enrollment form may be submitted

as a separate filing or filed with its related policy or certificate filing.

(b) If an application has been previously filed or is filed separately, an informational copy of the application must be included with a policy or certificate filing.

(5) Rates. Rates are considered "File for Approval".

R590-228-7. Additional Procedures for Credit Life and Credit Accident and Health Form and Rate Filings.

(1) A Licensee filing Credit Life and Credit Accident and Health are advised to review the following code sections and rules prior to submitting a filing:

(a) Section 31A-21 Part III, "Specific Clauses in Contracts;"

(b) Section 31A-22 Part IV, "Life insurance and Annuities;"

(c) Section 31A-22 Part V, "Group Life Insurance;"

(d) Section 31A-22 Part VI, "Accident and Health Insurance;"

(e) Section 31A-22 Part VIII, "Credit Life and Accident and Health;"

(f) R590-91, "Credit Life and Disability;" and

(g) R590-191, "Unfair Life Insurance Claims Settlement Practice;"

(h) R590-192, "Unfair Health and Disability Claims Settlement Practices."

(2) A policy must be included with each certificate filing along with a master application and enrollment form.

(3) Actuarial Memorandum, Demonstration and Certification of Compliance. Each form and rate filing must include an actuarial memorandum, demonstration, and certification of compliance with Utah laws, signed and dated by the actuary representing the insurer.

(a) Actuarial memorandum must include a description of the following:

(i) types of coverage, such as gross or net decreasing, single or joint life, full term or truncated, critical period;

(ii) types of loans to be insured, such as open end, closed end,

(iii) types of premium charge: single premium, monthly outstanding balance, or other method explained in detail;

(iv) durations of loans and durations of coverage. Refer to 31A-22-801(2)(a);

(v) rates per unit, rating and premium methodologies including:

(A) formulas used for each type of coverage and premium method; and

(B) sample calculations for each type of coverage and premium method;

(vi) an explanation of whether the company has a Rating and Benefits Plan on file and if so, whether the submitted rates are consistent with the filed plan;

(vii) demonstration of compliance with applicable code and rules;

(viii) refund methods and calculation including formulas for each type of coverage; and

(ix) reserve bases including methods used.

(b) The actuarial certification must include certification of compliance that formulas and methods used produce rates that are in compliance with applicable Utah laws and rules for each type of coverage and duration in the filing.

(4) Rate Schedules.

(a) Rate schedules must be included for each type of coverage and for representative durations.

(b) Rates must be identified as prima facie rates, rates previously filed for compliance with the Rating and Benefits Plan required in R590-91-10, or deviated rates submitted pursuant to 31A-22-807, or rates on nonstandard coverage pursuant to R590-91-5.

(5) All benefits must be reasonable in relation to the premium charge. Insurers filing for approval of a rate higher than prima facie rates must comply with the requirements of 31A-22-807 and R590-91-10. Include a demonstration that the rates are reasonable in relation to the benefits.

R590-228-8. Insurer Annual Reports.

All licensee annual reports must be properly identified and must be filed separately from other filings. Each annual report must be submitted when requested.

R590-228-9. Correspondence and Status Checks.

(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) SERFF tracking number.

(2) Status Checks.

(a) A complete filing is usually processed within 45 days of receipt.

(b) A filer can request the status of its filing 60 days after the date of submission. A response will not be provided to a status request prior to 60 days.

R590-228-10. Responses.

(1) Response to a Filing Objection Letter. When responding to a Filing Objection Letter a filer must:

(a) provide an explanation identifying all changes made;

(b) include an underline and strikeout version for each revised document;

(c) include a final version of revised documents that incorporates all changes; and

(d) for filing submitted in SERFF, attach the documents in Subsections R590-228-10(1)(b)(c) to appropriate Form Schedule or Rate/Rule Schedule tab.

(2) Response to an Order to Prohibit Use.

(a) An Order to Prohibit Use becomes final 15 days after the date of the Order.

(b) Use of the filing must be discontinued no later than the date specified in the Order.

(c) To contest an Order to Prohibit Use, the commissioner must receive a written request for a hearing no later than 15 days after the date of the Order.

(d) A new filing is required if the licensee chooses to make the requested changes addressed in the Filing Objection Letter. The new filing must reference the previously prohibited filing.

R590-228-11. Penalties.

Persons found, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-228-12. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the revised provisions of this rule upon 15 days from the effective date of this rule.

R590-228-13. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, that invalidity 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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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 practitioners, 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 practitioner 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 inpatient 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(9):

A. The Labor Commission of Utah:

1. Establishes and regulates fees and other charges for medical provider services 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), 2009 edition, as the method for calculating reimbursement and the American Medical Association's CPT-4, 2009 edition, coding guidelines.

a. 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.

b. The CPT-4 coding guidelines and RBRVS are subject to the Utah Labor Commission's 2009 - 2010 Medical Fee Guidelines and the following Labor Commission conversion factors for medical care rendered for a work-related injury or illness, effective December 1, 2009: (Conversion Rates below EFFECTIVE December 1, 2009, to be used with the RBRVS procedural Unit value as per specialty.)

Anesthesiology \$41.00 (1 unit per 15 minutes of anesthesia);

Medicine, E and M \$46.00

Evaluation and Management codes 99201 - 99204 and 99211 - 99214 \$46.00

Pathology and Laboratory 150% of Utah's published Medicare carrier

Radiology \$53.00;

Restorative Services \$46.00, 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 2009 - 2010 Medical Fee Guidelines, effective December 1, 2009. The Utah Medical Fee Guidelines 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 <http://laborcommission.utah.gov/Provider%20Page.htm1#WorkersCompensation>.

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.

G. For procedures not covered by other provisions of this rule, medical providers have three options.

1. Medical providers may request preauthorization for a procedure from the insurance carrier.

2. Medical providers may present evidence to Medical Fee Committee for incorporating a procedure into the Commission's fee schedule. However, such incorporation will have prospective effect only.

3. Medical providers may apply for hearing before the Commission's Adjudication Division pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-801(1)(c) and Subsection 34A-2-407(9)(f) to establish a reasonable fee for the procedure.

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 Director of the Division of Industrial Accidents may authorize an injured worker to be examined by another physician for the purpose of obtaining a further medical examination or evaluation pertaining to the medical issues involved, and to obtain a report addressing these medical issues in all cases where:

1. The treating physician has failed or refused to give an impairment rating, and/or
2. A substantial injustice may occur without such further evaluation.

G. 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, anesthesiologist, 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 extent 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, a designated person(s) within the Industrial Accidents Division or an administrative law judge if the claim is being adjudicated.

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 and 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 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.

R612-2-27. Commission Approval of Health Care Treatment Protocol.

A. Authority. Pursuant to authority granted by Section 34A-2-111(2)(c)(i)(B)(VII) of the Utah Workers' Compensation Act, the Utah Labor Commission establishes the following standards and procedures for Commission approval of medical treatment and quality care guidelines.

B. Standards:

1. Scientifically based: Section 34A-2-111(2)(c)(i)(B)(VII)(Aa) of the Act requires that guidelines be scientifically based. The Commission will consider a guideline to be "scientifically based" when it is supported by medical studies and/or research.

2. Peer reviewed: Section 34A-2-111(2)(c)(i)(B)(VII)(Bb) of the Act requires that guidelines be peer reviewed. The Commission will consider a guideline to be "peer reviewed" when the medical study's content, methodology, and results have been reviewed and approved prior to publication by an editorial board of qualified experts".

3. Other standards: Pursuant to its rulemaking authority under Section 34A-2-111(2)(c)(i)(B)(VII), the Utah Labor Commission establishes the following additional standards for medical treatment and quality care guidelines.

a. The guidelines must be periodically updated and, subject to Commission discretion, may not be approved for use unless updated in whole or in part at least biannually;

b. Guideline sources must be identified;

c. The guidelines must be reasonably priced;

d. The guidelines must be easily accessible in print and electronic versions.

C. Procedure: Pursuant to Section 34A-2-111(2)(c)(i)(B)(VII) of the Utah Workers' Compensation Act, a party seeking Commission action to approve or disapprove a guideline shall file a petition for such action with the Labor Commission.

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R612. Labor Commission, Industrial Accidents.

R612-9. Designation of the Initial Assessment of Noncompliance Penalties as an "Informal" Proceeding.

R612-9-1. Authority.

This rule is enacted under authority of Section 34A-1-104 and Section 63G-4-202(1) and is applicable to proceedings under Section 34A-2-211 to assess penalties against employers who have failed to obtain workers compensation insurance coverage.

R612-9-2. Designation as Informal Proceedings.

Initial proceedings to assess such penalty are hereby designated as informal adjudicatory proceeding, while all subsequent proceedings with respect to assessment of such penalty are hereby designated as formal proceedings.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.**R651-700. Administrative Procedures for Real Property Management.****R651-700-1. Authority.**

These rules establish administrative procedures for real property under the management and/or ownership of the State of Utah, Division of Parks and Recreation ("State Parks") real property, as set forth in Utah Code Ann. Title 79, Chapter 4. State Parks, through the Parks Board, may establish rules for the acquisition, planning, protection, operation, maintenance, development, and wide use of scenic beauty, recreation utility, historic, archeological, or scientific interest, to the end that the health, happiness, recreational opportunities, and wholesome enjoyment of life may be preserved.

R651-700-2. Purpose.

These rules are intended:

- (1) To establish standards and procedures for acquisition, disposal, and exchange of Division lands consistent with law of the State of Utah.
- (2) To provide procedure for granting of rights-of-way, easements and special use permits, and other non-recreational use of Division lands.
- (3) To ensure consistency and efficiency of land management in order to maximize benefits to the Division and provide accountability to the citizens of Utah.
- (4) To protect real property assets, which are fixed assets of the State of Utah, in compliance with applicable laws, rules and policies.

R651-700-3. Application.

These rules are applicable statewide for real property transactions but they shall be liberally construed to permit the Division to effectuate the purposes of Utah law.

R651-700-4. Definitions As Used in This Section.

- (1) "Applicant" means any person applying for a Right-Of-Way (ROW), Easement, Lease, Special Use Lease, and Special Use Permit.
- (2) "Agriculture" means the cultivation of land to grow crops or the raising of livestock.
- (3) "Appraised Value" means an estimate of the current fair market value of property derived by disinterested persons of suitable qualifications, for example, a licensed independent appraiser.
- (4) "Authorized Area" is the area of Division-owned land, which the Division allows a development to occupy, or person to use through a ROW, Easement, Lease, Special Use Lease, and Special Use Permit.
- (5) "Board of Parks and Recreation" is the policy making body of the Division of State Parks and Recreation.
- (6) "Communications Facility" means towers, antennas, dishes, buildings, and associated equipment used to transmit or receive radio, microwave, wireless communications, and other electronic signals. The roads, pipes, conduits, and fiber optic, electrical, and other cables that cross over or under State Parks to serve a communications facility shall be governed by the administrative rules for granting Easements as set forth in R651-700.
- (7) "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.
- (8) "Development" means any structure built on State Parks land.
- (9) "Director" is the agency head of the Division in whom ultimate legal authority is vested or their designee.
- (10) "Division" is the Division of Parks and Recreation, also referred to as "State Parks", Division and State Parks may be used interchangeably, as appropriate.
- (11) "Division Land" is land owned and/or managed by the

Division or its agents.

(12) "Easement" means an interest in land owned by another party, entitling the holder of said interest to limited use of enjoyment of the others land.

(13) "Executive Director" means the executive Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources.

(14) "Fair Market Rental Value" is the annual amount in cash a willing tenant would pay, and a willing landlord would charge for the same or similar lands for the highest and best use of the property.

(15) "Lands and Environmental Coordinator" is the Division employee responsible for real property planning, documentation, analysis, reports, agreements, databases, and coordination.

(16) "Lease" means an agreement that authorizes use of real property for a specific term and purpose, under specified conditions for a fee.

(17) "Paleontological Resources" means the remains or traces of organisms, plant or animal, which have been preserved by various means.

(18) "Park Manger" is the management official for one or more state parks.

(19) "Rights-of-Way (ROW)" means the right or privilege, acquired through contract or other legally accepted means, to pass over a designated portion of the property of another.

(20) "Real Property" is land under water, upland, and all other property commonly or legally defined as real property (as set forth in Utah Code Ann. Section 79-4-203).

(21) "Real Property Asset" means the land surface, air above, and ground below, including all appurtenances to the land including buildings, structures, fixtures, fences and improvements erected on or attached to the same. Real property assets include any and all the interests, benefits, and rights inherent in the ownership of real estate.

(22) "Region" means a geographical grouping of state parks for management purposes. There are four state park regions: northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast. Park Managers report to their respective region manager.

(23) "Region Manager" is a manager of a geographic assemblage of state parks. There are four state park regions: northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast. Park Managers report to their respective region manager.

(24) "Resource Management Plan" is a plan prepared for the current and future management of a state park or recreational resource such as trails, boating safety, or off-highway vehicles.

(25) "Special Use Lease" is a written authorization issued by the Division to a person to use a specific area of Division Land for a special use under specific terms and conditions for a term of one (1) to fifteen (15) years.

(26) "State Park" means unique areas or real property in Utah set aside by the Utah State Government to preserve scenic beauty, recreational utility, historic, archeological, or scientific interest, to the end that the healthy, happiness, recreational opportunities, and wholesome enjoyment of life may be preserved.

(27) "Special Use Permit" means a temporary authorization for a specific, non-depleting land use including but not limited to seismic or land surveys, research sites, or time-certain physical access o Division Lands. This contract vehicle is of a lesser order than a lease or Easement, is generally associated with a temporary event of short duration, and does not convey any proprietary or other rights or the use to the holder other than those specifically granted in the permit authorization.

(28) "Structure" means anything placed, constructed, or erected on Division Land.

R651-700-5. Obtaining an Opinion of Value.

(1) When acquiring, exchanging, or selling Division Lands the Division may determine the value of real property utilizing any or all of the following methods:

(a) Broker's Estimate;

(b) Market Analysis, including but not limited to an appraisal, broker's estimate, market conditions analysis, and market demand analysis; and

(c) Appraisal.

(2) An Appraisal, Broker's Estimate, or Market Analysis may not be required if:

(a) Transactions involve water rights;

(b) Transactions involve federal lands or federal funding, where federal guidelines take precedence over the provisions of this rule;

(c) The market value of the subject property interest is less than One-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), as estimated by the Division;

(d) The asking price for the property interest is considerably below prevailing market conditions, as estimated by the Division;

(e) The asking price for the property interest is reasonable based upon prevailing market conditions, but the Division will lose the opportunity to purchase the property if time is taken to conduct an appraisal or acquire a real estate broker's estimate of value prior to making an offer;

(f) An appraisal has been conducted on the subject property interest within the past twelve months;

(g) The subject property interest is being conveyed through an auction;

(h) The real property interest is a gift, contribution, or donation to the Division; or

(i) The real property interest is less-than-fee interest or not perpetual; or

(j) When the Director has determined by a written finding, that the cost of obtaining the appraisal is not justified, or in the best interest of the State of Utah.

(3) When values other than market value are considered in addition to or in place of an appraisal; or are considered in addition to, or in place of, an opinion of value rendered by a broker or sales agent; the Division shall create and keep a memo-to-file describing the Division's rationale in said consideration relative to the proposed price and other terms of the purchase, sale, or exchange.

R651-700-6. Land Acquisition.

(1) The Division may acquire real property through any and all legal means in order to fulfill its mission and legislative mandate.

(2) Acquisition of real property may be made by all legal and proper means, including purchase, gift, devise, eminent domain, lease, exchange, or otherwise, subject to the approval of the Director, Executive Director and the Governor of the State of Utah.

(3) Only the Division Director or Deputy Director, if designated, is authorized to sign closing papers, real property contracts, and/or deeds.

(4) Eminent domain acquisition shall be in the manner authorized by Utah Code Ann. Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 5.

(5) The Division shall prepare an analysis of the proposed acquisition that provides the Director with the benefits of the acquisition to the Division, including an opinion as to whether or not the Division is the appropriate manager of the resource to be acquired.

(6) The due diligence according to CERCLA procedures shall be performed in order for the property to be warranted free from hazardous materials or geological hazards.

(7) The Division shall make every effort to acquire subsurface mineral, water and any other rights attached to the land.

(8) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 79-4-203.5(a), before acquiring any real property, the Division shall notify the county legislative body of the county where the property is situated of its intention to acquire the property. If the county legislative body requests a hearing within ten days of the receipt of the notice, the board shall hold a public hearing in the county concerning the matter.

(9) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann Section 23-21-1.5, the Division shall notify the Resource Development and Coordinating Committee (RDCC) for its review and approval by the Governor.

(10) Proposed purchases of real property, or donations of such, shall be inspected on-site by a team consisting of the local park manager, region manager, Lands and Environmental Coordinator and others as designated by the Director.

(11) When acquiring lands the Division may determine the value of real property according to the policies contained in R651-700-5.

(12) A title report and/or land survey may be performed on all land acquisitions, at the discretion of the Director.

(13) After receiving the preliminary title report the Lands and Environmental Coordinator may request a review by the Attorney General's office.

(14) The closing of a real property transaction may be conducted at a title company. If a title company is used for closing, the Division shall instruct the company to record the deed, and after recording, send it to the Lands and Environmental Coordinator.

R651-700-7. Disposal of Real Property.

(1) The Division may dispose of real property in order to fulfill its mission and legislative mandate.

(2) Unless otherwise directed by the legislature, all land disposals shall be brought before the Parks Board for consultation, and shall have the final approval of the Director.

(3) Only the Division Director or Deputy Director, if designated, is authorized to sign closing papers, real property contracts, and/or deeds.

(4) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the proposed sell as required by Utah Code Section 9-8-404.

(5) The Division shall make every effort to retain subsurface mineral, water and any other rights attached to the land. If any of these rights are transferred with the property, the Division shall receive full compensation for the rights conveyed.

(6) When selling real property the Division may determine a minimum selling price according to the policies contained in R651-700-5.

(7) Prior to completion of sale, lessees and permittees shall be notified an leases and permits cancelled or amended in accordance with the terms of the lease or permit may be cancelled or amended.

(8) The Division may sell real property to the public, upon approval of the Parks Board, through a competitive bid process to achieve the Division's goals.

(a) The Division may announce the sale of real property to the public by commercially feasible methods, to include publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which the sale is proposed, at least 30 days or more in advance of the deadline for bid submittals.

(b) Notification and advertising shall include a general description of the parcel including township, range, and section, and any other information, which may create interest in the sell. The Division shall also identify the desired form of compensation, whether monetary, in-kind or both.

(c) Sealed bids shall be accepted no sooner than 14 days following the first sale notice. Competing bids shall be evaluated and the highest bid selected unless the highest bid

does not meet the minimum value. In the case of a tie bid, the highest bidders shall be offered the opportunity to participate in an oral bidding process.

(d) Once a successful bidder has been determined, a certificate of sale shall be prepared by the Lands and Environmental Coordinator and reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General assigned to represent the Division. A title company may provide the final closing arrangements, at the cost of the purchaser.

(e) The successful bidder shall pay the remaining balance at the time of closing and shall be responsible for all closing costs.

(f) When there are no successful bidders on the property, the unsold parcels may be:

- (i) Listed with a realtor
- (ii) Offer the property on a "first-come first-served" basis for a period of up to three years following the bid opening date; or
- (iii) Auction the property.

R651-700-8. Land Exchanges.

(1) The Division may exchange real property in order to fulfill its mission and legislative mandate.

(2) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 79-4-203.5(a), before acquiring any real property through exchange, the Division shall notify the county legislative body of the county where the property is situated of its intention to acquire the property. If the county legislative body requests a hearing within ten days of the receipt of the notice, the board shall hold a public hearing in the county concerning the matter.

(3) Only the Division Director or Deputy Director, if designated, is authorized to sign closing papers, real property contracts, and/or deeds.

(4) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 23-21-1.5, the Division shall notify the Resource Development and Coordinating Committee (RDCC) for its review and approval by the Governor.

(5) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the proposed exchange as required by Utah Code Section 9-8-404.

(6) Prior to completion of exchanges, lessees and permittees shall be notified and leases and permits cancelled or amended in accordance with the terms of the lease or permit may be cancelled or amended.

(7) When exchanging lands the Division may determine the value of real property according to the policies contained in R651-700-5.

(8) The criteria for exchange proposals are evaluated as follows:

(a) Real property owned by the Division may be exchanged for private and/or public properties of equal or greater recreation or monetary value in both acreage and monetary worth if the exchange shall benefit the Division's park system. The Division may exchange real property for other assets if the exchange benefits the park system.

(b) Verification shall be made that the exchange shall not result in an unmanageable and/or uneconomical parcel of Division Land, nor eliminate access to a remnant holding, without appropriate remuneration or compensation.

(c) Proposed exchanges of real property shall be inspected on-site by a team consisting of the local Park Manager, Region Manager, Lands and Environmental Coordinator and others as designated by the Director.

(d) The due diligence according to CERCLA procedures shall be performed in order for the property to be warranted free from hazardous materials or geological hazards.

(e) The Division shall make every effort to retain subsurface mineral, water and any other rights attached to the

land. If any of these rights are transferred with the property, the Division shall receive full compensation for the rights conveyed.

(f) The Division, at its discretion, may at any time cancel any and all negotiations for a land exchange.

(9) If the Division is offered a land exchange, an application shall be filed with the Division, and evaluated by the Division with the following additional criteria:

(a) A completed application form shall be submitted with an application-processing fee established by the Division.

(b) Incomplete applications may be denied and the application fee forfeited to the Division.

The Applicant shall provide a property description, preferably a metes and bounds survey, a county plat map of all properties to be considered for the exchange. A map shall be provided indicating the relationship of the properties to Division Land.

(d) The due diligence according to CERCLA procedures shall be performed in order for the property to be warranted free from hazardous materials or geological hazards.

(e) Other essential information required by the Lands and Environmental Coordinator and/or the Division.

(f) Upon receipt of an exchange application, the Division may solicit competing exchange property or assets. Competing applications may be solicited through publication, at least once a week for three consecutive weeks, in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which the park is located. The Division may allow all applicants at least 20 days from the date of mailing of notice to submit a sealed bid containing their proposal for the subject parcel.

(g) The Director may approve or disapprove any exchanges based on information solicited through the application process. The Director may also waive the application for good cause.

(h) If competing proposals are received, the Division shall choose the successful applicant by evaluating each proposal for its contribution toward attainment of Division management objectives.

(i) The successful applicant may be charged an amount equal to all appraisal, appraisal reviews, advertisement, staff time, and other costs to the Division. The Director, for good cause shown by the applicant, may waive such costs.

R651-700-9. Right-Of-Way (ROW), Easements, Special Use Leases, and/or Special Use Permit.

(1) The Division may enter into real property transactions in order to fulfill its mission and legislative mandate.

(2) Only the Division Director or Deputy Director, if designated, is authorized to sign closing papers, real property contracts, and/or deeds.

(3) Potential applicants for ROW, Easements, Special Use Lease, Special Use Permit may contact the park manager or regional manager prior to making a formal application to the Lands and Environmental Coordinator.

(4) To apply for a ROW, Easement, Special Use Lease a person shall:

(a) Complete and submit an application provided by the Division to the Lands and Environmental Coordinator, unless it is an application for a Special Use Permit, in which case it shall be submitted to the appropriate park manager;

(b) Pay a non-refundable application fee;

(c) If for the purpose of construction or occupancy, submit the application and application fee at least 120 days prior to the proposed construction or occupancy date, unless otherwise specified by rule;

(d) Provide a map, aerial photograph, or other guide to the project area. Map scale may be larger but must identify township and range sections, UTM coordinates, and give appropriate scale.

(i) Anyone desiring to perform a survey on Division Land with the intent of filing an application for an ROW, Easement or Special Use Lease shall prior to entry for surveying activities, file with the agency an application for a Special Use Permit. The permit shall include a description of the proposed survey project, including the purpose, general location, and potential resource disturbances of the proposed survey. The appropriate park manager or his delegate shall review the application.

(e) Provide evidence of an ownership or leasehold interest in the estate where development of that estate is the purpose for applicants seeking a ROW or Easement.

(f) Include a project plan with the following information:

(i) Project alternatives, including alternatives not affecting the Division;

(ii) Project alternatives not affecting Division Land which were considered but rejected, and the specific reasons those alternatives were rejected;

(iii) A description of the proposed activity, structures, and/or infrastructure, including site location, construction footprint, above and below ground construction, infrastructure's functional relationship to existing or future infrastructure, etc. the description shall be sufficiently detailed as to provide an accurate and complete representation of the proposed actions;

(iv) Identification of adverse impacts to public recreation and scenic values associated with the proposed use and how they shall be avoided, minimized, or mitigated;

(v) Other essential information required by the Lands and Environmental Coordinator and/or the Division.

(5) Upon receiving the application, application fee, and the information required in Subsection (4) above, the Lands and Environmental Coordinator may either deny the application or grant a conditional approval within 60 days.

(6) If the application is denied, the Lands and Environmental Coordinator shall provide a written notice to the applicant.

(7) Before final approval is granted the Division may require the applicant to provide the following additional information:

(a) A certified copy of a survey of the area affected by the proposed project prepared by a licensed surveyor. A centerline survey describing the proposed ROW and its width is adequate for a pipeline, road, power line, or similar use.

(b) An electronic file depicting the Easement, ROW or Special Use Lease Area that is compatible with, and requires no editing for accurate downloading into geographic systems information software used by the Division.

(c) Evidence that the applicant had given the State Historic Preservation Officer a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project as required by Utah Code Section 9-8-404.

(d) An impact assessment analyzing the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects the proposed project may have on public recreation opportunities, scenic values, wildlife, and wildlife habitat.

(e) A survey of threatened, endangered and candidate plant and animal species. Utah wildlife sensitive species, and Utah species of special concern conducted on and adjacent to the proposed project.

(f) Proof that the applicant has secured all the permits and authorizations required for the project under State, Federal and local laws.

(g) Proof that the applicant has complied with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, where applicable, including preparation of all environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, or other reports required by the administering federal agency.

(h) A survey of the project to determine if wetlands shall be impacted. The project applicant is responsible for obtaining all federal Clean Water Act Section 404 permits. If wetlands

are found, the applicant must provide sufficient mitigation to offset any damage to the wetland area.

R651-700-10. Division Assessment of the Applications for ROWs, Easements, and Special Use Leases.

(1) Upon receipt of an application for a ROW, Easement or Special Use Lease, the Division shall determine;

(a) If the application is complete;

(b) If the subject area is available for the requested use; and

(c) The method to be used to determine the amount of compensation payable to the Division.

(2) The Division shall then advise the applicant of its determination concerning each of the three factors in Section (1). Applications determined by the Division to be incomplete, or for an area in which the use would be incompatible shall be returned to the applicant with a written explanation of the reason(s) for rejection.

(3) If an application rejected for incompleteness is resubmitted within ninety (90) calendar days for the date the Division returned it to the applicant (as determined by the date of postmark), no additional application fee will be assessed.

(4) The Division may reject applications for ROWs or Easements that would be more appropriately authorized by a Special Use Lease.

(5) Upon acceptance by the Division, the application may be circulated to various local, state, and federal agencies and other interested persons including tribal governments, adjacent property holders, affected lessees and permittees, and Easement holders for review and comment. As part of this review, the Division shall specifically request comments concerning:

(a) The presence of state or federal listed threatened and endangered species (including candidate species) And archaeological and historic resources within the requested area that may be disturbed by the proposed use;

(b) Conformance of the proposed use with other local, state, and federal laws and rules;

(c) Conformance of the proposed use with a state park comprehensive land use plan, resource management plan, operation plan, business plan, and/or zoning ordinances;

(d) Conformance with existing state park rules, policies, and guidelines;

(e) Potential conflicts of the proposed use with existing leases, permits or Easement holders.

(6) If the application is for a communications facility, the Division may request comments from the Federal Communications Commission, Public Utility Commission, and any other person's owning/leasing communications facilities that advise the Division that they want to receive such applications.

(7) After receipt of agency and public comment concerning the proposed use, the Division shall advise the applicant in writing:

(a) If changes in the use or the requested lease or permit area are necessary to respond to agency or public comment;

(b) If additional information is required from the applicant, including but not limited to a survey of:

(i) State or federal listed threatened and endangered species (including candidate species) within the requested area;

(ii) Archeological and historic resources within the requested area; and/or

(iii) Wetlands.

(c) In the case of a Special Use Lease, if the area requested for lease will be authorized for use by the applicant through a Special Use Lease, or be made available to the public through competitive bidding pursuant to R651-700-12.

R651-700-11. Compensation for ROW, Easements, Leases and Special Use Leases.

(1) In establishing the amount of annual compensation, or minimum bid at auction, the Division shall:

(a) Adhere to the policies contained in R651-700-5 of these rules;

(b) Whenever practicable, base the amount of annual compensation on the fair market rental value received by property owners for similar property used in a similar manner;

(c) Require the holder of a Special Use Lease for a communications facility to annually remit to the Division both;

(i) The full amount of the base annual compensation required by their lease, and

(ii) A payment, the amount to be determined by the Division on a case-by-case basis, of the rental received by the lessee during the previous calendar year from the sublessees using the subject facility authorized by the lease.

(d) In the event that reliable data concerning fair market rental value are not available, the Division shall select another method of determining the amount of annual compensation, or minimum bid at auction such as a percent of the appraised value of the requested area, percent of crop value, or percent of product produced.

(e) Rents for ROW, Easements, and leases are based on the costs incurred by the Division and fair market value. Fees are based on the current fee schedule that can be obtained from the Lands and Environmental Coordinator.

R651-700-12. Competitive Bidding Process for Special Use Leases.

(1) The Division shall determine on a case-by-case basis if an area requested for a Special Use Lease shall be offered to the public through competitive bidding. This decision shall be made after considering:

(a) Whether the area requested for a Special Use Lease or permit is Division Land;

(b) The nature of the use and length of authorization requested;

(c) The availability of reliable data regarding the fair market rental value of the subject parcel for the proposed use; and

(d) Whether other applications are received by the Division to use the same area requested for the same or competing uses.

(2) If the Division determines that the greatest benefit to the public recreation and/or the Division would be achieved by offering the subject area through competitive bidding, it shall give Notice of Leasehold Availability and provide an opportunity for applications to be submitted.

(3) The Notice of Leasehold Availability shall state;

(a) The location and size of the subject area;

(b) The user(s) approved by the Division for the subject area;

(c) The type of auction and minimum acceptable bid amount;

(d) What developments, if annex on the subject area the applicant must purchase from the existing lessee, and a general estimate of the present value of said developments as determined by the Division; and

(e) The deadline for submitting a completed application to the Division.

(4) The Notice of Leasehold Availability shall be:

(a) Published at the applicant's expense not less than once each week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county(ies) in which the subject parcel is located;

(b) Posted on the Division Internet website; and

(c) Sent to persons indicating an interest in the subject parcel.

(5) The highest qualified bidder shall be awarded the lease at auction subject to satisfaction of the requirements of R651-

700- (9 and 10) of these rules. The Division, however, shall have the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

R651-700-13. Right-Of-Way (ROW), Easements, Special Use Leases - Final Determination.

(1) The Director may deny any application if:

(a) The application does not include all the information required;

(b) The potential impact to public recreation, cultural/historic resources, view shed, wildlife habitat, or water quality is unacceptable;

(c) The proposed project contravenes the Recreation Management Plan or site master plan;

(d) The applicant has not, in the opinion of the Division, adequately considered ways to avoid or minimize impacts or proposed adequate compensatory mitigation plans for unavoidable impacts, including cumulative impacts;

(e) There are, in the opinion of the Division, alternative locations reasonably available on lands not owned by the Division for the requested use including organized events that may harm public recreation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, utilities, telecommunications structures, transmission lines, canals, ditches, pipelines, tunnels, fences, roads, and trails;

(f) The application's project affects property in which a third party has contractual or legal oversight rights and the project is rejected by that party; or

(g) The applicant is in default on any previous obligation to the Division.

(2) If the application is rejected, the Division shall provide a written notice to the applicant.

(3) A ROW, Easement or Special Use Lease may include provisions requiring the applicant to:

(a) Restore all structures, including but not limited to fences, roads, and existing facilities, and regard as nearly as practical to the pre-project grade and contour, and re-vegetate the impacted area to Division specifications;

(b) Adhere to the terms of the applicant's approved project plan prescribed in subsection R651-700-9(4)(f);

(c) Pay for surveys, environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, appraisals, restoration, re-vegetation, compensatory mitigation and all other expenses associated with the project; and

(d) Provide all permits and clearances for the project.

(4) Prior to the issuance of an Easement, ROW, Special Use Permit or Special Use Lease or for good cause shown at any time during the term of the agreement, upon 30 days written notice, the applicant or grantee, as the case may be, may be required to post with the agency a bond in the form and amount as may be determined by the agency to assure compliance with all terms and conditions of the Easement, ROW, Special Use Permit or Special Use Lease.

(5) Easements, ROW, Special Use Permits and Special Use Leases issued by the Division shall be on a form supplied by the Division that has been approved for legal sufficiency.

(6) If the Division decides to issue a ROW, Easement, or Special Use Lease to the applicant without competitive bidding, the written notice will also indicate;

(a) The amount of compensation that the applicant shall remit to the Division to obtain authorization;

(b) Any insurance and/or surety bond required by the Division pursuant to the requirements of R651-700-16; and

(c) A draft copy of the ROW, Easement, or Special Use Lease.

(7) The Division shall not grant an Easement, ROW, Special Use Permit or Special Use Lease to the applicant until it has received all fees and compensation specified in these rules, and evidence of any required insurance and/or surety bond.

(8) The Director may refer any applications for a Special

Use Lease to the Parks Board for review and approval.

R651-700-15. Easement, ROW, Special Use Permit or Special Use Lease - General Terms and Conditions.

(1) A ROW or Easement may be granted for a maximum of thirty (30) years from the date of the signing. The Division may grant such real property interests for shorter time periods. The Director may provide an exception, in whole or in part, to the rules for use of Division land and other recreational areas for an Easement, ROW, Special Use Permit, or Special Use Lease granted pursuant to this section. The exception may be provided by a written decision issued by the Director and shall be effective for the term or such lesser period of time specified by the Director.

(2) The term of a Special Use Lease shall not exceed fifteen (15) years. The Division shall determine the length of a special use lease based on the nature of the use intended for the requested site. The Division may, at its discretion, provide as a provision of the lease that it may be renewed for a term to be determined by the Division.

(3) The term of a Special Use Permit shall not exceed one (1) year. A Special Use Permit may, at the discretion of the Division, be renewed up to two (2) times for a maximum term of ninety (90) days each time.

(4) Special Use Leases and Special Use Permits shall be offered by the Division for the minimum amount of area determined by the Division to be required for the requested use.

(5) The lessee or permittee may request the Division to close all or portions of the authorized area to public entry or restrict recreational use by the public to protect the persons, property, and/or crops from harm.

(6) The Division or its authorized representative(s) shall have the right to enter into and upon the authorized area at any time for the purposes of inspection or management, or to conduct noxious weed or pest abatement, or for wildfire control.

(7) The lessee, grantee or permittee shall dispose of all waste in a proper manner and shall not permit debris, garbage or other refuse to either accumulate within the authorized area or be discharged into any waterway.

(8) A lessee, grantee or permittee may not interfere with lawful public use of an authorized area, or obstruct free transit across Division Land, or intimidate or otherwise threaten or harm public users of Division Land.

(9) Upon the expiration or termination of a ROW, Easement, Special Use Lease or Permit, the holder shall remove any or all developments as directed by the Division within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of termination of the Easement, ROW, lease or permit. Any developments remaining on the area authorized by the Easement, Row, lease or permit after the sixty (60) day period shall become the property of the Division. If the grantee, lessee or permittee refuse to remove the subject developments, the Division may remove them and charge the grantee, lessee or permittee for doing so.

(10) The holder of a Special Use Lease or permit shall not allow any other use to be made of, or occur on the site or vicinity that is not specifically authorized:

- (a) By that lease or permit; or
- (b) By the Division in writing prior to the use.

R651-700-16. Insurance and Bond - Easement, ROW, Special Use Lease, Special Use Permit.

(1) The Division may require a grantee, lessee or permittee to obtain insurance in a specified amount if the use, in the opinion of the Division, constitutes a risk to public safety, or to the State of Utah.

(2) The Division may request that the applicant, grantee, lessee or permittee provide information concerning the use of the area to the Risk Management, which may assist the Division in determining the appropriate amount of insurance coverage

based on the nature of the use.

(3) All bonds posted on Easements, leases, ROW, or permits may be used for payment of all monies, rentals, and royalties due to the grantor, also for costs of reclamation and for compliance with all other terms and conditions of the Easement, and rules pertaining to the Easement. The bond shall be in effect even if the grantee has conveyed all or part of the Easement interest to a sub lessee, assignee, or subsequent operator until the grantee fully satisfies the Easement obligations, or until the bond is replaced with a new bond posted by the sublessee or assignee.

(4) Bonds may be increased in reasonable amounts, at any time as the Division may decide, provided grantor first gives grantee 30 days written notice stating the increase and the reasons(s) for the increase.

(5) Bonds may be accepted in any of the following forms at the discretion of the Division:

- (a) Surety bond with an approved corporate surety registered in Utah;
- (b) Cash deposit. However, the Division shall not be responsible for any investment returns on cash deposits;
- (c) Certificate of deposit in the name of "The Division of State Parks and Recreation and applicant, c/o Applicant's address", with an approved state or federally insured banking institution registered in Utah. The certificate of deposit must have a maturity date no greater than 12 months, be automatically renewable, and be deposited with the agency, the grantee shall be entitled to and receive the interest payments. All certificates of deposit must be endorsed by the applicant prior to acceptance by the Director; or
- (d) Other forms of surety as may be acceptable to the Division.

R651-700-17. Assignment of ROW, Easement, Special Use Leases and Special Use Permits, Subleasing.

(1) A ROW, Easement or Special Use Lease in good standing is freely assignable.

(2) Special Use Permits are non-assignable.

(3) To assign a ROW, Easement or Special Use Lease, the lessee shall submit a:

- (a) Notice of proposed assignment on a form provided by the Division; and
- (b) Non-refundable assignment processing fee payable to the Division.

(4) The Division shall make every effort to complete its review of such proposed assignments within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the notice. The Division may request additional information concerning the proposed assignment.

(5) A sublease or assignment may be made only to a person, firm, association, or corporation qualified to do business in the State of Utah, and which is not in default under the laws of the State of Utah relative to qualification to do business within the state, and is not in default on any previous obligation to the Division.

(6) A lessee wanting to offer a sublease to another person shall:

- (a) Obtain prior written authorization from the Division by applying to the Division on a form provided by the Division, and

(b) Submit to the Division rent, in an amount to be determined by the Division on a case-by-case basis, at the end of the calendar year.

(7) A sublease or assignment shall take effect the date of the approval of the assignment. On the effective date of any assignment, the assignee is bound by the terms of the lease to the same extent as if the assignee were the original grantee/lessee, any conditions in the assignment to the contrary notwithstanding.

(8) A sublease or assignment must be a sufficient legal

instrument, properly executed and acknowledged, and should be clearly set forth the lease or contract number, land involved, and the name and address of the assignee and shall include any agreement which transfers control of the lease to a third party. A copy of the documents subleasing or assigning the interest shall be given to the Division.

(9) A sublease or assignment shall be executed according to Division procedures.

(10) A sublease or assignment is not effective until approved by the Division.

R651-700-18. ROW, Easement, Special Use Leases and Special Use Permits - Unauthorized Uses and Penalties.

(1) Uses and developments subject to, but not authorized by a ROW, Easement, Special Use Lease or Special Use Permit issued by the Division constitute a trespass and must be removed as directed unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Division.

(2) In addition to any other penalties provided or permitted by law, the placement of any development on, or use of Division Land without the required Division authorization as described in these rules, or which is otherwise not in compliance with these rules shall constitute a trespass and be prosecuted pursuant to governing law.

R651-700-19. Termination of a Special Use Lease or Special Use Permit for Default.

(1) If the lessee or permittee fails to comply with these rules or other lease terms and conditions, or otherwise violates laws covering the use of his/her authorized area, the Division shall notify the lessee or permittees in writing of the default and demand correction within a specified time frame.

(2) If the lessee or permittee fails to correct the default within the time frame specified, the Division may:

(a) Modify or terminate the lease or permit, and/or

(b) Request the Attorney General to take appropriate legal action against the lessee or permittee.

R651-700-20. Abandonment or ROW, Easement, or Lease.

(1) If within 365 days of the date of execution of a ROW, Easement or lease a grantee/lessee fails to construct and install the infrastructure which necessitate the grantee/lessee's acquisition of a ROW, Easement or lease, or the grantee/lessee otherwise fails to use all of any portion of a ROW, Easement or lease, that portion of the ROW, Easement or lease so unused shall be deemed abandoned and the grantee/lessee's leasehold interest in said portion of the ROW or lease shall be terminated with no compensation due from the Division.

(2) If proof of grantee/lessee's use of all or portion of the ROW, Easement or lease cannot be provided for any continuous three year period, that portion of the ROW, Easement or lease shall be deemed abandoned and the grantee/lessee's leasehold interest in said portion of the ROW, Easement or lease cannot be provided for any continuous three year period, that portion of the ROW, Easement or lease shall be deemed abandoned and the grantee/lessee's leasehold interest in said portion of the ROW, Easement or lease shall be terminated with no compensation due from the Division.

R651-700-21. ROW, Easement, Special Use Leases and Special Use Permits - Reconsideration of Decision.

(1) An applicant or any other person adversely affected by the issuance of denial may request that the Director or the parks Board, depending upon which entity made the decision, reconsider the decision:

(a) Such a request shall be received by the Director no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of delivery of the decision.

(b) If the Director made the decision of concern, she/he

may affirm the decision, issue a new or modified decision, or request the applicant to submit additional information to support the appeal.

(c) If the decision was made by the parks Board, the Director may recommend to the parks Board either that the Special Use Lease or permit issuance or denial be modified based on the merits of the request.

R651-700-22. Water Rights.

(1) It is the policy of the Division of Parks and Recreation to use its water resources for beneficial purposes in support of public recreation, including but not limited to, protecting scenic attractions and recreational values for the present and future citizens of Utah.

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.**R657-54. Taking Wild Turkey.****R657-54-1. 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 wild turkey.

(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 Turkey Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking wild turkey.

R657-54-2. 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) "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) "Cleared and planted land" means private land or privately leased state or federal land used to produce a cultivated crop for commercial gain and the cultivated crop is routinely irrigated or routinely mechanically or manually harvested, or is crop residue that has forage value for livestock.

(d) "Commercial gain" means intent to profit from cultivated crops through an enterprise in support of the crop owner's livelihood.

(e) "Essential habitat" means areas where wild turkeys regularly and consistently roost, feed, loaf, nest or winter.

(f) "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.

(g) "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.

(h) "Livestock Forage" means any forage, excluding cultivated crops and crop residues, meant for consumption by livestock, not routinely irrigated or routinely mechanically or manually harvested.

(i) "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.

(j) "Private land" means land in private fee ownership and in agricultural use as provided in Section 59-2-502 and eligible for agricultural use valuation as provided in Section 59-2-503 and 59-2-504. Private land does not include tribal trust lands.

R657-54-3. Application Procedure for Wild Turkey.

(1) Permits for wild turkey will be issued pursuant to R657-62-25.

R657-54-4. 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.

(2) Landowners interested in obtaining landowner permits must:

(a) contact the regional Division office in their area on the dates published in the Turkey Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking wild turkey;

(b) obtain and complete a landowner application;

(c) obtain a Division representative's signature on the landowner application; and

(d) submit the landowner application in accordance with Section R657-62-25.

(4)(a) Landowner permit applications that are not signed by the local Division representative will be rejected.

(5)(a) Only one eligible landowner may submit an application for the same parcel of land within the respective regional hunt boundary area.

(b) In cases where more than one application is received for the same parcel of land, all applications will be rejected.

(6) Applications must include:

(a) description of total acres owned within the respective regional hunt boundary;

(b) evidence of property ownership, including a copy of a title, deed, or tax notice indicating the applicant is the owner of the property; and

(c) the signature of the landowner.

(i) The signature on the application will serve as an affidavit certifying land ownership.

(7)(a) A landowner is eligible to participate in the drawing for available landowner turkey permits provided the landowner owns:

(i) at least 640 acres of essential habitat, or 40 acres of essential habitat that is cleared and planted land, in an open unit designated as a Merriam's unit that supports wild turkeys; or

(ii) at least 20 acres of essential habitat in an open unit designated as a Rio Grande unit that supports wild turkeys.

(b) Land qualifying as essential habitat, or cleared and planted land, 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.

(8)(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.

(d) A person may not apply for or obtain a landowner permit without possessing a Utah hunting or combination license.

(9) Applicants will be notified by mail or e-mail of the drawing results for landowner permits by the date published in the Turkey Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking wild turkey.

(10)(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 Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking wild turkey, may increase.

(11)(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.

R657-54-5. Firearms and Archery Tackle.

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.

R657-54-6. Shooting Hours.

(1) Wild turkey 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 wild turkey.

R657-54-7. 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.

R657-54-8. Falconry.

Falconers may not release a raptor on wild turkey.

R657-54-9. 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.

R657-54-10. Baiting.

A person may not hunt turkey using bait, on or over any baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. An area is considered baited for 10 days after bait is removed, or 10 days after bait in an area is eaten.

R657-54-11. Sitting or Roosting Turkeys.

A person may not take or attempt to take any turkey sitting or roosting in a tree.

R657-54-12. Tagging Requirements.

(1) The carcass of a turkey must be tagged before the carcass is moved from, or the hunter leaves, the site of kill.

(2) To tag a carcass, a person shall:

(a) completely detach the tag from the license or permit;

(b) completely remove the appropriate notches to correspond with:

(i) the date the animal was taken;

(ii) the sex of the animal; and

(c) attach the tag to the carcass so that the tag remains securely fastened and visible.

(3) A person may not:

(a) remove more than one notch indicating date or sex; or

(b) tag more than one carcass using the same tag.

(4) A person may not hunt or pursue turkey after any of the notches have been removed from the tag or the tag has been detached from the permit.

R657-54-13. Identification of Species and Sex.

The head and beard must remain attached to the carcass of wild turkey while being transported.

R657-54-14. Use of Dogs.

(1) Dogs may be used to locate and retrieve wild turkey 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.

R657-54-15. Closed Areas.

A person may not hunt wild turkey 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 wild turkey only during designated turkey 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 wild turkey hunting.

(c) Goshen Warm Springs is closed to wild turkey hunting.

(4) Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

R657-54-16. Possession of Live Protected Wildlife.

It is unlawful for any person to hold in captivity at any time any protected wildlife, except as provided by Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code or any rules and regulations of the Wildlife Board. Protected wildlife that is wounded must be immediately killed and shall be included in the hunter's bag limit.

R657-54-17. Spotighting.

(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.

R657-54-18. Exporting Wild Turkey from Utah.

A person may export wild turkey or their parts from Utah only if:

(1) the person who harvested the turkey accompanies it and possess a valid permit corresponding to the tag; or

(2) the person exporting the turkey or its parts, if it is not the person who harvested the turkey, has obtained a shipping permit from the Division.

R657-54-19. Waste of Game.

(1) A person may not waste or permit to be wasted or spoiled any protected wildlife or their parts.

(2) A person shall not kill or cripple any wild turkey without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the turkey.

R657-54-20. 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.

(d) A person must possess a Utah hunting or combination license to receive a Poaching-Reported Reward Permit.

(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.

R657-54-21. Season Dates, Bag and Possession Limits, and Areas Open.

Season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, and number of permits for taking wild turkey are provided in the Turkey Proclamation of the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking wild turkey.

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R690. Public Education Job Enhancement Program, Job Enhancement Committee.**R690-100. Public Education Job Enhancement Program Participant Eligibility and Requirements.****R690-100-1. Definitions.**

A. "Advancement Award/scholarship recipient" means a scholarship to an educator qualified under Sections 53A-1a-601 (1) and (2) (a) and (b). The scholarship may be used for:

(1) training in subject areas designated in Section 53A-1a-601(1); and

(2) tuition costs only as designated in Section 53A-1a-601(2)(b) for a master's degree, teaching endorsement, or approved graduate program including National Board Certification.

B. "Contract" means a binding agreement signed and agreed to by the recipient, the PEJEP Committee and USOE under 53A-1a-602(3)(c); applications are available through the USOE and online through the USOE website at www.schools.utah.gov.

C. "Critical areas of educator need" means secondary school teachers with expertise in mathematics, physics, chemistry, physical science, learning technology, or information technology PreK-12 special education teachers, educators seeking math endorsements in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade with a Level 1 or Level 2 license with an elementary or secondary area of concentration, and occupational therapists.

D. "Information technology" for purposes of this rule means courses in information support and services, interactive media, network systems and programming, and software development as listed under information technology education in career and technical education (CTE) on the USOE website.

E. "Learning technology" for the purpose of this rule means a degree/endorsement earned to implement use of technology in classrooms by secondary school teachers in the critical areas of educator need identified under R690-100-1C.

F. "Letter of authorization" under Section 53A-1a-601(3) means a designation given to an 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 for the course(s) he teaches, who is employed by a school district, who has an educator license under R277-502.

G. "National Board Certification" means the successful completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process, a three-year process, that may include national content-area assessment, an extensive portfolio, and assessment of video-taped classroom teaching experience.

H. "Opportunity Award/signing bonus/cash award recipient" means a cash award paid in two installments to qualified educators under 53A-1a-601(2) (c) and (3)(a) and (b).

I. "Public Education Job Enhancement Program Committee (PEJEP Committee)" means the committee designated under Section 53A-1a-602.

J. "Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP)" means a program authorized under Section 53A-1a-601.

K. "Public Education Job Enhancement Program Executive Committee (PEJEP Executive Committee)" means a subcommittee of approximately five members of the PEJEP Committee including the PEJEP Chair and others as selected by the PEJEP Committee provided for in Section 53A-1a-602.

L. "Special education teacher" means an educator who teaches at least three classes (or fifty percent of the school day) of primarily PreK-12 special education students or whose contract assignment is designated by the district as SPECIAL EDUCATION. Special education teacher may also mean speech and language pathologists and psychologists and special education educators teaching grade 12+ in a high school.

M. "Technology training" for the purpose of this rule means professional development training to public school

superintendents, administrators, and principals in the effective use of technology in public schools.

N. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R690-100-2. Authority and Purpose for Opportunity and Advancement Awards.

A. The rule is authorized under Section 53A-1a-602(5) which requires the PEJEP Committee to make a rule establishing policies and procedures for:

(1) designating the recipients and offering scholarships and cash awards from PEJEP funding;

(2) timelines for the submission and approval of applications;

(3) the distribution of the awards and scholarships; and

(4) monitoring educator progress and compliance with the law and this rule.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide policies and procedures for participation in the Public Education Job Enhancement Program.

R690-100-3. PEJEP Committee and Committee Expansion.

A. The PEJEP Committee identified in Section 53A-1a-602 may create subcommittees, including a PEJEP Executive Committee to increase the PEJEP Committee's effectiveness.

(1) The PEJEP Executive Committee shall be designated by the PEJEP Committee.

(2) All subcommittee recommendations shall be affirmed by the PEJEP Committee.

(3) Subcommittee membership and terms shall be determined by the PEJEP Committee.

B. The PEJEP Committee may add advisory committee members to inform the PEJEP Committee's decisions. Advisory committee members may meet regularly with the PEJEP Committee but may not vote or approve applicants for awards.

C.(1) The Committee may hold electronic meetings consistent with Section 52-4-207.

(2) Committee members may participate through electronic means if at least three Committee members are present at an established anchor location for the meeting.

(3) A quorum may be established that includes members participating electronically.

(4) Committee members participating through electronic means may officially vote on motions.

R690-100-4. Opportunity Awards.

A. Timelines for Opportunity Awards

(1) The PEJEP Committee shall provide to all public school district superintendents and charter schools, by May 14 of each year, teacher information forms and funds available for Opportunity Awards consistent with critical areas of educator need identified under R690-100-1C.

(2) Information forms for awards shall also be available from the USOE and on-line through the USOE website.

(3) Completed information forms for Opportunity Awards, including required documentation, shall be due to the USOE from applying school districts and charter schools by November 1 annually.

(4) Recipients of Opportunity Awards shall receive the cash award in two installments, with the first initial payment at the beginning of the four year teaching commitment and the second installment at the conclusion of four consecutive years of teaching.

(a) The recipient shall repay a portion of the initial payment if the recipient fails to complete two years of the consecutive four year teaching commitment unless waived for good cause by the PEJEP Committee, designated in Section 53A-1a-602; and

(b) The recipient shall not receive the second installment if the recipient fails to complete the consecutive four year

teaching commitment.

(5) The USOE shall receive documentation annually by October 1 from recipients of Opportunity Awards documenting a full-time schedule as educators during the previous school year.

(6) If the recipient desires to decrease his teaching employment to less than full-time, teach less than 50 percent of the teacher's course load in the area of the award, or take a leave of absence at any time, the recipient shall submit a formal written request to the PEJEP Committee. The PEJEP Committee may grant or deny permission for the employment change within 30 days of the request; if permission is denied by the PEJEP Committee, provisions under 53A-1a-601(1)(c)(ii) shall apply immediately.

(7) The USOE shall be immediately notified by the Opportunity Award recipient if the recipient changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from the state; provisions of 53A-1a-601(1)(c)(ii) shall apply immediately if the recipient leaves public education or leaves the state.

(8) Opportunity Award recipients shall notify the USOE at the conclusion of the recipient's consecutive four year teaching commitment.

(9) The USOE shall make the final Opportunity Award payment in a timely manner upon notification by the recipient and documentation of full-time employment during the required four year period.

B. Award and Funding Requirements for Opportunity Awards

(1) To be eligible to receive an award under this rule, an educator shall:

(a) have signed an employment contract with a public school district or charter school;

(b) be recommended by secondary school principal, school district superintendent or designee or charter school director;

(c) be a fully licensed educator in Utah or enrolled in an alternative educator licensing program in:

(i) pre-K-12+ special education; or

(ii) a secondary education endorsement program (grades 7-12) in critical areas of educator need identified under R690-100-1C; and

(d) have taught under a letter of authorization for at least one year in the areas referred to under Section 53A-1a-601(1) and received a superior evaluation as a classroom teacher.

(2) Licensed teachers newly hired in a school district or charter school providing instruction to students in any public classroom setting shall be eligible for an Opportunity Award.

C. School district/charter school responsibilities:

(1) An employing school district/charter school shall notify the USOE if a recipient of an Opportunity Award ends school district employment.

(2) An employing school district/award recipient shall notify the USOE if an Opportunity Award recipient has his teaching assignment changed to less than 50 percent of his assignment in the area that qualified the teacher for the award.

(3) An employing school district shall notify the USOE of any other award or scholarship or special compensation that an award recipient is receiving, to the best of the employer's information, from another source.

R690-100-5. Advancement Awards.

A. Timelines for Advancement Awards

(1) Applications for Advancement Awards shall be available from the USOE and online through the USOE website.

(2) Educators may apply at any time throughout the year and may receive an award subject to funds available.

(3) Beginning in June 2008, upon receipt of the Advancement Award and each semester that recipient receives the Advancement Award, recipient shall provide documentation to the USOE that the recipient is enrolled in approved higher

education course(s).

(4) Recipients have four years to complete course work for a master's degree, teaching endorsement, or approved graduate program.

(5) Upon completion of the master's degree, teaching endorsement, or approved graduate program, a recipient shall notify the USOE and provide an official higher education transcript or appropriate documentation.

(6) Recipients of the Advancement Awards shall notify the USOE immediately if they change public education employers, drop their class loads below 3 credit hours or move from the state.

(7) If the recipient interrupts employment for any reason, the recipient shall submit a formal written letter to the PEJEP Committee explaining the reason for the interruption and requesting a continuance of the contract.

B. Award and Funding Requirements for Advancement Awards

To be eligible to receive an award under this rule, an educator shall:

(1) be approved by the employing principal and the school district superintendent or designee or a charter school director and charter school board chair;

(2) be a fully licensed Utah educator or enrolled in a Utah alternative educator licensing program.

(3) agree to enroll in eligible schools or programs at the first possible enrollment opportunity following the award;

(4) use the award only at a Utah public or private accredited higher education institution; exceptions may be made by the PEJEP Committee on a case by case basis for compelling circumstances;

(5) provide documentation to the PEJEP Committee of acceptance into an approved graduate program, including National Board Certification, leading to a master's degree or teaching endorsement in areas identified under R690-100-1C;

(6) not use the award to pay for course work in counseling or administration.

C. Additional Recipient Requirements for Advancement Awards; a recipient shall:

(1) complete the program within four years from the date of initial enrollment.

(2) complete endorsement classes in a timely manner as approved in the contract with the PEJEP Committee.

(3) successfully complete (2.0 average or better) all classes for which recipient is reimbursed.

(4) enroll and seek reimbursement only for courses leading directly to a master's degree, teaching endorsement, or approved graduate program, for which the award was made.

(5) show evidence of progress toward master's degree, teaching endorsement, or approved graduate program, every semester for which the award is used.

(6) commit to teach in Utah public schools in an area identified in 53A-1a-601(1) for a period of four consecutive school years following the completion of the endorsement or degree for which the award was made.

(7) notify the USOE if a recipient of an Advancement Award ends school district employment.

(8) notify the USOE if an Advancement Award recipient has his teaching assignment changed to less than 50 percent of his assignment in the area that qualified the teacher for the award.

(9) notify the USOE of any other award or scholarship or special compensation that an award recipient is receiving, to the best of the employer's information, from another source.

(10) be eligible for an Advancement Award if the recipient provides instruction to students in any public school setting, including secure facilities with education components under the control and supervision of the public school system.

D. Award Priorities for Advancement Awards

- (1) Superintendent/principal recommendations
- (2) Existing formal qualifications, evaluations, degrees, certificates, endorsements, licenses of educators in district/school.
- (3) Applicants' discussions of career plans, educational objectives, and estimated time periods for completion of course work.
- (4) Alignment of applicant career/educational objectives with intent and express purposes of Section 53A-1a-601.

R690-100-6. Enforcement and Penalty Provisions for Breach of PEJEP Contract for Opportunity and Advancement Awards.

A. It is the responsibility of award recipients to notify in writing both the USOE and employing school district, during the period of the award, of changes in recipient's name, mailing address, telephone number, or licensing status.

B. If an Opportunity Award or Advancement Award recipient fails to satisfy the teaching commitment, earn the master's degree, or teaching endorsement, or complete the approved graduate program, the recipient may be responsible to repay, as determined by the PEJEP Committee, the full or a prorated amount of the cash award or scholarship fund received.

C. The entire amount of the cash award or scholarship may become due and payable immediately, including interest following review by the PEJEP Committee for violations of Section 53A-1a-601 or this rule.

D. The recipient may be responsible for any and all necessary collection costs.

E. Legal action may be taken against recipient as recommended by the PEJEP Committee and approved by the USOE and the Utah Attorney General's Office.

F. A recipient may be referred to the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Committee for possible action against the recipient's license for willful violations of law or this rule.

G. Should recipient's license be suspended or revoked by the Utah State Board of Education, consistent with due process provided for in state law, the award or scholarship shall be canceled at the time of license revocation and subject to the conditions stated in R690-100-5.

H. Exceptions to any provision of the Opportunity or Advancement Award contracts shall be approved in writing by the PEJEP Committee.

R690-100-7. Miscellaneous Provisions or Requirements for the Opportunity and Advancement Awards.

A. In any given school year, a teacher shall not receive both an Opportunity Award and an Advancement Award and shall not receive two Opportunity awards concurrently.

B. Recipients of the Opportunity Award and Advancement Award may not apply for a second award until the consecutive four year teaching commitment has been fulfilled.

C. Opportunity and Advancement award educators may take less than a full-time course load in the areas identified in 53A-1a-601(1), if student demand is not sufficient for a full-time assignment in those subject areas.

D. If the Opportunity or Advancement Award recipient should die before the conditions or repayment of the award is satisfied, the entire commitment or balance shall be waived.

E. The educator shall be teaching in the critical areas of educator need identified under R690-100-1C,D,and E, to apply for a PEJEP scholarship toward any learning technology degree, endorsement, or advanced degree.

F. Advancement Award Recipients taking 9 credit hours during summer months (forgoing employment during that time) may receive a \$6,000 summer stipend, at the discretion of the PEJEP Committee; summer stipends shall be prorated for educators in regulated programs and those recipients may receive \$2,000 per 3 credit hours, up to \$6,000.

G. Endorsement program recipients may receive only one summer stipend of \$6,000 per 9 credit hours at the discretion of the PEJEP Committee.

H. Endorsement caps shall be commensurate with increased tuition costs for the specific endorsement; and

I. Teachers who have their assignment changed which takes them out of their classroom teaching in the PEJEP content areas, must submit a petition to the PEJEP Committee for potential waiver of penalties associated with the change.

J. The consecutive four year teaching commitment may be met by educators who are promoted, assigned, or advised to change their teaching assignment and work within the district or state in a similar role for which the Opportunity Award or Advancement Award was made, following PEJEP Committee approval.

K. Applicants are not eligible for Advancement Awards if the individuals are in their last semester of their degree or endorsement programs or if they have completed their degree, endorsement, or advanced degree program.

L. The PEJEP Committee has the discretion to accept and fund applications received after established deadlines provided that timely applications shall be considered first and all funding shall be approved and distributed only to the extent of funds available.

R690-100-8. Provisions or Requirements for the Technology Training Component of 53A-1a-601(4)(a).

Technology training courses, programs or conferences that provide professional development for public school superintendents, administrators and principals in the effective use of technology in public schools shall be submitted to the PEJEP Committee by applicants for consideration and approval under 53a-1A-601(4).

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.**R708-18. Regulatory and Administrative Fees.****R708-18-1. Authority.**

This rule is authorized by Section 53-3-104(2), 53-3-105, 53-3-808, 53-3-905 and Subsection 63J-1-301(2).

R708-18-2. Definitions as Used in this Chapter.

(1) "Accident Report" means an officer's report of an accident as described under Subsection 41-6a-402.

(2) "Accompanying data" means supplemental accident reports or addenda there to.

(3) "Driving Record", more commonly known as a Driver License Record (DLR) means a computer generated compilation of particular elements contained in the Driver License Division electronic database, consisting of:

- (a) Driver's name;
- (b) License certificate number;
- (c) Driver's date of birth;
- (d) Driver's zip code;
- (e) Member of military;
- (f) Reportable arrests and convictions;

(g) Reportable notices from courts indicating failure to comply with terms of a citation or failure to comply with terms set by the court, pursuant to UCA 53-3-221(2) and 53-3-221(3).

(h) Reportable department actions;

(i) Driving Privilege Status;

(j) License certificate issue/expiration dates; and

(k) License certificate class/type/endorsement.

(4) Driving Record - "Certified Copy" means an authenticated Driving Record and/or accident report and/or accompanying data prepared under the seal of the division. (Other records or information may be included only under order or rule of the court.)

(5) "Photocopies" means the mechanical reproduction of an original digitized or filmed document.

(6) "Recording" means a verbatim magnetic tape or digitized recording of sworn, or unsworn testimony, or information.

R708-18-3. Fees.

The Driver License Division charges user fees for some services. A schedule of these fees is available for public examination at any Driver License office location. These fees are set by the legislature in Section 53-3-105, 808, and 905, and in the annual appropriations act as recorded in "The 'Laws of Utah' as passed at the General Session of the Legislature".

R708-18-4. Exemptions.

The fees established may not be charged to any municipal, county, state or federal agency as defined in Subsection 53-3-105(33)(b).

R708-18-5. Records.

All fees charged shall be receipted and recorded under normal accounting principles established by the Driver License Division.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.

R708-22. Commercial Driver License Administrative Proceedings.

R708-22-1. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-3-221(5)(a)(i).

R708-22-2. Commercial Driver License Administrative Proceedings.

All adjudicative proceedings for commercial driver license (CDL) holders, including but not limited to, the application for and denial, disqualification, suspension or revocation of authorization to operate any particular class or classes of vehicles, shall be conducted according to applicable rules for administrative proceedings as specified in section R708-14, and R708-35.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.**R708-24. Renewal of a Commercial Driver License (CDL).****R708-24-1. Authority.**

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 53-3-413.

R708-24-2. Procedure for Renewal of a CDL.

(1) When applying for a CDL renewal, or limited-term CDL, applicants shall use the same procedure used to obtain an original CDL. The applicant shall comply with Sections 53-3-105, 53-3-407, and 49 CFR 383 and 391.

(2) All knowledge tests and/or skills tests will be waived by the Driver License Division except:

(a) the hazardous materials knowledge test which is required by 49 CFR 383.73;

(b) when changes in an applicant's medical condition may require further testing/evaluation;

(c) if there are factors, including lack of knowledge, which indicate the applicant may have an inability to operate commercial vehicles in a reasonable, prudent and safe manner.

(3) Applicants whose CDL has expired for a period of more than six months, or whose driving privileges are disqualified, suspended, or revoked, are required to complete appropriate knowledge and skills tests.

(4) Applicants shall comply with Federal Highway Administration requirements contained in 49 CFR 383.71, 383.73 and 391.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.**R708-35. Adjudicative Proceedings For Driver License Offenses Not Involving Alcohol or Drug Actions.****R708-35-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures to be used by the Utah Driver License Division for non-alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings.

R708-35-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-3-104 and Subsection 63G-4-203(1).

R708-35-3. 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 a non-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 non-alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings.

(6) "Recording" means documenting, by electronic or other means, the testimony or information presented at a non-alcohol/drug adjudicative proceeding.

(7) "Serious violation" means a single violation determined by the division to require immediate remedial action.

R708-35-4. Designations.

(1) In compliance with Section 63G-4-202, all division non-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.

R708-35-5. Authority for Conducting Adjudicative Proceedings.

Non-alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings will be conducted in accordance with Sections 53-3-221, 63G-4-203, and this rule.

R708-35-6. Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 63G-4-201(1), non-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 63G-4-201(2)(a) and (3)(a) respectively.

R708-35-7. Non-Alcohol/Drug Adjudicative Proceedings.

The non-alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings deal with the following types of hearings:

- (a) point system, Sections 53-3-209 and 53-3-221;
- (b) financial responsibility, Sections 41-12a-303.2, 41-

12a-503, 41-12a-511, and 53-3-221;

(c) contributing to a fatality, Section 53-3-221;

(d) serious violation, Section 53-3-221;

(e) unlawful use of a license, Section 53-3-229;

(f) fraudulent application, Section 53-3-229;

(g) failure to appear or comply, Section 53-3-221;

(h) review examination request, Subsection 53-3-221(11);

(i) driving during denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification, Subsection 53-3-220(2);

(j) leaving the scene of an accident, Section 53-3-221 (serious violation); and

(k) limited license, Subsection 53-3-220 (4)(a).

R708-35-8. Hearing Procedures.

(1) Time and place. Non-alcohol/drug adjudicative proceedings will be held at a time and place 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 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 63G-4-209.

(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; and

(e) take appropriate measures to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

R708-35-9. 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 a form that is approved by the division. The completed form will be transmitted to the central office of the division as soon as possible for the preparation of an order that complies with Subsection 63G-4-203(1).

(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.

R708-35-10. Reconsideration.

In accordance with Section 63G-4-302 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 63G-4-402.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.**R708-42. Driver Address Record.****R708-42-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to define the procedures, requirements and format for requesting and disclosing a Driver Address Record in accordance with Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(ii).

R708-42-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-3-109(7)(f).

R708-42-3. Definitions.

(1) "Driver Address Record" (DAR), means a computer generated compilation of particular elements contained in the Driver License Division electronic database, consisting of:

- (a) driver's name;
- (b) license certificate number;
- (c) driver's current residential address; and
- (d) name and license certificate of a person with a license certificate residential address that is the same as the driver requested.

R708-42-4. Procedures.

(1) Upon receipt of a request for a DAR pursuant to Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(ii), the division will search its driver license files to compile and furnish a DAR on any person licensed in the state of Utah. A qualified requester may only obtain a DAR for a person who has obtained motor vehicle insurance, from the qualified requester pursuant to Title 31A Chapter 22 Part 3.

(2) DAR's shall only be released to qualified requesters in accordance with the Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (DPPA), Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(ii), and Title 63G, Chapter 2.

R708-42-5. Requirements.

- (1) In order to receive a DAR, the requester must:
- (a) provide acceptable proof of identification that they are a qualified requester under Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(ii);
 - (b) enter into a contract with the division or its designated provider to obtain a DAR;
 - (c) provide the driver's name, Utah license certificate number and address;
 - (d) pay required fees as established by the division;
 - (e) agree to comply with state and federal laws regulating the use and further disclosure of information on an DAR; and
 - (f) comply with auditing processes and procedures as required by the division or its designated provider.

R708-42-6. Electronic Transactions.

Requests for DARs will be transacted electronically as approved by the division.

**KEY: driver address record
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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.**R708-43. YES or NO Notification.****R708-43-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to define the procedures, requirements and format for verifying personal identifying information in accordance with Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(iii).

R708-43-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-3-109(7)(f).

R708-43-3. Definitions.

(1) "Yes or No Verification (YON)" means an electronic notification that information submitted by a requester matches the information on the driver license division database. For this purpose Yes verifies a match of (a) through (c), and No indicates one or more items do not match the database information, including:

- (a) name;
- (b) license certificate or identification card number; and
- (c) date of birth.

R708-43-4. Procedures.

(1) Upon receipt of a request for verification pursuant to Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(iii), the division will search the driver license division database and furnish a YON on any person who has a license certificate or identification card in the state.

(2) The YON contains certain personal identifying information and is protected from public disclosure for privacy reasons in accordance with the federal Driver Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (DPPA), Subsection 53-3-109, and Title 63G, Chapter 2.

R708-43-5. Requirements.

(1) A YON shall only be released to qualified requesters in accordance with the DPPA and Subsection 53-3-109(1)(c)(iii).

(2) In order to receive a YON, the requester must:

- (a) provide acceptable proof that they are a depository institution as defined in Section 7-1-103;
- (b) enter into a contract with the division or its designated provider to obtain a YON;
- (c) provide the name, Utah license certification number or identification card number and date of birth of the person who is the subject of the request;
- (d) pay required fees as established by the division;
- (e) agree to comply with state and federal laws regulating the use and further disclosure of information provided; and
- (f) comply with auditing processes and procedures required by the division or its designated provider.

R708-43-6. Electronic Transactions.

Requests for a YON will be transacted electronically as approved by the division.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.**R708-44. Citation Monitoring Service.****R708-44-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to define the procedures, requirements and format for disclosing personal identifying information in accordance with Section 53-3-109(3).

R708-44-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-3-109(7)(f).

R708-44-3. Definitions as Used in This Chapter.

"Citation Monitoring Service (CMS)" means an electronic service whereby the Driver License Division database is monitored on a regular basis to determine if a reportable moving violation has been entered on a specific driving record within the month prior to the date of the request. The requestor will receive a "YES or NO" response that indicates whether a reportable moving violation has been entered on the driver's record during the previous month. If the information submitted by the requestor does not match a driver's record on the database, the requestor will receive an unable to locate (UTL) response.

R708-44-4. Procedures.

(1) Upon receipt of a request for a notification pursuant to Section 53-3-109(3), the division will provide this monitoring service on any person who has a Utah license certificate.

(2) The Driver License Division database contains certain personal identifying information and is protected from public disclosure for privacy reasons in accordance with the federal Driver Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (DPPA), Section 53-3-109 and Title 63G, Chapter 2 (Government Records Access and Management Act).

R708-44-5. Requirements.

(1) CMS is only available to qualified requesters in accordance with the DPPA and Section 53-3-109(3).

(2) In order to be eligible for the CMS, the requester must:

(a) provide acceptable proof that they are an insurer as defined under Section 31A-1-301, or a designee of an insurer as defined under Section 31A-1-301;

(b) enter into a contract with the division or its designated provider to obtain this service;

(c) provide the name, date of birth, and Utah license certificate number for the person for which they are seeking monitoring and notification;

(d) pay required fees as established by the division;

(e) agree to comply with state and federal laws regulating the use and further disclosure of information on the Driver License Division database; and

(f) comply with auditing processes and procedures required by the division or its designated provider.

R708-44-6. Electronic Transactions.

The Citation Monitoring Service will be transacted electronically, as approved by the division.

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**R728. Public Safety, Peace Officer Standards and Training.
R728-205. Council Resolution of Public Safety Retirement Eligibility.**

R728-205-1. Authority.

The authority for this rule is authorized under UCA Sections 53-6-105, 49-14-201(4)(5)(6) and 49-15-201(5)(6)(7).

R728-205-2. Purpose.

To describe the process by which the Council will determine eligibility for participation in the public safety retirement system.

R728-205-3. Eligibility.

A. The following shall be the minimum requirements established for eligibility of employment positions into the public safety retirement system:

1. the employment position requires full-time employment with the employing unit;
2. the employment position requires the employee to serve in a position that may place the employee at risk to life and personal safety;
3. the employment position requires peace officer certification and training in the peace officer, correctional officer, or special function officer designations defined under UCA Section 53-13-103, 53-13-104, or 53-13-105;
4. the employment position's primary duties shall consist of the duties defined under UCA Section 53-13-103, 53-13-104, or 53-13-105.

R728-205-4. Procedures.

A. The Council shall establish a subcommittee to review all disputes between the retirement office and an employing unit or employee regarding public safety retirement eligibility.

B. The subcommittee shall only review employment positions eligible for public safety retirement.

C. The subcommittee shall review disputed employment positions within a reasonable period of time after receipt of notice of the dispute.

D. Within 30 days of receipt of the notice of dispute, the subcommittee shall give written notification to the concerned parties that it is considering the dispute, including notice of the opportunity to submit written briefs to the subcommittee within thirty days of said notice. Either party may request a hearing before the subcommittee within 30 days of the issuance of said notice. If both parties fail to request a hearing, the subcommittee will decide the issue, and make its recommendation based on the written briefs.

E. The recommendation of the subcommittee shall be made in writing and copies of the order shall be mailed to the concerned parties.

F. All parties in the dispute shall have an opportunity to request a review of the subcommittee's recommendation before the Council.

1. Requests for review shall be submitted in writing to the director of the division within 15 days from the date of issuance of the subcommittee's recommendation.

2. Requests for review shall contain all issues and evidence which the party wishes to present before the Council, and a copy thereof shall be sent to all other parties. The party seeking the review shall provide to all transcripts, documents and briefs to the Council within 30 days after filing the notice requesting review. No party shall be permitted oral argument before the Council unless a request for oral argument is filed with the Council within the same 30 day period. If oral argument is requested, the parties shall be permitted 20 minutes each to present oral argument on their respective positions.

3. Upon receipt of the subcommittee's recommendation and/or a request for review, the director shall notify the Council and schedule a hearing for the next available Council meeting.

4. A majority of those Council members considering the recommendation shall be required to adopt said recommendation.

5. The Council shall render a written decision within a reasonable period of time, and the director shall issue a formal written notice thereof to all concerned parties. The director's written notice shall constitute final agency action.

G. All proceedings under this rule shall be informal as set forth in UCA Section 63G-4-202, and shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in UCA Section 63G-4-203.

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R850. School and Institutional Trust Lands, Administration.**R850-40. Easements.****R850-40-100. Authorities.**

This rule implements Sections 6, 8, 10, and 12 of the Utah Enabling Act, Articles X and XX of the Utah Constitution, and Sections 53C-1-302 and 53C-4-203 which authorize the director to establish rules for the issuance of easements on, through, and over trust land, and to establish price schedules for this use.

R850-40-150. Planning.

The agency shall:

1. Submit proposed easements for review by the Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) unless the proposal is exempt from such review; and
2. Evaluate and respond to comments received through the RDCC process.

R850-40-200. Easements Issued on Trust Lands.

1. The agency may issue exclusive, non-exclusive, and conservation easements on trust lands if the agency determines such action would be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries.

R850-40-250. Determination of the Status of Temporary Easements and Rights-of-Entry.

1. In order to determine the existence and continuation of any temporary easements or rights-of-entry granted pursuant to Section 72-5-203 on a specific parcel of trust land (the subject property), the agency may undertake the notification process set forth in R850-40-250(2). This evaluation does not adjudicate the status of any highway crossing the subject property that may have been established pursuant to any federal statute, such as R.S. 2477. Highways established in accordance with the requirements of federal law, including R.S. 2477, prior to the state taking title to the subject property are recognized as valid existing rights.

2. In order to determine the existence of a statutory temporary easement or right-of-entry on the subject property, the agency shall give notice to responsible authorities, as defined in Subsection 72-5-202(1). This notice is intended to provide information to any responsible authority wishing to assert a temporary easement or right-of-entry on the process used to file an application to make such temporary easement or right-of-entry permanent (the "application"). The application must contain a description of the facts which lead the applicant to believe that a statutory temporary easement or right-of-entry exists on the subject property, and other information that may be required by the agency to verify the assertion. Notice shall be provided as follows:

(a) Certified notice shall be mailed by the agency to the Attorney General and the executive body of the county in which the subject property is located. This notice shall include the legal description of the subject property and a map showing its location. The executive body of the county shall have 90 days from the date of the notice within which to submit an application.

(b) Notice to other responsible authorities who may have an interest in the subject property shall be given through publication at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county where the subject property is located. In addition to the legal description of the subject property, the advertisement shall put responsible authorities on notice that the agency may take action extinguishing the temporary easement or right-of-entry. Other responsible authorities shall have 90 days from the first date of publication within which to submit the application.

3. Upon the receipt of an application to convert a temporary easement or right-of-entry into an authorized

easement or right-of-entry, the agency shall evaluate the request pursuant to the fiduciary responsibilities of the agency. Prior to the agency approving or rejecting an application, if any, the agency shall review the supporting documentation submitted by the applicant. The agency shall consider material submitted by any responsible authority pursuant to the applicant's appropriate statutory authority. If no application is received after notice is given pursuant to R850-40-250(2), or if an application to make the temporary easement or right-of-entry permanent is not approved, any statutory temporary easement or right-of-entry on the subject property shall automatically be extinguished. The agency will not sell trust lands for at least 30 days after a final decision to disapprove an application to make a statutory temporary easement or right-of-entry permanent.

R850-40-300. Easement Acquisition.

1. Easements across trust lands may be acquired only by application and grant made in compliance with these rules and the laws applicable thereto.

2. Easements, or other interests in trust lands, may not be acquired by:

- (a) prescription,
- (b) adverse possession, or
- (c) any other legal doctrine except as provided by statute.

R850-40-400. Easement Charges.

The charge for any easement granted or renewed under these rules, including those granted to municipal or county governments or agencies of the state or federal government, may be based on either the market value of the use or the market value of the land encumbered by the easement.

R850-40-500. Surveys.

1. Anyone desiring to perform a survey on trust land with the intent of filing an application for an easement, shall prior to entry for surveying activities, file with the agency written notice of intent to conduct a survey of the proposed location of the easement.

2. The notice, which may be in letter form, shall describe the proposed project, including the purpose, general location, potential resource disturbances of the proposed easement and survey, and projected construction time for any improvements.

3. The notice shall also contain an agreement to indemnify and hold the agency and any authorized lessees harmless against liability and damages for loss of life, personal injury and property damage occurring due to survey activities and caused by applicant, his employees, his agents, his contractors or subcontractors and their employees. In lieu of an agreement the applicant may submit a surety bond in an amount agreeable to the director.

4. The written notice shall be reviewed by the agency. The agency may require the applicant to obtain a right-of-entry agreement.

R850-40-600. Minimum Charges for Easements.

The agency may establish a minimum charge for an easement based on the cost incurred by the agency in administering the easement.

R850-40-700. Application Procedures.

1. All applications shall be made on agency forms. The filing of an application form is deemed to constitute the applicant's offer to purchase an easement under the conditions contained in the conveyance document and these rules.

2. Application approval by the director constitutes acceptance of the applicant's offer.

3. The easement shall be executed by the applicant and returned to the agency within 60 days from the date of applicant's receipt of the written easement. Failure to execute

and return the documents to the agency within the 60-day period may result in cancellation of the conveyance and the discharge of any obligation of the agency arising from the approval of the application.

R850-40-800. Term of Easements.

Easements granted under these rules shall normally be for no greater than a 30 year term. Longer or shorter terms may be granted upon application if the director determines that such a grant is in the best interest of the trust beneficiaries.

R850-40-900. Conveyance Documents.

1. Each easement shall contain provisions necessary to ensure responsible surface management, including, the following provisions: the rights of the grantee, rights reserved to the grantor; the term of the easement; payment obligations; reporting of technical and financial data; reservation for mineral exploration and development and other compatible uses; operation requirements; grantee's consent to suit in any dispute arising under the terms of the easement or as a result of operations carried on under the easement; procedures of notification; transfers of easement interest by grantee; terms and conditions of easement forfeiture; and protection of the Trust Lands Administration from liability from all actions of the grantee.

2. In addition to the requirements of R850-40-900(1), conservation easements shall specify the resource(s) which is being protected and the conditions under which the conservation easement may be terminated.

R850-40-1000. Bonding Provisions.

1. Prior to the issuance of an easement, or for good cause shown at any time during the term of the easement, upon 30 days written notice, the applicant or grantee, as the case may be, may be required to post with the agency a bond in the form and amount as may be determined by the agency to assure compliance with all terms and conditions of the easement.

2. All bonds posted on easements may be used for payment of all monies due to the agency for costs of reclamation and compliance with all other terms and conditions of the easement, and rules pertaining to the easement. The bond shall be in effect even if the grantee has conveyed all or part of the easement interest to a sublessee, assignee, or subsequent operator until the grantee fully satisfies the easement obligations, or until the bond is replaced with a new bond posted by the sublessee or assignee.

3. Bonds may be increased in reasonable amounts, at any time as the agency may decide, provided grantor first gives grantee 30 days' written notice stating the increase and the reason(s) for the increase.

4. Bonds may be accepted in any of the following forms at the discretion of the agency:

(a) Surety bond with an approved corporate surety registered in Utah.

(b) Cash deposit. However, Trust Lands Administration will not be responsible for any investment returns on cash deposits.

(c) Other forms of surety as may be acceptable to the agency.

R850-40-1100. Conflict of Use.

The agency reserves the right to issue non-exclusive easements or leases, or to dispose of the property by sale or exchange, on land encumbered by existing easements.

R850-40-1200. Amendments.

Any holder of an existing easement desiring to change any of the terms of, or the alignment described in the grant shall make application following the same procedure as is used to

make an application for a new easement. An amendment fee pursuant to R850-4 must accompany the amendment request.

R850-40-1300. Renewal of Easement.

Prior to the expiration date of any easement, an application may be submitted for a renewal of the grant upon payment of the consideration as may then be required.

R850-40-1400. Removal of Sand and Gravel.

The removal of ordinary sand and gravel or similar materials from the land by grantee is not permitted except when the grantee has applied for and received a materials purchase permit.

R850-40-1500. Removal of Trees.

Forest products shall not be cut or removed from the easement unless and until a small forest product permit or a timber contract as provided for in agency rules has been obtained.

R850-40-1600. Easement Assignments.

1. An easement may be assigned to any person, firm, association, or corporation qualified under R850-3-200, provided that:

(a) the assignment is approved by the agency;

(b) if the easement term is perpetual, the easement shall be amended so that the term is 30 years beginning as of the original effective date. However, if the remaining number of years on an easement so amended is less than 15 years, the ending date of the easement shall be set so that there will be 15 years remaining in the easement; and

(c) payment is made of either:

i) the difference between what was originally paid for the easement and what the agency would charge for the easement at the time the application for assignment is submitted, or

ii) an alternate fee established by, and at the discretion of, the director. In allowing for any alternate fee the director may consider the following factors:

A) the fee established under R850-40-1600(1)(c)(i) would create an undue financial burden upon the applicant, or

B) the assignment facilitates an agency objective.

2. An assignment shall take effect the date of the approval of the assignment. On the effective date of any assignment, the assignee is bound by the terms of the easement to the same extent as if the assignee were the original grantee, any conditions in the assignment to the contrary notwithstanding.

3. An assignment must be a sufficient legal instrument, properly executed and acknowledged, and should clearly set forth the easement number, land involved, and the name and address of the assignee and, for the purpose of this rule shall include any agreement which transfers control of the easement to a third party.

4. An assignment shall be executed according to agency procedures.

5. An assignment is not effective until approval is given by the agency. Any assignment made without such approval is void.

R850-40-1700. Termination of Easement.

1. Any easement granted by the agency may be terminated in whole or in part for failure to comply with any term or condition of the conveyance document or applicable laws or rules.

2. Upon determination by the director that an easement is subject to termination pursuant to the terms of the grant or applicable laws or rules, the director shall issue an appropriate instrument terminating the easement.

R850-40-1800. Abandonment.

1. In order to facilitate the determination of an abandonment of easement, the grantee shall pay an administrative charge every three years during the term of the easement as provided in R850-4.

2. This administrative charge shall not be construed as rent.

3. In lieu of this charge, the agency may allow a grantee to pay a one-time negotiated charge.

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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.**R865-91. Income Tax.****R865-91-2. 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.

R865-91-3. Credit for Income Tax Paid by an Individual to Another State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-1003.

(1) A Utah resident taxpayer is required to report his entire state taxable income pursuant to Section 59-10-1003 even though part of the income may be from sources outside this state.

(2) Except to the extent allowed in Subsection (4), a resident taxpayer may claim the credit provided in Section 59-10-1003 by:

(a) filing a resident Utah return showing the computation of tax based on total income before any credit for taxes in another state;

(b) completing form TC-40A, Credit For Income Tax Paid To Another State, for each state for which a credit is claimed; and

(c) attaching any schedule completed under Subsection (2)(b) to the individual income tax return.

(3) 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, Credit For Income 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.

(4) 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 59-10-1003 by:

(a) filing a resident Utah return showing the computation of tax based on total income before any credit for taxes in another state; and

(b) 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.

(5) The credit allowable on the Utah return for taxes paid to any other state shall be the smaller of the following:

(a) the amount of tax paid to the other state; or

(b) 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.

(6) A taxpayer claiming a credit under Section 59-10-1003 shall retain records to support the credit claimed.

R865-91-6. 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.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), 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:

(a) state taxable income as follows:

(i) Determine the amount of the total federal adjusted gross income ("FAGI") pertaining to each spouse. Any adjustments that apply to both spouses shall be divided between the spouses in proportion to the respective incomes of the spouses.

(ii) Allocate a portion of each deduction and add back item described in Section 59-10-114 to each spouse by:

(A) dividing each spouse's FAGI by the combined FAGI of both spouses, and rounding the resulting percentage to four decimal places; and

(B) multiplying the resulting percentage by any deductions and add back items described in Section 59-10-114; and

(b)(i) shares of the taxpayer tax credit authorized in Section 59-10-1018 by multiplying the percentage calculated under Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(A) by the:

(A) itemized or standard deduction; and

(B) state exemption for dependents.

(ii) For purposes of Subsection (1)(b)(i), each spouse shall claim his or her full state personal exemption.

(2) 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 Subsection (1) if they can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commission that the alternate method more accurately reflects their separate state taxable incomes.

R865-91-7. 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.

R865-91-8. 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.

R865-91-9. 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.

R865-91-10. 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.

R865-91-13. Nonresident's Share of Pass-Through Entity Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-116, 59-10-117, 59-10-118, 59-10-1403.2, and 59-10-1405.

(1) The provisions of this rule apply to a pass-through entity that is not an S corporation. For provisions that apply to a pass-through entity that is an S corporation, see rule R865-91-56.

(2) A schedule shall be included with the return listing all of the following information for each nonresident pass-through entity taxpayer:

(a) name;

(b) address;

(c) social security number;

(d) percentage of ownership in pass-through entity;

(e) Utah income attributable to that pass-through entity taxpayer.

(3) A pass-through entity shall calculate the tax it withholds on behalf of its nonresident pass-through entity

taxpayers by:

(a) multiplying the income of the pass-through entity attributable to nonresident pass-through entity taxpayers by the tax rate in effect under Section 59-10-104; and

(b) subtracting from the amount calculated in Subsection (3)(a) any amounts withheld from the pass-through entity under Section 59-6-102 attributable to nonresident pass-through entity taxpayers.

(4) The pass-through entity'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.

R865-91-21. 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.

R865-91-22. 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.

R865-91-23. 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.

R865-91-24. 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.

R865-91-30. 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.

R865-91-33. 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.

R865-91-34. 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.

R865-91-37. Enterprise Zone Individual Income Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 63M-1-401 through 63M-1-414.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Based" means exclusively stored or maintained at a facility owned by the taxpayer:

(i) that is designed, constructed, and used to store or maintain equipment:

(A) that is transported outside of the enterprise zone; and

(B) for which the credit is taken;

(ii) where the equipment is located when it is not being used at facilities outside the enterprise zone, as evidenced by invoices, equipment logs, photographs, or similar documentation; and

(iii) from where the use of the equipment is directed or managed.

(b) "Business engaged in retail trade" means a business that makes a retail sale as defined in Section 59-12-102.

(c) "Construction work" does not include facility maintenance or repair work.

(d) "Employee" means a person who qualifies as an employee under Internal Revenue Service Regulation 26 CFR 31.3401(c)(1).

(e) "Public utilities business" means a public utility under Section 54-2-1.

(f) "Taxpayer" means the person claiming the tax credits in section 63M-1-413.

(g) "Transfer" pursuant to Section 63M-1-411, means the relocation of assets and operations of a business, including personnel, plant, property, and equipment.

(2) For purposes of the investment tax credit, an investment is a qualifying investment if the plant, equipment, or other depreciable property for which the credit is taken is:

(a)(i) located within the boundaries of the enterprise zone; and

(ii) used exclusively in business operations conducted

within the enterprise zone or

(b) in the case of equipment or other depreciable property, based in the enterprise zone.

(3) The following examples relate to the investment tax credit.

(a) A furniture manufacturer operates a manufacturing facility that is located in an enterprise zone. The manufacturer purchases two trucks that are used exclusively at the facility and used to pick up raw materials from suppliers, some or all of whom may be outside the enterprise zone, and to deliver finished product to final customers, some or all of whom may be outside the enterprise zone. The trucks qualify for the investment tax credit because they are used exclusively in a business operation, the furniture manufacturing facility, that is located within the enterprise zone, even if they are stored or maintained at a facility located outside of the enterprise zone.

(b) If the same manufacturer described in Subsection (4)(a) had two facilities, one located within the enterprise zone, and one located outside the enterprise zone, and used the same two trucks for the same purposes for both facilities. The trucks are not based at a facility in the enterprise zone. The trucks would not qualify for the investment tax credit because they are not used exclusively at the facility located within the enterprise zone, and are not based in the enterprise zone.

(c) A business consists of a mine office located in an enterprise zone and a mine located outside the enterprise zone. Mining equipment is used exclusively at the mine and is not based in the enterprise zone. The business may claim the investment tax credit for plant, equipment, or other depreciable property located in the mine office, but not for plant, equipment, or other depreciable property used in the mine outside the enterprise zone.

(d) A business purchases equipment such as an oil rig, which is transported outside the enterprise zone to service facilities such as oil fields. If the use of the equipment is directed or managed from the enterprise zone and the equipment returns to a facility, within the enterprise zone, that is owned by the business for regular maintenance or storage, the equipment is based in the enterprise zone and therefore qualifies for the investment tax credit.

(e) The same business described in Subsection (4)(d) purchases equipment that is primarily stored or maintained at facilities that are located outside of the enterprise zone, but which may be occasionally stored or maintained in the enterprise zone. This equipment would not be based in the enterprise zone, and would not qualify for the investment tax credit, even if the business has other facilities in the enterprise zone.

(4) The calculation of the number of full-time positions for purposes of the credits allowed under Subsections 63M-1-413(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.

(5) 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.

(6) A business firm that conducts non-retail operations and is engaged in retail trade qualifies for the credits under Section 63M-1-413 if the retail trade operations constitute a de minimis portion of the business firm's total operations.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

R865-91-41. Historic Preservation Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-1006.

(1) Definitions

(a) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, and permit fees.

(b) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" does not include movable furnishings.

(c) "Residential" as used in Section 59-10-1006 applies only to the use of the building after the project is completed.

(2) 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.

(3) Rehabilitation work must receive a unique certification number from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

(4) In order to receive final certification and be issued a unique certification number for the project, the following conditions must be satisfied:

(a) The project approved under Subsection (2) must be completed.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) Projects must be completed, and the \$10,000 expenditure threshold required by Section 59-10-1006 must be met, within 36 months of the approval received pursuant to Subsection (2).

(e) 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.

(5) Upon issuing a certification number under Subsection (4), the State Historic Preservation Office shall provide the taxpayer an authorization form containing that certification number.

(6) Credit amounts shall be applied against Utah individual income tax due in the tax year in which the project receives final certification under Subsection (4).

(7) 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 59-10-1006.

(8) 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.

(9) Original records supporting the credit claimed must be maintained for three years following the date the return was filed claiming the credit.

R865-91-42. Order of Credits Applied Against Utah

Individual Income Tax Due Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-6-102, 59-13-202, Title 59, Chapter 10, and 63M-1-413.

Taxpayers shall deduct credits authorized by Sections, 59-6-102, 59-13-202, Title 59, Chapter 10, and 63M-1-413 against Utah individual income tax due in the following order:

- (1) nonrefundable credits;
- (2) nonrefundable credits with a carryforward;
- (3) refundable credits.

R865-91-44. 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 Administration Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 31A-32a-106, 59-10-114, and 59-10-1021.

(1) 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.

(2) 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:

(a) the beginning balance in the account;

(b) the amount contributed to the account;

(c) the account's earnings;

(d) distributions for qualified medical expenses;

(e) distributions for non-medical expenses not subject to penalty;

(f) distributions for non-medical expenses subject to penalty;

(g) the amount of penalty required to be withheld and remitted to the state;

(h) the account administrator's administrative fee charged to the account; and

(i) the ending balance in the account.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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-49. Higher Education Savings Incentive Program Administration Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 53B-8a-112, 59-10-114, and 59-10-1017.

(1) "Trust" means the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust created pursuant to Section 53B-8a-103.

(2) 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 account owner. The TC-675H shall contain the following information for the calendar year:

(a) the amount contributed to the trust by the account owner; and

(b) the amount disbursed to the account owner pursuant to Section 53B-8a-109.

(3) 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.

(4) The trustee of the trust shall provide each trust account owner 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.

(5) 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 Adjusted Gross Income for Interest Earned on Bonds, Notes, and Other Evidences of Indebtedness Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-114.

The addition to adjusted gross 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:

(1) interest on individual bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness purchased by a resident or nonresident individual on or after January 1, 2003; and

(2) 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.

R865-9I-52. Credit For Health Benefit Plan Insurance Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-1023.

A credit for health benefit plan insurance under Section 59-10-1023 shall be determined in the manner that provides the greatest possible credit.

R865-9I-53. Disclosure of Reportable Transactions and Material Advisor List Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-1301 through 59-1-1309.

(1) A taxpayer shall disclose a reportable transaction to the commission by:

(a) marking the box on the taxpayer's individual income tax return indicating that the taxpayer has filed federal form 8886, or successor form, with the Internal Revenue Service; and

(b) providing the commission a copy of the form described in Subsection (1)(a) upon the request of the commission.

(2)(a) A material advisor shall disclose a reportable transaction to the commission by attaching a copy of the federal form 8264, or successor form, and any additional information that the material advisor submitted to the Internal Revenue Service, to the form prescribed by the commission.

(b) A material advisor shall provide the commission the information described in Subsection (2)(a) within 60 days after the form 8264, or successor form, was required to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

(3)(a) The list of persons a material advisor is required to maintain under 26 C.F.R. Sec. 301.6112-1 shall satisfy the requirement for the list of persons a material advisor is required to maintain under Section 59-1-1307.

(b) If more than one material advisor is required to maintain a list of persons in accordance with Section 59-1-1307, the material advisor that maintained the list required by 26 C.F.R. Sec. 301.6112-1 shall maintain the list required by Section 59-1-1307.

R865-9I-54. Renewable Energy Credit Amount Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-1014 and 59-10-1106.

An amount certified by the Utah State Energy Program under rule R638-2, Renewable Energy Systems Tax Credit, as qualifying for the tax credit under Sections 59-10-1014 or 59-10-1106 shall, in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation, be the amount allowed by the commission as a credit under those sections.

R865-9I-55. Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiaries Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-1403.

(1) "Qualified subchapter S subsidiary" is as defined in Section 1361(b), Internal Revenue Code.

(2) For purposes of Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 14, a pass-through entity that is 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.

(3) A pass-through entity that is 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.

(4) For purposes of Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 14:

(a) 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

(b) 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.

(5) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the apportionment fraction for a pass-through entity that is 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.

R865-9I-56. Determination of Amounts Withheld by a Pass-Through Entity that is an S Corporation Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-116, 59-10-117, 59-10-118, 59-10-1403.2, and 59-10-1405.

(1) The provisions of this rule apply to a pass-through entity that is an S corporation. For provisions that apply to a pass-through entity that is not an S corporation, see rule R865-9I-13.

(2) A pass-through entity that is an S corporation with nonresident shareholders shall complete Schedule N of form TC-20S, and shall provide the following information for each nonresident pass-through entity taxpayer:

- (a) name;
- (b) address;
- (c) social security number;
- (d) percentage of S corporation held; and
- (e) amount of Utah tax paid or withheld on behalf of that pass-through entity taxpayer.

(3) The income of a pass-through entity that is an S corporation 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;
- (ii) total foreign taxes paid or accrued; and
- (iii) recapture of a benefit derived from a deduction under Section 179, Internal Revenue Code; or

(b) if the pass-through entity that is an 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.

(4) A pass-through entity that is an S corporation shall calculate the tax it withholds on behalf of its nonresident pass-through entity taxpayers by:

- (a) multiplying the income of the pass-through entity by the rate in effect under Section 59-10-104; and
- (b) subtracting from the amount calculated in Subsection (4)(a) any amounts withheld under Section 59-6-102.

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R884. Tax Commission, Property Tax.**R884-24P. Property Tax.****R884-24P-5. Abatement or Deferral of Property Taxes of Indigent Persons Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-1107 through 59-2-1109 and 59-2-1202(5).**

A. "Household income" includes net rents, interest, retirement income, welfare, social security, and all other sources of cash income.

B. Absence from the residence due to vacation, confinement to hospital, or other similar temporary situation shall not be deducted from the ten-month residency requirement of Section 59-2-1109(3)(a)(ii).

C. Written notification shall be given to any applicant whose application for abatement or deferral is denied.

R884-24P-7. Assessment of Mining Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.**A. Definitions.**

1. "Allowable costs" means those costs reasonably and necessarily incurred to own and operate a productive mining property and bring the minerals or finished product to the customary or implied point of sale.

a) Allowable costs include: salaries and wages, payroll taxes, employee benefits, workers compensation insurance, parts and supplies, maintenance and repairs, equipment rental, tools, power, fuels, utilities, water, freight, engineering, drilling, sampling and assaying, accounting and legal, management, insurance, taxes (including severance, property, sales/use, and federal and state income taxes), exempt royalties, waste disposal, actual or accrued environmental cleanup, reclamation and remediation, changes in working capital (other than those caused by increases or decreases in product inventory or other nontaxable items), and other miscellaneous costs.

b) For purposes of the discounted cash flow method, allowable costs shall include expected future capital expenditures in addition to those items outlined in A.1.a).

c) For purposes of the capitalized net revenue method, allowable costs shall include straight-line depreciation of capital expenditures in addition to those items outlined in A.1.a).

d) Allowable costs does not include interest, depletion, depreciation other than allowed in A.1.c), amortization, corporate overhead other than allowed in A.1.a), or any expenses not related to the ownership or operation of the mining property being valued.

e) To determine applicable federal and state income taxes, straight line depreciation, cost depletion, and amortization shall be used.

2. "Asset value" means the value arrived at using generally accepted cost approaches to value.

3. "Capital expenditure" means the cost of acquiring property, plant, and equipment used in the productive mining property operation and includes:

- a) purchase price of an asset and its components;
- b) transportation costs;
- c) installation charges and construction costs; and
- d) sales tax.

4. "Constant or real dollar basis" means cash flows or net revenues used in the discounted cash flow or capitalized net revenue methods, respectively, prepared on a basis where inflation or deflation are adjusted back to the lien date. For this purpose, inflation or deflation shall be determined using the gross domestic product deflator produced by the Congressional Budget Office, or long-term inflation forecasts produced by reputable analysts, other similar sources, or any combination thereof.

5. "Discount rate" means the rate that reflects the current yield requirements of investors purchasing comparable properties in the mining industry, taking into account the

industry's current and projected market, financial, and economic conditions.

6. "Economic production" means the ability of the mining property to profitably produce and sell product, even if that ability is not being utilized.

7. "Exempt royalties" means royalties paid to this state or its political subdivisions, an agency of the federal government, or an Indian tribe.

8. "Expected annual production" means the economic production from a mine for each future year as estimated by an analysis of the life-of-mine mining plan for the property.

9. "Fair market value" is as defined in Section 59-2-102.

10. "Federal and state income taxes" mean regular taxes based on income computed using the marginal federal and state income tax rates for each applicable year.

11. "Implied point of sale" means the point where the minerals or finished product change hands in the normal course of business.

12. "Net cash flow" for the discounted cash flow method means, for each future year, the expected product price multiplied by the expected annual production that is anticipated to be sold or self-consumed, plus related revenue cash flows, minus allowable costs.

13. "Net revenue" for the capitalized net revenue method means, for any of the immediately preceding five years, the actual receipts from the sale of minerals (or if self-consumed, the value of the self-consumed minerals), plus actual related revenue cash flows, minus allowable costs.

14. "Non-operating mining property" means a mine that has not produced in the previous calendar year and is not currently capable of economic production, or land held under a mineral lease not reasonably necessary in the actual mining and extraction process in the current mine plan.

15. "Productive mining property" means the property of a mine that is either actively producing or currently capable of having economic production. Productive mining property includes all taxable interests in real property, improvements and tangible personal property upon or appurtenant to a mine that are used for that mine in exploration, development, engineering, mining, crushing or concentrating, processing, smelting, refining, reducing, leaching, roasting, other processes used in the separation or extraction of the product from the ore or minerals and the processing thereof, loading for shipment, marketing and sales, environmental clean-up, reclamation and remediation, general and administrative operations, or transporting the finished product or minerals to the customary point of sale or to the implied point of sale in the case of self-consumed minerals.

16. "Product price" for each mineral means the price that is most representative of the price expected to be received for the mineral in future periods.

a) Product price is determined using one or more of the following approaches:

(1) an analysis of average actual sales prices per unit of production for the minerals sold by the taxpayer for up to five years preceding the lien date; or,

(2) an analysis of the average posted prices for the minerals, if valid posted prices exist, for up to five calendar years preceding the lien date; or,

(3) the average annual forecast prices for each of up to five years succeeding the lien date for the minerals sold by the taxpayer and one average forecast price for all years thereafter for those same minerals, obtained from reputable forecasters, mutually agreed upon between the Property Tax Division and the taxpayer.

b) If self-consumed, the product price will be determined by one of the following two methods:

(1) Representative unit sales price of like minerals. The representative unit sales price is determined from:

- (a) actual sales of like mineral by the taxpayer;
- (b) actual sales of like mineral by other taxpayers; or
- (c) posted prices of like mineral; or

(2) If a representative unit sales price of like minerals is unavailable, an imputed product price for the self-consumed minerals may be developed by dividing the total allowable costs by one minus the taxpayer's discount rate to adjust to a cost that includes profit, and dividing the resulting figure by the number of units mined.

17. "Related revenue cash flows" mean non-product related cash flows related to the ownership or operation of the mining property being valued. Examples of related revenue cash flows include royalties and proceeds from the sale of mining equipment.

18. "Self consumed minerals" means the minerals produced from the mining property that the mining entity consumes or utilizes for the manufacture or construction of other goods and services.

19. "Straight line depreciation" means depreciation computed using the straight line method applicable in calculating the regular federal tax. For this purpose, the applicable recovery period shall be seven years for depreciable tangible personal mining property and depreciable tangible personal property appurtenant to a mine, and 39 years for depreciable real mining property and depreciable real property appurtenant to a mine.

B. Valuation.

1. The discounted cash flow method is the preferred method of valuing productive mining properties. Under this method the taxable value of the mine shall be determined by:

- a) discounting the future net cash flows for the remaining life of the mine to their present value as of the lien date; and
- b) subtracting from that present value the fair market value, as of the lien date, of licensed vehicles and nontaxable items.

2. The mining company shall provide to the Property Tax Division an estimate of future cash flows for the remaining life of the mine. These future cash flows shall be prepared on a constant or real dollar basis and shall be based on factors including the life-of-mine mining plan for proven and probable reserves, existing plant in place, capital projects underway, capital projects approved by the mining company board of directors, and capital necessary for sustaining operations. All factors included in the future cash flows, or which should be included in the future cash flows, shall be subject to verification and review for reasonableness by the Property Tax Division.

3. If the taxpayer does not furnish the information necessary to determine a value using the discounted cash flow method, the Property Tax Division may use the capitalized net revenue method. This method is outlined as follows:

a) Determine annual net revenue, both net losses and net gains, from the productive mining property for each of the immediate past five years, or years in operation, if less than five years. Each year's net revenue shall be adjusted to a constant or real dollar basis.

b) Determine the average annual net revenue by summing the values obtained in B.3.a) and dividing by the number of operative years, five or less.

c) Divide the average annual net revenue by the discount rate to determine the fair market value of the entire productive mining property.

d) Subtract from the fair market value of the entire productive mining property the fair market value, as of the lien date, of licensed vehicles and nontaxable items, to determine the taxable value of the productive mining property.

4. The discount rate shall be determined by the Property Tax Division.

a) The discount rate shall be determined using the weighted average cost of capital method, a survey of reputable mining industry analysts, any other accepted methodology, or

any combination thereof.

b) If using the weighted average cost of capital method, the Property Tax Division shall include an after-tax cost of debt and of equity. The cost of debt will consider market yields. The cost of equity shall be determined by the capital asset pricing model, arbitrage pricing model, risk premium model, discounted cash flow model, a survey of reputable mining industry analysts, any other accepted methodology, or a combination thereof.

5. Where the discount rate is derived through the use of publicly available information of other companies, the Property Tax Division shall select companies that are comparable to the productive mining property. In making this selection and in determining the discount rate, the Property Tax Division shall consider criteria that includes size, profitability, risk, diversification, or growth opportunities.

6. A non-operating mine will be valued at fair market value consistent with other taxable property.

7. If, in the opinion of the Property Tax Division, these methods are not reasonable to determine the fair market value, the Property Tax Division may use other valuation methods to estimate the fair market value of a mining property.

8. The fair market value of a productive mining property may not be less than the fair market value of the land, improvements, and tangible personal property upon or appurtenant to the mining property. The mine value shall include all equipment, improvements and real estate upon or appurtenant to the mine. All other tangible property not appurtenant to the mining property will be separately valued at fair market value.

9. Where the fair market value of assets upon or appurtenant to the mining property is determined under the cost method, the Property Tax Division shall use the replacement cost new less depreciation approach. This approach shall consider the cost to acquire or build an asset with like utility at current prices using modern design and materials, adjusted for loss in value due to physical deterioration or obsolescence for technical, functional and economic factors.

C. When the fair market value of a productive mining property in more than one tax area exceeds the asset value, the fair market value will be divided into two components and apportioned as follows:

1. Asset value that includes machinery and equipment, improvements, and land surface values will be apportioned to the tax areas where the assets are located.

2. The fair market value less the asset value will give an income increment of value. The income increment will be apportioned as follows:

a) Divide the asset value by the fair market value to determine a quotient. Multiply the quotient by the income increment of value. This value will be apportioned to each tax area based on the percentage of the total asset value in that tax area.

b) The remainder of the income increment will be apportioned to the tax areas based on the percentage of the known mineral reserves according to the mine plan.

D. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 1998.

R884-24P-8. Security for Property Tax on Uranium and Vanadium Mines Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-211.

A. The security deposit allowed by Section 59-2-211 shall be requested from the mine owners or operators by giving notice in the manner required by Section 59-2-211. A list of mine owners and operators who have made lump sum security deposits with the Tax Commission will be furnished annually by the Tax Commission to any person, mill, buying station, or other legal entity receiving uranium or vanadium ore mined,

produced, or received from within Utah.

B. At the option of the mine owner or operator, within 30 days after receiving proper notice from the Tax Commission, or if the mine owner or operator has not complied with the request within the 30 day period, the Tax Commission may implement the following procedure:

1. Any person, mill, buying station, or other legal entity receiving uranium or vanadium ore mined, produced, or received from within Utah shall withhold 4 percent, or any higher amount set by the Tax Commission, of the gross proceeds due to the mine operator or owner.

2. All amounts withheld shall be remitted to the Tax Commission by the last day of April, July, October, and January for the immediately preceding calendar quarter, in the manner set forth by the Tax Commission.

3. Not later than the last day of February, owners or operators of uranium and vanadium mines who have not made lump sum security deposits with the Tax Commission shall be provided with a statement from the Tax Commission showing all security deposit amounts withheld from their gross proceeds during the previous calendar year.

4. The Tax Commission shall provide the county treasurers with a list of all uranium and vanadium mine owners and operators who have had security deposit amounts withheld. The county treasurers shall then advise the Tax Commission in writing of the amount of taxes due from each mine owner or operator on the Tax Commission's list.

5. Once all county treasurers have responded, the Tax Commission shall forward to each county treasurer the taxes due, or the pro rata portion thereof, to the extent taxes have been withheld and remitted to the Tax Commission.

a. Any amount withheld in excess of the total taxes due to all counties shall be refunded to the appropriate mine owner or operator by the Tax Commission.

b. If the amount withheld is not sufficient to pay the full amount of taxes due, the county treasurers shall collect the balance of taxes directly from the mine owner or operator.

R884-24P-10. Taxation of Underground Rights in Land That Contains Deposits of Oil or Gas Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-201 and 59-2-210.

A. Definitions.

1. "Person" is as defined in Section 68-3-12.

2. "Working interest owner" means the owner of an interest in oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon substances burdened with a share of the expenses of developing and operating the property.

3. "Unit operator" means a person who operates all producing wells in a unit.

4. "Independent operator" means a person operating an oil or gas producing property not in a unit.

5. One person can, at the same time, be a unit operator, a working interest owner, and an independent operator and must comply with all requirements of this rule based upon the person's status in the respective situations.

6. "Expected annual production" means the future economic production of an oil and gas property as estimated by the Property Tax Division using decline curve analysis. Expected annual production does not include production used on the same well, lease, or unit for the purpose of repressuring or pressure maintenance.

7. "Product price" means:

a) Oil: The weighted average posted price for the calendar year preceding January 1, specific for the field in which the well is operating as designated by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. The weighted average posted price is determined by weighing each individual posted price based on the number of days it was posted during the year, adjusting for gravity, transportation, escalation, or deescalation.

b) Gas:

(1) If sold under contract, the price shall be the stated price as of January 1, adjusted for escalation and deescalation.

(2) If sold on the spot market or to a direct end-user, the price shall be the average price received for the 12-month period immediately preceding January 1, adjusted for escalation and deescalation.

8. "Future net revenue" means annual revenues less costs of the working interests and royalty interest.

9. "Revenue" means expected annual gross revenue, calculated by multiplying the product price by expected annual production for the remaining economic life of the property.

10. "Costs" means expected annual allowable costs applied against revenue of cost-bearing interests:

a) Examples of allowable costs include management salaries; labor; payroll taxes and benefits; workers' compensation insurance; general insurance; taxes (excluding income and property taxes); supplies and tools; power; maintenance and repairs; office; accounting; engineering; treatment; legal fees; transportation; miscellaneous; capital expenditures; and the imputed cost of self consumed product.

b) Interest, depreciation, or any expense not directly related to the unit will shall not be included as allowable costs.

11. "Production asset" means any asset located at the well site that is used to bring oil or gas products to a point of sale or transfer of ownership.

B. The discount rate shall be determined by the Property Tax Division using methods such as the weighted cost of capital method.

1. The cost of debt shall consider market yields. The cost of equity shall be determined by the capital asset pricing model, risk premium model, discounted cash flow model, a combination thereof, or any other accepted methodology.

2. The discount rate shall reflect the current yield requirements of investors purchasing similar properties, taking into consideration income, income taxes, risk, expenses, inflation, and physical and locational characteristics.

3. The discount rate shall contain the same elements as the expected income stream.

C. Assessment Procedures.

1. Underground rights in lands containing deposits of oil or gas and the related tangible property shall be assessed by the Property Tax Division in the name of the unit operator, the independent operator, or other person as the facts may warrant.

2. The taxable value of underground oil and gas rights shall be determined by discounting future net revenues to their present value as of the lien date of the assessment year and then subtracting the value of applicable exempt federal, state, and Indian royalty interests.

3. The reasonable taxable value of productive underground oil and gas rights shall be determined by the methods described in C.2. of this rule or such other valuation method that the Tax Commission believes to be reasonably determinative of the property's fair market value.

4. The value of the production assets shall be considered in the value of the oil and gas reserves as determined in C.2. above. Any other tangible property shall be separately valued at fair market value by the Property Tax Division.

5. The minimum value of the property shall be the value of the production assets.

D. Collection by Operator.

1. The unit operator may request the Property Tax Division to separately list the value of the working interest, and the value of the royalty interest on the Assessment Record. When such a request is made, the unit operator is responsible to provide the Property Tax Division with the necessary information needed to compile this list. The unit operator may make a reasonable estimate of the ad valorem tax liability for a given period and may withhold funds from amounts due to

royalty. Withheld funds shall be sufficient to ensure payment of the ad valorem tax on each fractional interest according to the estimate made.

a) If a unit operating agreement exists between the unit operator and the fractional working interest owners, the unit operator may withhold or collect the tax according to the terms of that agreement.

b) In any case, the unit operator and the fractional interest owner may make agreements or arrangements for withholding or otherwise collecting this tax. This may be done whether or not that practice is consistent with the preceding paragraphs so long as all requirements of the law are met. When a fractional interest owner has had funds withheld to cover the estimated ad valorem tax liability and the operator fails to remit such taxes to the county when due, the fractional interest owner shall be indemnified from any further ad valorem tax liability to the extent of the withholding.

c) The unit operator shall compare the amount withheld to the taxes actually due, and return any excess amount to the fractional interest owner within 60 days after the delinquent date of the tax. At the request of the fractional interest owner the excess may be retained by the unit operator and applied toward the fractional interest owner's tax liability for the subsequent year.

2. The penalty provided for in Section 59-2-210 is intended to ensure collection by the county of the entire tax due. Any unit operator who has paid this county imposed penalty, and thereafter collects from the fractional interest holders any part of their tax due, may retain those funds as reimbursement against the penalty paid.

3. Interest on delinquent taxes shall be assessed as set forth in Section 59-2-1331.

4. Each unit operator may be required to submit to the Property Tax Division a listing of all fractional interest owners and their interests upon specific request of the Property Tax Division. Working interest owners, upon request, shall be required to submit similar information to unit operators.

R884-24P-14. Valuation of Real Property Encumbered by Preservation Easements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-303.

A. The assessor shall take into consideration any preservation easements attached to historically significant real property and structures when determining the property's value.

B. After the preservation easement has been recorded with the county recorder, the property owner of record shall submit to the county assessor and the Tax Commission a notice of the preservation easement containing the following information:

1. the property owner's name;
2. the address of the property; and
3. the serial number of the property.

C. The county assessor shall review the property and incorporate any value change due to the preservation easement in the following year's assessment roll.

R884-24P-16. Assessment of Interlocal Cooperation Act Project Entity Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 11-13-302.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Utah fair market value" means the fair market value of that portion of the property of a project entity located within Utah upon which the fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax may be calculated.

(b) "Fee" means the annual fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax payable by a project entity pursuant to Section 11-13-302.

(c) "Energy supplier" means an entity that purchases any capacity, service or other benefit of a project to provide electrical service.

(d) "Exempt energy supplier" means an energy supplier whose tangible property is exempted by Article XIII, Sec. 3 of the Constitution of Utah from the payment of ad valorem property tax.

(e) "Optimum operating capacity" means the capacity at which a project is capable of operating on a sustained basis taking into account its design, actual operating history, maintenance requirements, and similar information from comparable projects, if any. The determination of the projected and actual optimum operating capacities of a project shall recognize that projects are not normally operated on a sustained basis at 100 percent of their designed or actual capacities and that the optimum level for operating a project on a sustained basis may vary from project to project.

(f) "Property" means any electric generating facilities, transmission facilities, distribution facilities, fuel facilities, fuel transportation facilities, water facilities, land, water or other existing facilities or tangible property owned by a project entity and required for the project which, if owned by an entity required to pay ad valorem property taxes, would be subject to assessment for ad valorem tax purposes.

(g) "Sold," for the purpose of interpreting Subsection (4), means the first sale of the capacity, service, or other benefit produced by the project without regard to any subsequent sale, resale, or lay-off of that capacity, service, or other benefit.

(h) "Taxing jurisdiction" means a political subdivision of this state in which any portion of the project is located.

(i) All definitions contained in Section 11-13-103 apply to this rule.

(2) The Tax Commission shall determine the fair market value of the property of each project entity. Fair market value shall be based upon standard appraisal theory and shall be determined by correlating estimates derived from the income and cost approaches to value described below.

(a) The income approach to value requires the imputation of an income stream and a capitalization rate. The income stream may be based on recognized indicators such as average income, weighted income, trended income, present value of future income streams, performance ratios, and discounted cash flows. The imputation of income stream and capitalization rate shall be derived from the data of other similarly situated companies. Similarity shall be based on factors such as location, fuel mix, customer mix, size and bond ratings. Estimates may also be imputed from industry data generally. Income data from similarly situated companies will be adjusted to reflect differences in governmental regulatory and tax policies.

(b) The cost approach to value shall consist of the total of the property's net book value of the project's property. This total shall then be adjusted for obsolescence if any.

(c) In addition to, and not in lieu of, any adjustments for obsolescence made pursuant to Subsection (2)(b), a phase-in adjustment shall be made to the assessed valuation of any new project or expansion of an existing project on which construction commenced by a project entity after January 1, 1989 as follows:

(i) During the period the new project or expansion is valued as construction work in process, its assessed valuation shall be multiplied by the percentage calculated by dividing its projected production as of the projected date of completion of construction by its projected optimum operating capacity as of that date.

(ii) Once the new project or expansion ceases to be valued as construction work in progress, its assessed valuation shall be multiplied by the percentage calculated by dividing its actual production by its actual optimum operating capacity. After the new project or expansion has sustained actual production at its optimum operating capacity during any tax year, this percentage shall be deemed to be 100 percent for the remainder of its useful

life.

(3) If portions of the property of the project entity are located in states in addition to Utah and those states do not apply a unit valuation approach to that property, the fair market value of the property allocable to Utah shall be determined by computing the cost approach to value on the basis of the net book value of the property located in Utah and imputing an estimated income stream based solely on the value of the Utah property as computed under the cost approach. The correlated value so determined shall be the Utah fair market value of the property.

(4) Before fixing and apportioning the Utah fair market value of the property to the respective taxing jurisdictions in which the property, or a portion thereof is located, the Utah fair market value of the property shall be reduced by the percentage of the capacity, service, or other benefit sold by the project entity to exempt energy suppliers.

(5) For purposes of calculating the amount of the fee payable under Section 11-13-302(3), the percentage of the project that is used to produce the capacity, service or other benefit sold shall be deemed to be 100 percent, subject to adjustments provided by this rule, from the date the project is determined to be commercially operational.

(6) In computing its tax rate pursuant to the formula specified in Section 59-2-924(2), each taxing jurisdiction in which the project property is located shall add to the amount of its budgeted property tax revenues the amount of any credit due to the project entity that year under Section 11-13-302(3), and shall divide the result by the sum of the taxable value of all property taxed, including the value of the project property apportioned to the jurisdiction, and further adjusted pursuant to the requirements of Section 59-2-924.

(7) Subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) are retroactive to the lien date of January 1, 1984. Subsection (2)(c) is effective as of the lien date of January 1, 1989. The remainder of this rule is retroactive to the lien date of January 1, 1988.

R884-24P-17. Reappraisal of Real Property by County Assessors Pursuant to Utah Constitution, Article XIII, Subsection 11, and Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-303, 59-2-302, and 59-2-704.

A. The following standards shall be followed in sequence when performing a reappraisal of all classes of locally-assessed real property within a county.

1. Conduct a preliminary survey and plan.
- a) Compile a list of properties to be appraised by property class.
- b) Assemble a complete current set of ownership plats.
- c) Estimate personnel and resource requirements.
- d) Construct a control chart to outline the process.
2. Select a computer-assisted appraisal system and have the system approved by the Property Tax Division.
3. Obtain a copy of all probable transactions from the recorder's office for the three-year period ending on the effective date of reappraisal.
4. Perform a use valuation on agricultural parcels using the most recent set of aerial photographs covering the jurisdiction.
 - a) Perform a field review of all agricultural land, dividing up the land by agricultural land class.
 - b) Transfer data from the aerial photographs to the current ownership plats, and compute acreage by class on a per parcel basis.
 - c) Enter land class information and the calculated agricultural land use value on the appraisal form.
5. Develop a land valuation guideline.
6. Perform an appraisal on improved sold properties considering the three approaches to value.
7. Develop depreciation schedules and time-location modifiers by comparing the appraised value with the sale price

of sold properties.

8. Organize appraisal forms by proximity to each other and by geographical area. Insert sold property information into the appropriate batches.

9. Collect data on all nonsold properties.
10. Develop capitalization rates and gross rent multipliers.
11. Estimate the value of income-producing properties using the appropriate capitalization method.
12. Input the data into the automated system and generate preliminary values.
13. Review the preliminary figures and refine the estimate based on the applicable approaches to value.
14. Develop an outlier analysis program to identify and correct clerical or judgment errors.
15. Perform an assessment/sales ratio study. Include any new sale information.
16. Make a final review based on the ratio study including an analysis of variations in ratios. Make appropriate adjustments.
17. Calculate the final values and place them on the assessment role.
18. Develop and publish a sold properties catalog.
19. Establish the local Board of Equalization procedure.
20. Prepare and file documentation of the reappraisal program with the local Board of Equalization and Property Tax Division.

B. The Tax Commission shall provide procedural guidelines for implementing the above requirements.

R884-24P-19. Appraiser Designation Program Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-701 and 59-2-702.

(1) "State certified general appraiser," "state certified residential appraiser," "state licensed appraiser," and trainee are as defined in Section 61-2b-2.

(2) The ad valorem training and designation program consists of several courses and practica.

(a) Certain courses must be sanctioned by either the Appraiser Qualification Board of the Appraisal Foundation (AQB) or the Western States Association of Tax Administrators (WSATA).

(b) The courses comprising the basic designation program are:

- (i) Course 101 - Basic Appraisal Principles;
- (ii) Course 103 - Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (AQB);
- (iii) Course 501 - Assessment Practice in Utah;
- (iv) Course 502 - Mass Appraisal of Land;
- (v) Course 503 - Development and Use of Personal Property Schedules;
- (vi) Course 504 - Appraisal of Public Utilities and Railroads (WSATA); and
- (vii) Course 505 - Income Approach Application.

(3) Candidates must attend 90 percent of the classes in each course and pass the final examination for each course with a grade of 70 percent or more to be successful.

(4) There are four recognized ad valorem designations: ad valorem residential appraiser, ad valorem general real property appraiser, ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser, and ad valorem centrally assessed valuation analyst.

(a) These designations are granted only to individuals employed in a county assessor office or the Property Tax Division, working as appraisers, review appraisers, valuation auditors, or analysts/administrators providing oversight and direction to appraisers and auditors.

(b) An assessor, county employee, or state employee must hold the appropriate designation to value property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(5) Ad valorem residential appraiser.

(a) To qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 501 and 502;
 (ii) successfully complete a comprehensive residential field practicum; and

(iii) attain and maintain state licensed or state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the appraiser may value residential, vacant, and agricultural property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(6) Ad valorem general real property appraiser.

(a) In order to qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 501, 502, and 505;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive field practicum including residential and commercial properties; and

(iii) attain and maintain state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the appraiser may value all types of locally assessed real property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(7) Ad valorem personal property auditor/appraiser.

(a) To qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 101, 103, 501, and 503; and

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive auditing practicum.

(b) Upon designation, the auditor/appraiser may value locally assessed personal property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(8) Ad valorem centrally assessed valuation analyst.

(a) In order to qualify for this designation, an individual must:

(i) successfully complete courses 501 and 504;

(ii) successfully complete a comprehensive valuation practicum; and

(iii) attain and maintain state licensed or state certified appraiser status.

(b) Upon designation, the analyst may value centrally assessed property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

(9) If a candidate fails to receive a passing grade on a final examination, two re-examinations are allowed. If the re-examinations are not successful, the individual must retake the failed course. The cost to retake the failed course will not be borne by the Tax Commission.

(10) A practicum involves the appraisal or audit of selected properties. The candidate's supervisor must formally request that the Property Tax Division administer a practicum.

(a) Emphasis is placed on those types of properties the candidate will most likely encounter on the job.

(b) The practicum will be administered by a designated appraiser assigned from the Property Tax Division.

(11) An appraiser trainee referred to in Section 59-2-701 shall be designated an ad valorem associate if the appraiser trainee:

(a) has completed all education and practicum requirements for designation under Subsections (5), (6), or (8); and

(b) has not completed the non-education requirements for licensure or certification under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification.

(12) An individual holding a specified designation can qualify for other designations by meeting the additional requirements under Subsections (5), (6), (7), or (8).

(13)(a) Maintaining designated status for individuals designated under Subsection (7) requires completion of 14 hours of Tax Commission approved classroom work every two years.

(b) Maintaining designated status for individuals designated under Subsections (5), (6), and (8) requires maintaining their appraisal license or certification under Title 61, Chapter 2b, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification.

(14) Upon termination of employment from any Utah

assessment jurisdiction, or if the individual no longer works primarily as an appraiser, review appraiser, valuation auditor, or analyst/administrator in appraisal matters, designation is automatically revoked.

(a) Ad valorem designation status may be reinstated if the individual secures employment in any Utah assessment jurisdiction within four years from the prior termination.

(b) If more than four years elapse between termination and rehire, and:

(i) the individual has been employed in a closely allied field, then the individual may challenge the course examinations. Upon successfully challenging all required course examinations, the prior designation status will be reinstated; or

(ii) if the individual has not been employed in real estate valuation or a closely allied field, the individual must retake all required courses and pass the final examinations with a score of 70 percent or more.

(15) All appraisal work performed by Tax Commission designated appraisers shall meet the standards set forth in section 61-2b-27.

(16) If appropriate Tax Commission designations are not held by assessor's office personnel, the appraisal work must be contracted out to qualified private appraisers. An assessor's office may elect to contract out appraisal work to qualified private appraisers even if personnel with the appropriate designation are available in the office. If appraisal work is contracted out, the following requirements must be met:

(a) The private sector appraisers performing the contracted work must hold the state certified residential appraiser or state certified general appraiser license issued by the Division of Real Estate of the Utah Department of Commerce. Only state certified general appraisers may appraise nonresidential properties.

(b) All appraisal work shall meet the standards set forth in Section 61-2b-27.

(17) The completion and delivery of the assessment roll required under Section 59-2-311 is an administrative function of the elected assessor.

(a) There are no specific licensure, certification, or educational requirements related to this function.

(b) An elected assessor may complete and deliver the assessment roll as long as the valuations and appraisals included in the assessment roll were completed by persons having the required designations.

R884-24P-20. Construction Work in Progress Pursuant to Utah Constitution Art. XIII, Section 2 and Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-201 and 59-2-301.

A. For purposes of this rule:

1. Construction work in progress means improvements as defined in Section 59-2-102, and personal property as defined in Section 59-2-102, not functionally complete as defined in A.6.

2. Project means any undertaking involving construction, expansion or modernization.

3. "Construction" means:

a) creation of a new facility;

b) acquisition of personal property; or

c) any alteration to the real property of an existing facility other than normal repairs or maintenance.

4. Expansion means an increase in production or capacity as a result of the project.

5. Modernization means a change or contrast in character or quality resulting from the introduction of improved techniques, methods or products.

6. Functionally complete means capable of providing economic benefit to the owner through fulfillment of the purpose for which it was constructed. In the case of a cost-regulated utility, a project shall be deemed to be functionally

complete when the operating property associated with the project has been capitalized on the books and is part of the rate base of that utility.

7. Allocable preconstruction costs means expenditures associated with the planning and preparation for the construction of a project. To be classified as an allocable preconstruction cost, an expenditure must be capitalized.

8. Cost regulated utility means a power company, oil and gas pipeline company, gas distribution company or telecommunication company whose earnings are determined by a rate of return applied to rate base. Rate of return and rate base are set and approved by a state or federal regulatory commission.

9. Residential means single-family residences and duplex apartments.

10. Unit method of appraisal means valuation of the various physical components of an integrated enterprise as a single going concern. The unit method may employ one or more of the following approaches to value: the income approach, the cost approach, and the stock and debt approach.

B. All construction work in progress shall be valued at "full cash value" as described in this rule.

C. Discount Rates

For purposes of this rule, discount rates used in valuing all projects shall be determined by the Tax Commission, and shall be consistent with market, financial and economic conditions.

D. Appraisal of Allocable Preconstruction Costs.

1. If requested by the taxpayer, preconstruction costs associated with properties, other than residential properties, may be allocated to the value of the project in relation to the relative amount of total expenditures made on the project by the lien date. Allocation will be allowed only if the following conditions are satisfied by January 30 of the tax year for which the request is sought:

- a) a detailed list of preconstruction cost data is supplied to the responsible agency;
- b) the percent of completion of the project and the preconstruction cost data are certified by the taxpayer as to their accuracy.

2. The preconstruction costs allocated pursuant to D.1. of this rule shall be discounted using the appropriate rate determined in C. The discounted allocated value shall either be added to the values of properties other than residential properties determined under E.1. or shall be added to the values determined under the various approaches used in the unit method of valuation determined under F.

3. The preconstruction costs allocated under D. are subject to audit for four years. If adjustments are necessary after examination of the records, those adjustments will be classified as property escaping assessment.

E. Appraisal of Properties not Valued under the Unit Method.

1. The full cash value, projected upon completion, of all properties valued under this section, with the exception of residential properties, shall be reduced by the value of the allocable preconstruction costs determined D. This reduced full cash value shall be referred to as the "adjusted full cash value."

2. On or before January 1 of each tax year, each county assessor and the Tax Commission shall determine, for projects not valued by the unit method and which fall under their respective areas of appraisal responsibility, the following:

- a) The full cash value of the project expected upon completion.
- b) The expected date of functional completion of the project currently under construction.

(1) The expected date of functional completion shall be determined by the county assessor for locally assessed properties and by the Tax Commission for centrally-assessed properties.

c) The percent of the project completed as of the lien date.

(1) Determination of percent of completion for residential properties shall be based on the following percentage of completion:

- (a) 10 - Excavation-foundation
- (b) 30 - Rough lumber, rough labor
- (c) 50 - Roofing, rough plumbing, rough electrical, heating
- (d) 65 - Insulation, drywall, exterior finish
- (e) 75 - Finish lumber, finish labor, painting
- (f) 90 - Cabinets, cabinet tops, tile, finish plumbing, finish electrical
- (g) 100 - Floor covering, appliances, exterior concrete, misc.

(2) In the case of all other projects under construction and valued under this section the percent of completion shall be determined by the county assessor for locally assessed properties and by the Tax Commission for centrally-assessed properties.

3. Upon determination of the adjusted full cash value for nonresidential projects under construction or the full cash value expected upon completion of residential projects under construction, the expected date of completion, and the percent of the project completed, the assessor shall do the following:

- a) multiply the percent of the residential project completed by the total full cash value of the residential project expected upon completion; or in the case of nonresidential projects,
- b) multiply the percent of the nonresidential project completed by the adjusted full cash value of the nonresidential project;
- c) adjust the resulting product of E.3.a) or E.3.b) for the expected time of completion using the discount rate determined under C.

F. Appraisal of Properties Valued Under the Unit Method of Appraisal.

1. No adjustments under this rule shall be made to the income indicator of value for a project under construction that is owned by a cost-regulated utility when the project is allowed in rate base.

2. The full cash value of a project under construction as of January 1 of the tax year, shall be determined by adjusting the cost and income approaches as follows:

a) Adjustments to reflect the time value of money in appraising construction work in progress valued under the cost and income approaches shall be made for each approach as follows:

(1) Each company shall report the expected completion dates and costs of the projects. A project expected to be completed during the tax year for which the valuation is being determined shall be considered completed on January 1 or July 1, whichever is closest to the expected completion date. The Tax Commission shall determine the expected completion date for any project whose completion is scheduled during a tax year subsequent to the tax year for which the valuation is being made.

(2) If requested by the company, the value of allocable preconstruction costs determined in D. shall then be subtracted from the total cost of each project. The resulting sum shall be referred to as the adjusted cost value of the project.

(3) The adjusted cost value for each of the future years prior to functional completion shall be discounted to reflect the present value of the project under construction. The discount rate shall be determined under C.

(4) The discounted adjusted cost value shall then be added to the values determined under the income approach and cost approach.

b) No adjustment will be made to reflect the time value of money for a project valued under the stock and debt approach to value.

G. This rule shall take effect for the tax year 1985.

R884-24P-24. Form for Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-918 through 59-2-924.

(1) The county auditor must notify all real property owners of property valuation and tax changes on the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes form.

(a) If a county desires to use a modified version of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, a copy of the proposed modification must be submitted for approval to the Property Tax Division of the Tax Commission no later than March 1.

(i) Within 15 days of receipt, the Property Tax Division will issue a written decision, including justifications, on the use of the modified Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes.

(ii) If a county is not satisfied with the decision, it may petition for a hearing before the Tax Commission as provided in R861-1A-22.

(b) The Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, however modified, must contain the same information as the unmodified version. A property description may be included at the option of the county.

(2) The Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes must be completed by the county auditor in its entirety, except in the following circumstances:

(a) New property is created by a new legal description; or

(b) The status of the improvements on the property has changed.

(c) In instances where partial completion is allowed, the term nonapplicable will be entered in the appropriate sections of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes.

(d) If the county auditor determines that conditions other than those outlined in this section merit deletion, the auditor may enter the term "nonapplicable" in appropriate sections of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes only after receiving approval from the Property Tax Division in the manner described in Subsection (1).

(3) Real estate assessed under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1969 must be reported at full market value, with the value based upon Farmland Assessment Act rates shown parenthetically.

(4)(a) All completion dates specified for the disclosure of property tax information must be strictly observed.

(b) Requests for deviation from the statutory completion dates must be submitted in writing on or before June 1, and receive the approval of the Property Tax Division in the manner described in Subsection (1).

(5) If the proposed rate exceeds the certified rate, jurisdictions in which the fiscal year is the calendar year are required to hold public hearings even if budget hearings have already been held for that fiscal year.

(6) If the cost of public notice required under Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919 is greater than one percent of the property tax revenues to be received, an entity may combine its advertisement with other entities, or use direct mail notification.

(7) Calculation of the amount and percentage increase in property tax revenues required by Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919, shall be computed by comparing property taxes levied for the current year with property taxes collected the prior year, without adjusting for revenues attributable to new growth.

(8) If a taxing district has not completed the tax rate setting process as prescribed in Sections 59-2-919 and 59-2-920 by August 17, the county auditor must seek approval from the Tax Commission to use the certified rate in calculating taxes levied.

(9) The value of property subject to the uniform fee under Section 59-2-405 is excluded from taxable value for purposes of calculating new growth, the certified tax rate, and the proposed tax rate.

(10) The value and taxes of property subject to the uniform

fee under Section 59-2-405, as well as tax increment distributions and related taxable values of redevelopment renewal agencies, are excluded when calculating the percentage of property taxes collected as provided in Section 59-2-913.

(11) The following formulas and definitions shall be used in determining new growth:

(a) Actual new growth shall be computed as follows:

(i) the taxable value of property assessed by the commission and locally assessed real property for the current year adjusted for redevelopment minus year-end taxable value of property assessed by the commission and locally assessed real property for the previous year adjusted for redevelopment; then

(ii) plus or minus the difference between the taxable value of locally assessed personal property for the prior year adjusted for redevelopment and the year-end taxable value of locally assessed personal property for the year that is two years prior to the current year adjusted for redevelopment; then

(iii) plus or minus changes in value as a result of factoring; then

(iv) plus or minus changes in value as a result of reappraisal; then

(v) plus or minus any change in value resulting from a legislative mandate or court order.

(b) Net annexation value is the taxable value for the current year adjusted for redevelopment of all properties annexed into an entity during the previous calendar year minus the taxable value for the previous year adjusted for redevelopment for all properties annexed out of the entity during the previous calendar year.

(c) New growth is equal to zero for an entity with:

(i) an actual new growth value less than zero; and

(ii) a net annexation value greater than or equal to zero.

(d) New growth is equal to actual new growth for:

(i) an entity with an actual new growth value greater than or equal to zero; or

(ii) an entity with:

(A) an actual new growth value less than zero; and

(B) the actual new growth value is greater than or equal to the net annexation value.

(e) New growth is equal to the net annexation value for an entity with:

(i) a net annexation value less than zero; and

(ii) the actual new growth value is less than the net annexation value.

(f) Adjusted new growth equals new growth multiplied by the mean collection rate for the previous five years.

(12)(a) For purposes of determining the certified tax rate, ad valorem property tax revenues budgeted by a taxing entity for the prior year are calculated by:

(i) increasing or decreasing the adjustable taxable value from the prior year Report 697 by the average of the percentage net change in the value of taxable property for the equalization period for the three calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar year; and

(ii) multiplying the result obtained in Subsection (12)(a)(i) by:

(A) the percentage of property taxes collected for the five calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar year; and

(B) the prior year approved tax rate.

(b) If a taxing entity levied the prior year approved tax rate, the budgeted revenues determined under Subsection (12)(a) are reflected in the budgeted revenue column of the prior year Report 693.

(13) Entities required to set levies for more than one fund must compute an aggregate certified rate. The aggregate certified rate is the sum of the certified rates for individual funds for which separate levies are required by law. The

aggregate certified rate computation applies where:

(a) the valuation bases for the funds are contained within identical geographic boundaries; and

(b) the funds are under the levy and budget setting authority of the same governmental entity.

(14) For purposes of determining the certified tax rate of a municipality incorporated on or after July 1, 1996, the levy imposed for municipal-type services or general county purposes shall be the certified tax rate for municipal-type services or general county purposes, as applicable.

(15) No new entity, including a new city, may have a certified tax rate or levy a tax for any particular year unless that entity existed on the first day of that calendar year.

R884-24P-27. Standards for Assessment Level and Uniformity of Performance Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-704 and 59-2-704.5.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Coefficient of dispersion (COD)" means the average deviation of a group of assessment ratios taken around the median and expressed as a percent of that measure.

(b) "Coefficient of variation (COV)" means the standard deviation expressed as a percentage of the mean.

(c) "Division" means the Property Tax Division of the commission.

(d) "Nonparametric" means data samples that are not normally distributed.

(e) "Parametric" means data samples that are normally distributed.

(f) "Urban counties" means counties classified as first or second class counties pursuant to Section 17-50-501.

(2) The commission adopts the following standards of assessment performance.

(a) For assessment level in each property class, subclass, and geographical area in each county, the measure of central tendency shall meet one of the following measures.

(i) The measure of central tendency shall be within 10 percent of the legal level of assessment.

(ii) The 95 percent confidence interval of the measure of central tendency shall contain the legal level of assessment.

(b) For uniformity of the property assessments in each class of property for which a detailed review is conducted during the current year, the measure of dispersion shall be within the following limits.

(i) In urban counties:

(A) a COD of 15 percent or less for primary residential property, and 20 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property; and

(B) a COV of 19 percent or less for primary residential property, and 25 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property.

(ii) In rural counties:

(A) a COD of 20 percent or less for primary residential property, and 25 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property; and

(B) a COV of 25 percent or less for primary residential property, and 31 percent or less for commercial property, vacant land, and secondary residential property.

(iii) For a rural or small jurisdiction with limited development, or for a jurisdiction with a depressed market, the county assessor may petition the division for a five percentage point increase in the COD or COV for one year only. After sufficient examination, the division may determine that a one-year expansion of the COD or COV is appropriate.

(c) Statistical measures.

(i) The measure of central tendency shall be the mean for parametric samples and the median for nonparametric samples.

(ii) The measure of dispersion shall be the COV for parametric samples and the COD for nonparametric samples.

(iii) To achieve statistical accuracy in determining assessment level under Subsection (2)(a) and uniformity under Subsection (2)(b) for any property class, subclass, or geographical area, the minimum sample size shall consist of 10 or more ratios.

(3) Each year the division shall conduct and publish an assessment-to-sale ratio study to determine if each county complies with the standards in Subsection (2).

(a) To meet the minimum sample size, the study period may be extended.

(b) A smaller sample size may be used if:

(i) that sample size is at least 10 percent of the class or subclass population; or

(ii) both the division and the county agree that the sample may produce statistics that imply corrective action appropriate to the class or subclass of property.

(c) If the division, after consultation with the counties, determines that the sample size does not produce reliable statistical data, an alternate performance evaluation may be conducted, which may result in corrective action. The alternate performance evaluation shall include review and analysis of the following:

(i) the county's procedures for collection and use of market data, including sales, income, rental, expense, vacancy rates, and capitalization rates;

(ii) the county-wide land, residential, and commercial valuation guidelines and their associated procedures for maintaining current market values;

(iii) the accuracy and uniformity of the county's individual property data through a field audit of randomly selected properties; and

(iv) the county's level of personnel training, ratio of appraisers to parcels, level of funding, and other workload and resource considerations.

(d) All input to the sample used to measure performance shall be completed by March 31 of each study year.

(e) The division shall conduct a preliminary annual assessment-to-sale ratio study by April 30 of the study year, allowing counties to apply adjustments to their tax roll prior to the May 22 deadline.

(f) The division shall complete the final study immediately following the closing of the tax roll on May 22.

(4) The division shall order corrective action if the results of the final study do not meet the standards set forth in Subsection (2).

(a) Assessment level adjustments, or factor orders, shall be calculated by dividing the legal level of assessment by one of the following:

(i) the measure of central tendency, if the uniformity of the ratios meets the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b); or

(ii) the 95 percent confidence interval limit nearest the legal level of assessment, if the uniformity of the ratios does not meet the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b).

(b) Uniformity adjustments or other corrective action shall be ordered if the property fails to meet the standards outlined in Subsection (2)(b). (c) A corrective action order may contain language requiring a county to create, modify, or follow its five-year plan for a detailed review of property characteristics.

(d) All corrective action orders shall be issued by June 10 of the study year, or within five working days after the completion of the final study, whichever is later.

(5) The commission adopts the following procedures to insure compliance and facilitate implementation of ordered corrective action.

(a) Prior to the filing of an appeal, the division shall retain authority to correct errors and, with agreement of the affected county, issue amended orders or stipulate with the affected county to any appropriate alternative action without commission approval. Any stipulation by the division subsequent to an

appeal is subject to commission approval.

(b) A county receiving a corrective action order resulting from this rule may file and appeal with the commission pursuant to rule R861-1A-11.

(c) A corrective action order will become the final commission order if the county does not appeal in a timely manner, or does not prevail in the appeals process.

(d) The division may assist local jurisdictions to ensure implementation of any corrective action orders by the following deadlines.

(i) Factor orders shall be implemented in the current study year prior to the mailing of valuation notices.

(ii) Other corrective action shall be implemented prior to May 22 of the year following the study year.

(e) The division shall complete audits to determine compliance with corrective action orders as soon after the deadlines set forth in Subsection (5)(d) as practical. The division shall review the results of the compliance audit with the county and make any necessary adjustments to the compliance audit within 15 days of initiating the audit. These adjustments shall be limited to the analysis performed during the compliance audit and may not include review of the data used to arrive at the underlying factor order. After any adjustments, the compliance audit will then be given to the commission for any necessary action.

(f) The county shall be informed of any adjustment required as a result of the compliance audit.

R884-24P-28. Reporting Requirements For Leased or Rented Personal Property, Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-306.

A. The procedure set forth herein is required in reporting heavy equipment leased or rented during the tax year.

1. On forms or diskette provided by the Tax Commission, the owner of leased or rented heavy equipment shall file semi-annual reports with the Tax Commission for the periods January 1 through June 30, and July 1 through December 31 of each year. The reports shall contain the following information:

- a) a description of the leased or rented equipment;
- b) the year of manufacture and acquisition cost;
- c) a listing, by month, of the counties where the equipment has situs; and
- d) any other information required.

2. For purposes of this rule, situs is established when leased or rented equipment is kept in an area for thirty days. Once situs is established, any portion of thirty days during which that equipment stays in that area shall be counted as a full month of situs. In no case may situs exceed twelve months for any year.

3. The completed report shall be submitted to the Property Tax Division of the Tax Commission within thirty days after each reporting period.

- a) Noncompliance will require accelerated reporting.

R884-24P-29. Taxable Household Furnishings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1113.

A. Household furnishings, furniture, and equipment are subject to property taxation if:

1. the owner of the abode commonly receives legal consideration for its use, whether in the form of rent, exchange, or lease payments; or
2. the abode is held out as available for the rent, lease, or use by others.

R884-24P-32. Leasehold Improvements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-303.

A. The value of leasehold improvements shall be included in the value of the underlying real property and assessed to the owner of the underlying real property.

B. The combined valuation of leasehold improvements and underlying real property required in A. shall satisfy the requirements of Section 59-2-103(1).

C. The provisions of this rule shall not apply if the underlying real property is owned by an entity exempt from tax under Section 59-2-1101.

D. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 2000.

R884-24P-33. 2010 Personal Property Valuation Guides and Schedules Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-301.

(1) Definitions.

(a)(i) "Acquisition cost" does not include indirect costs such as debugging, licensing fees and permits, insurance, or security.

(ii) Acquisition cost may correspond to the cost new for new property, or cost used for used property.

(b)(i) "Actual cost" includes the value of components necessary to complete the vehicle, such as tanks, mixers, special containers, passenger compartments, special axles, installation, engineering, erection, or assembly costs.

(ii) Actual cost does not include sales or excise taxes, maintenance contracts, registration and license fees, dealer charges, tire tax, freight, or shipping costs.

(c) "Cost new" means the actual cost of the property when purchased new.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the Tax Commission and assessors shall rely on the following sources to determine cost new:

- (A) documented actual cost of the new or used vehicle; or
- (B) recognized publications that provide a method for approximating cost new for new or used vehicles.

(ii) For the following property purchased used, the taxing authority may determine cost new by dividing the property's actual cost by the percent good factor for that class:

- (A) class 6 heavy and medium duty trucks;
- (B) class 13 heavy equipment;
- (C) class 14 motor homes;
- (D) class 17 vessels equal to or greater than 31 feet in length; and
- (E) class 21 commercial trailers.

(d) For purposes of Sections 59-2-108 and 59-2-1115, "item of taxable tangible personal property" means a piece of equipment, machinery, furniture, or other piece of tangible personal property that is functioning at its highest and best use for the purpose it was designed and constructed and is generally capable of performing that function without being combined with other items of personal property. An item of taxable tangible personal property is not an individual component part of a piece of machinery or equipment, but the piece of machinery or equipment. For example, a fully functioning computer is an item of taxable tangible personal property, but the motherboard, hard drive, tower, or sound card are not.

(e) "Percent good" means an estimate of value, expressed as a percentage, based on a property's acquisition cost or cost new, adjusted for depreciation and appreciation of all kinds.

(i) The percent good factor is applied against the acquisition cost or the cost new to derive taxable value for the property.

(ii) Percent good schedules are derived from an analysis of the Internal Revenue Service Class Life, the Marshall and Swift Cost index, other data sources or research, and vehicle valuation guides such as Penton Price Digests.

(2) Each year the Property Tax Division shall update and publish percent good schedules for use in computing personal property valuation.

(a) Proposed schedules shall be transmitted to county assessors and interested parties for comment before adoption.

(b) A public comment period will be scheduled each year

and a public hearing will be scheduled if requested by ten or more interested parties or at the discretion of the Commission.

(c) County assessors may deviate from the schedules when warranted by specific conditions affecting an item of personal property. When a deviation will affect an entire class or type of personal property, a written report, substantiating the changes with verifiable data, must be presented to the Commission. Alternative schedules may not be used without prior written approval of the Commission.

(d) A party may request a deviation from the value established by the schedule for a specific item of property if the use of the schedule does not result in the fair market value for the property at the retail level of trade on the lien date, including any relevant installation and assemblage value.

(3) The provisions of this rule do not apply to:

(a) a vehicle subject to the age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.1;

(b) the following personal property subject to the age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.2:

- (i) an all-terrain vehicle;
- (ii) a camper;
- (iii) an other motorcycle;
- (iv) an other trailer;
- (v) a personal watercraft;
- (vi) a small motor vehicle;
- (vii) a snowmobile;
- (viii) a street motorcycle;
- (ix) a tent trailer;
- (x) a travel trailer; and
- (xi) a vessel, including an outboard motor of the vessel, that is less than 31 feet in length and

(c) an aircraft subject to the uniform statewide fee under Section 59-2-404.

(4) Other taxable personal property that is not included in the listed classes includes:

(a) Supplies on hand as of January 1 at 12:00 noon, including office supplies, shipping supplies, maintenance supplies, replacement parts, lubricating oils, fuel and consumable items not held for sale in the ordinary course of business. Supplies are assessed at total cost, including freight-in.

(b) Equipment leased or rented from inventory is subject to ad valorem tax. Refer to the appropriate property class schedule to determine taxable value.

(c) Property held for rent or lease is taxable, and is not exempt as inventory. For entities primarily engaged in rent-to-own, inventory on hand at January 1 is exempt and property out on rent-to-own contracts is taxable.

(5) Personal property valuation schedules may not be appealed to, or amended by, county boards of equalization.

(6) All taxable personal property, other than personal property subject to an age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.1 or 59-2-405.2, or a uniform statewide fee under Section 59-2-404, is classified by expected economic life as follows:

(a) Class 1 - Short Life Property. Property in this class has a typical life of more than one year and less than four years. It is fungible in that it is difficult to determine the age of an item retired from service.

(i) Examples of property in the class include:

- (A) barricades/warning signs;
- (B) library materials;
- (C) patterns, jigs and dies;
- (D) pots, pans, and utensils;
- (E) canned computer software;
- (F) hotel linen;
- (G) wood and pallets;
- (H) video tapes, compact discs, and DVDs; and
- (I) uniforms.

(ii) With the exception of video tapes, compact discs, and

DVDs, taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iii) A licensee of canned computer software shall use one of the following substitutes for acquisition cost of canned computer software if no acquisition cost for the canned computer software is stated:

(A) retail price of the canned computer software;

(B) if a retail price is unavailable, and the license is a nonrenewable single year license agreement, the total sum of expected payments during that 12-month period; or

(C) if the licensing agreement is a renewable agreement or is a multiple year agreement, the present value of all expected licensing fees paid pursuant to the agreement.

(iv) Video tapes, compact discs, and DVDs are valued at \$15.00 per tape or disc for the first year and \$3.00 per tape or disc thereafter.

TABLE 1

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	68%
08	41%
07 and prior	11%

(b) Class 2 - Computer Integrated Machinery.

(i) Machinery shall be classified as computer integrated machinery if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The equipment is sold as a single unit. If the invoice breaks out the computer separately from the machine, the computer must be valued as Class 12 property and the machine as Class 8 property.

(B) The machine cannot operate without the computer and the computer cannot perform functions outside the machine.

(C) The machine can perform multiple functions and is controlled by a programmable central processing unit.

(D) The total cost of the machine and computer combined is depreciated as a unit for income tax purposes.

(E) The capabilities of the machine cannot be expanded by substituting a more complex computer for the original.

(ii) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) CNC mills;
- (B) CNC lathes;
- (C) high-tech medical and dental equipment such as MRI equipment, CAT scanners, and mammography units.

(iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 2

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	87%
08	81%
07	71%
06	63%
05	53%
04	43%
03	29%
02 and prior	15%

(c) Class 3 - Short Life Trade Fixtures. Property in this class generally consists of electronic types of equipment and includes property subject to rapid functional and economic obsolescence or severe wear and tear.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) office machines;
- (B) alarm systems;
- (C) shopping carts;
- (D) ATM machines;

- (E) small equipment rentals;
 - (F) rent-to-own merchandise;
 - (G) telephone equipment and systems;
 - (H) music systems;
 - (I) vending machines;
 - (J) video game machines; and
 - (K) cash registers and point of sale equipment.
- (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 3

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	81%
08	69%
07	54%
06	38%
05 and prior	20%

- (d) Class 4 Short Life Expensed Property.
- (i) Property shall be classified as short life expensed property if all of the following conditions are met:
- (A) the property is an item of taxable tangible personal property with an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or less;
 - (B) the property is the same type as the following personal property:
 - (I) short life property;
 - (II) short life trade fixtures; or
 - (III) computer hardware; and
 - (C) the owner of the property elects to have the property assessed as short life expensed property.
- (ii) Examples of property in this class include:
- (A) short life property defined in Class 1;
 - (B) short life trade fixtures defined in Class 3; and
 - (C) computer hardware defined in Class 12.
- (iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 4

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	67%
08	51%
07	30%
06	16%
05	10%

- (e) Class 5 - Long Life Trade Fixtures. Class 5 property is subject to functional obsolescence in the form of style changes.
- (i) Examples of property in this class include:
- (A) furniture;
 - (B) bars and sinks;
 - (C) booths, tables and chairs;
 - (D) beauty and barber shop fixtures;
 - (E) cabinets and shelves;
 - (F) displays, cases and racks;
 - (G) office furniture;
 - (H) theater seats;
 - (I) water slides; and
 - (J) signs, mechanical and electrical.
- (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 5

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	88%
08	83%
07	75%

06	68%
05	59%
04	51%
03	39%
02	26%
01 and prior	13%

- (f) Class 6 - Heavy and Medium Duty Trucks.
- (i) Examples of property in this class include:
- (A) heavy duty trucks;
 - (B) medium duty trucks;
 - (C) crane trucks;
 - (D) concrete pump trucks; and
 - (E) trucks with well-boring rigs.
- (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost new.
- (iii) Cost new of vehicles in this class is defined as follows:
- (A) the documented actual cost of the vehicle for new vehicles; or
 - (B) 75 percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price.
- (iv) For state assessed vehicles, cost new shall include the value of attached equipment.
- (v) The 2010 percent good applies to 2010 models purchased in 2009.
- (vi) Trucks weighing two tons or more have a residual taxable value of \$1,750.

TABLE 6

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
10	90%
09	79%
08	73%
07	67%
06	61%
05	55%
04	49%
03	43%
02	37%
01	31%
00	25%
99	19%
98	13%
97 and prior	7%

- (g) Class 7 - Medical and Dental Equipment. Class 7 property is subject to a high degree of technological development by the health industry.
- (i) Examples of property in this class include:
- (A) medical and dental equipment and instruments;
 - (B) exam tables and chairs;
 - (C) microscopes; and
 - (D) optical equipment.
- (ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 7

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	89%
08	86%
07	80%
06	76%
05	69%
04	64%
03	54%
02	44%
01	33%
00	22%
99 and prior	11%

- (h) Class 8 - Machinery and Equipment. Property in this class is subject to considerable functional and economic obsolescence created by competition as technologically

advanced and more efficient equipment becomes available.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) manufacturing machinery;
- (B) amusement rides;
- (C) bakery equipment;
- (D) distillery equipment;
- (E) refrigeration equipment;
- (F) laundry and dry cleaning equipment;
- (G) machine shop equipment;
- (H) processing equipment;
- (I) auto service and repair equipment;
- (J) mining equipment;
- (K) ski lift machinery;
- (L) printing equipment;
- (M) bottling or cannery equipment;
- (N) packaging equipment; and
- (O) pollution control equipment.

(ii) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(g)(iii), taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iii) (A) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(g)(ii), the taxable value of the following oil refinery pollution control equipment required by the federal Clean Air Act shall be calculated pursuant to Subsection (6)(g)(iii)(B):

- (I) VGO (Vacuum Gas Oil) reactor;
- (II) HDS (Diesel Hydrotreater) reactor;
- (III) VGO compressor;
- (IV) VGO furnace;
- (V) VGO and HDS high pressure exchangers;
- (VI) VGO, SRU (Sulfur Recovery Unit), SWS (Sour Water Stripper), and TGU; (Tail Gas Unit) low pressure exchangers;
- (VII) VGO, amine, SWS, and HDS separators and drums;
- (VIII) VGO and tank pumps;
- (IX) TGU modules; and
- (X) VGO tank and air coolers.

(B) The taxable value of the oil refinery pollution control equipment described in Subsection (6)(g)(iii)(A) shall be calculated by:

(I) applying the percent good factor in Table 8 against the acquisition cost of the property; and

(II) multiplying the product described in Subsection (6)(g)(iii)(B)(I) by 50%.

TABLE 8

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	89%
08	86%
07	80%
06	76%
05	69%
04	64%
03	54%
02	44%
01	33%
00	22%
99 and prior	11%

(i) Class 9 - Off-Highway Vehicles.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects off-highway vehicles to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(j) Class 10 - Railroad Cars. The Class 10 schedule was developed to value the property of railroad car companies. Functional and economic obsolescence is recognized in the developing technology of the shipping industry. Heavy wear and tear is also a factor in valuing this class of property.

(i) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 10

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	91%
08	90%
07	86%
06	83%
05	79%
04	77%
03	69%
02	62%
01	53%
00	45%
99	36%
98	27%
97	18%
96 and prior	9%

(k) Class 11 - Street Motorcycles.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects street motorcycles to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(l) Class 12 - Computer Hardware.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) data processing equipment;
- (B) personal computers;
- (C) main frame computers;
- (D) computer equipment peripherals;
- (E) cad/cam systems; and
- (F) copiers.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 12

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	62%
08	46%
07	21%
06	9%
05 and prior	7%

(m) Class 13 - Heavy Equipment.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) construction equipment;
- (B) excavation equipment;
- (C) loaders;
- (D) batch plants;
- (E) snow cats; and
- (F) pavement sweepers.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

(iii) 2010 model equipment purchased in 2009 is valued at 100 percent of acquisition cost.

TABLE 13

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	56%
08	53%
07	50%
06	46%
05	43%
04	40%
03	37%
02	33%
01	30%
00	27%
99	24%
98	20%
97	17%
96 and prior	14%

(n) Class 14 - Motor Homes.

(i) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent

good against the cost new.

(ii) The 2010 percent good applies to 2010 models purchased in 2009.

(iii) Motor homes have a residual taxable value of \$1,000.

TABLE 14

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
10	90%
09	60%
08	57%
07	54%
06	51%
05	48%
04	45%
03	42%
02	39%
01	36%
00	33%
99	30%
98	27%
97	24%
96	21%
95	18%
94 and prior	14%

(o) Class 15 - Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment. Class 15 applies only to equipment used in the production of semiconductor products. Equipment used in the semiconductor manufacturing industry is subject to significant economic and functional obsolescence due to rapidly changing technology and economic conditions.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) crystal growing equipment;
- (B) die assembly equipment;
- (C) wire bonding equipment;
- (D) encapsulation equipment;
- (E) semiconductor test equipment;
- (F) clean room equipment;
- (G) chemical and gas systems related to semiconductor manufacturing;
- (H) deionized water systems;
- (I) electrical systems; and
- (J) photo mask and wafer manufacturing dedicated to semiconductor production.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 15

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	47%
08	34%
07	24%
06	15%
05 and prior	6%

(p) Class 16 - Long-Life Property. Class 16 property has a long physical life with little obsolescence.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) billboards;
- (B) sign towers;
- (C) radio towers;
- (D) ski lift and tram towers;
- (E) non-farm grain elevators; and
- (F) bulk storage tanks.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 16

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
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09	93%
08	92%
07	91%
06	90%
05	89%
04	88%
03	85%
02	79%
01	73%
00	67%
99	61%
98	55%
97	49%
96	42%
95	36%
94	30%
93	23%
92	16%
91 and prior	8%

(q) Class 17 - Vessels Equal to or Greater Than 31 Feet in Length.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) houseboats equal to or greater than 31 feet in length;
- (B) sailboats equal to or greater than 31 feet in length; and
- (C) yachts equal to or greater than 31 feet in length.

(ii) A vessel, including an outboard motor of the vessel, under 31 feet in length:

- (A) is not included in Class 17;
- (B) may not be valued using Table 17; and
- (C) is subject to an age-based uniform fee under Section 59-2-405.2.

(iii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost new of the property.

(iv) The Tax Commission and assessors shall rely on the following sources to determine cost new for property in this class:

(A) the following publications or valuation methods:

(I) the manufacturer's suggested retail price listed in the ABOS Marine Blue Book;

(II) for property not listed in the ABOS Marine Blue Book but listed in the NADA Marine Appraisal Guide, the NADA average value for the property divided by the percent good factor; or

(III) for property not listed in the ABOS Marine Blue Book or the NADA Appraisal Guide:

- (aa) the manufacturer's suggested retail price for comparable property; or
- (bb) the cost new established for that property by a documented valuation source; or

(B) the documented actual cost of new or used property in this class.

(v) The 2010 percent good applies to 2010 models purchased in 2009.

(vi) Property in this class has a residual taxable value of \$1,000.

TABLE 17

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
10	90%
09	63%
08	61%
07	58%
06	56%
05	53%
04	51%
03	48%
02	46%
01	44%
00	41%
99	39%
98	36%
97	34%
96	31%
95	29%
94	26%

93	24%
92	21%
91	19%
90	16%
89 and prior	14%

(r) Class 17a - Vessels Less Than 31 Feet in Length
 (i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects vessels less than 31 feet in length to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(s) Class 18 - Travel Trailers and Class 18a - Tent Trailers/Truck Campers.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects travel trailers and tent trailers/truck campers to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(t) Class 20 - Petroleum and Natural Gas Exploration and Production Equipment. Class 20 property is subject to significant functional and economic obsolescence due to the volatile nature of the petroleum industry.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) oil and gas exploration equipment;
- (B) distillation equipment;
- (C) wellhead assemblies;
- (D) holding and storage facilities;
- (E) drill rigs;
- (F) reinjection equipment;
- (G) metering devices;
- (H) cracking equipment;
- (I) well-site generators, transformers, and power lines;
- (J) equipment sheds;
- (K) pumps;
- (L) radio telemetry units; and
- (M) support and control equipment.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 20

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	91%
08	90%
07	87%
06	85%
05	81%
04	78%
03	69%
02	60%
01	51%
00	41%
99	31%
98	21%
97 and prior	11%

(u) Class 21 - Commercial Trailers.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) dry freight van trailers;
- (B) refrigerated van trailers;
- (C) flat bed trailers;
- (D) dump trailers;
- (E) livestock trailers; and
- (F) tank trailers.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost new of the property. For state assessed vehicles, cost new shall include the value of attached equipment.

(iii) The 2010 percent good applies to 2010 models purchased in 2009.

(iv) Commercial trailers have a residual taxable value of \$1,000.

TABLE 21

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
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10	95%
09	91%
08	86%
07	80%
06	75%
05	69%
04	64%
03	58%
02	53%
01	47%
00	42%
99	36%
98	31%
97	25%
96	20%
95	14%
94 and prior	9%

(v) Class 21a - Other Trailers (Non-Commercial).

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects this class of trailers to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(w) Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans.

(i) Class 22 vehicles fall within four subcategories: domestic passenger cars, foreign passenger cars, light trucks, including utility vehicles, and vans.

(ii) Because Section 59-2-405.1 subjects Class 22 property to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(x) Class 22a - Small Motor Vehicles.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects small motor vehicles to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(y) Class 23 - Aircraft Required to be Registered With the State.

(i) Because Section 59-2-404 subjects aircraft required to be registered with the state to a statewide uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(z) Class 24 - Leasehold Improvements.

(i) This class includes leasehold improvements to real property installed by a tenant. The Class 24 schedule is to be used only with leasehold improvements that are assessed to the lessee of the real property pursuant to Tax Commission rule R884-24P-32. Leasehold improvements include:

- (A) walls and partitions;
- (B) plumbing and roughed-in fixtures;
- (C) floor coverings other than carpet;
- (D) store fronts;
- (E) decoration;
- (F) wiring;
- (G) suspended or acoustical ceilings;
- (H) heating and cooling systems; and
- (I) iron or millwork trim.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the cost of acquisition, including installation.

(iii) The Class 3 schedule is used to value short life leasehold improvements.

TABLE 24

Year of Installation	Percent of Installation Cost
09	94%
08	88%
07	82%
06	77%
05	71%
04	65%
03	59%
02	54%
01	48%
00	42%
99	36%
98 and prior	30%

(aa) Class 25 - Aircraft Parts Manufacturing Tools and Dies. Property in this class is generally subject to rapid physical, functional, and economic obsolescence due to rapid technological and economic shifts in the airline parts manufacturing industry. Heavy wear and tear is also a factor in valuing this class of property.

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) aircraft parts manufacturing jigs and dies;
- (B) aircraft parts manufacturing molds;
- (C) aircraft parts manufacturing patterns;
- (D) aircraft parts manufacturing taps and gauges;
- (E) aircraft parts manufacturing test equipment; and
- (F) aircraft parts manufacturing fixtures.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 25

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	81%
08	70%
07	54%
06	39%
05	21%
04 and prior	4%

(bb) Class 26 - Personal Watercraft.

(i) Because Section 59-2-405.2 subjects personal watercraft to an age-based uniform fee, a percent good schedule is not necessary.

(cc) Class 27 - Electrical Power Generating Equipment and Fixtures

(i) Examples of property in this class include:

- (A) electrical power generators; and
- (B) control equipment.

(ii) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good factor against the acquisition cost of the property.

TABLE 27

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
09	97%
08	95%
07	92%
06	90%
05	87%
04	84%
03	82%
02	79%
01	77%
00	74%
99	71%
98	69%
97	66%
96	64%
95	61%
94	58%
93	56%
92	53%
91	51%
90	48%
89	45%
88	43%
87	40%
86	38%
85	35%
84	32%
83	30%
82	27%
81	25%
80	22%
79	19%
78	17%
77	14%
76	12%
75 and prior	9%

The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 2010.

R884-24P-34. Use of Sales or Appraisal Information Gathered in Conjunction With Assessment/Sales Ratio Studies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-704.

A. Market data gathered for purposes of an assessment/sales ratio study may be used for valuation purposes only as part of a systematic reappraisal program whereby all similar properties are given equitable and uniform treatment.

B. Sales or appraisal data gathered in conjunction with a ratio study shall not be used for an isolated reappraisal of the sold or appraised properties.

C. Information derived from ratio studies regarding the values assigned to real property and personal property shall not be used to establish the apportionment between real and personal property in future assessments.

R884-24P-35. Annual Statement for Certain Exempt Uses of Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1102.

A. The purpose of this rule is to provide guidance to property owners required to file an annual statement under Section 59-2-1102 in order to claim a property tax exemption under Section 59-2-1101 (2)(d) or (e).

B. The annual statement filed pursuant to Section 59-2-1102 shall contain the following information for the specific property for which an exemption is sought:

1. the owner of record of the property;
2. the property parcel, account, or serial number;
3. the location of the property;
4. the tax year in which the exemption was originally granted;
5. a description of any change in the use of the real or personal property since January 1 of the prior year;
6. the name and address of any person or organization conducting a business for profit on the property;
7. the name and address of any organization that uses the real or personal property and pays a fee for that use that is greater than the cost of maintenance and utilities associated with the property;
8. a description of any personal property leased by the owner of record for which an exemption is claimed;
9. the name and address of the lessor of property described in B.8.;
10. the signature of the owner of record or the owner's authorized representative; and
11. any other information the county may require.

C. The annual statement shall be filed:

1. with the county legislative body in the county in which the property is located;
2. on or before March 1; and
3. using:
 - a) Tax Commission form PT-21, Annual Statement for Continued Property Tax Exemption; or
 - b) a form that contains the information required under B.

R884-24P-36. Contents of Real Property Tax Notice Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1317.

A. In addition to the information required by Section 59-2-1317, the tax notice for real property shall specify the following:

1. the property identification number;
2. the appraised value of the property and, if applicable, any adjustment for residential exemptions expressed in terms of taxable value;
3. if applicable, tax relief for taxpayers eligible for blind, veteran, or poor abatement or the circuit breaker, which shall be shown as credits to total taxes levied; and

4. itemized tax rate information for each taxing entity and total tax rate.

R884-24P-37. Separate Values of Land and Improvements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-301 and 59-2-305.

A. The county assessor shall maintain an appraisal record of all real property subject to assessment by the county. The record shall include the following information:

1. owner of the property;
2. property identification number;
3. description and location of the property; and
4. full market value of the property.

B. Real property appraisal records shall show separately the value of the land and the value of any improvements.

R884-24P-38. Nonoperating Railroad Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

(1)(a) "Railroad right of way" (RR-ROW) means a strip of land upon which a railroad company constructs the road bed.

(b) RR-ROW within incorporated towns and cities shall consist of 50 feet on each side of the main line main track, branch line main track or main spur track. Variations to the 50-foot standard shall be approved on an individual basis.

(c) RR-ROW outside incorporated towns and cities shall consist of the actual right-of-way owned if not in excess of 100 feet on each side of the center line of the main line main track, branch line main track, or main spur track. In cases where unusual conditions exist, such as mountain cuts, fills, etc., and more than 100 feet on either side of the main track is required for ROW and where small parcels of land are otherwise required for ROW purposes, the necessary additional area shall be reported as RR-ROW.

(2) Assessment of nonoperating railroad properties. Railroad property formerly assessed by the unitary method that has been determined to be nonoperating, and that is not necessary to the conduct of the business, shall be assessed separately by the local county assessor.

(3) Assessment procedures.

(a) Properties charged to nonoperating accounts are reviewed by the Property Tax Division, and if taxable, are assessed and placed on the local county assessment rolls separately from the operating properties.

(b) RR-ROW is considered operating and necessary to the conduct and contributing to the income of the business. Any revenue derived from leasing of property within the RR-ROW is considered railroad operating revenues.

(c) Real property outside of the RR-ROW that is necessary to the conduct of the railroad operation is considered part of the unitary value. Some examples are:

- (i) company homes occupied by superintendents and other employees on 24-hour call;
 - (ii) storage facilities for railroad operations;
 - (iii) communication facilities; and
 - (iv) spur tracks outside of RR-ROW.
- (d) Abandoned RR-ROW is considered nonoperating and shall be reported as such by the railroad companies.

(e) Real property outside of the RR-ROW that is not necessary to the conduct of the railroad operations is classified as nonoperating and therefore assessed by the local county assessor. Some examples are:

- (i) land leased to service station operations;
- (ii) grocery stores;
- (iii) apartments;
- (iv) residences; and
- (v) agricultural uses.

(f) RR-ROW obtained by government grant or act of Congress is deemed operating property.

(4) Notice of Determination. It is the responsibility of the Property Tax Division to provide a notice of determination to

the owner of the railroad property and the assessor of the county where the railroad property is located immediately after such determination of operating or nonoperating status has been made. If there is no appeal to the notice of determination, the Property Tax Division shall notify the assessor of the county where the property is located so that the property may be placed on the roll for local assessment.

(5) Appeals. Any interested party who wishes to contest the determination of operating or nonoperating property may do so by filing a request for agency action within ten days of the notice of determination of operating or nonoperating properties. Request for agency action may be made pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 4.

R884-24P-40. Exemption of Parsonages, Rectories, Monasteries, Homes and Residences Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 59-2-1101(d) and Article XIII, Section 2 of the Utah Constitution.

A. Parsonages, rectories, monasteries, homes and residences if used exclusively for religious purposes, are exempt from property taxes if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. The land and building are owned by a religious organization which has qualified with the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) organization and which organization continues to meet the requirements of that section.

2. The building is occupied only by persons whose full time efforts are devoted to the religious organization and the immediate families of such persons.

3. The religious organization, and not the individuals who occupy the premises, pay all payments, utilities, insurance, repairs, and all other costs and expenses related to the care and maintenance of the premises and facilities.

B. The exemption for one person and the family of such person is limited to the real estate that is reasonable for the residence of the family and which remains actively devoted exclusively to the religious purposes. The exemption for more than one person, such as a monastery, is limited to that amount of real estate actually devoted exclusively to religious purposes.

C. Vacant land which is not actively used by the religious organization, is not deemed to be devoted exclusively to religious purposes, and is therefore not exempt from property taxes.

1. Vacant land which is held for future development or utilization by the religious organization is not deemed to be devoted exclusively to religious purposes and therefore not tax exempt.

2. Vacant land is tax exempt after construction commences or a building permit is issued for construction of a structure or other improvements used exclusively for religious purposes.

R884-24P-41. Adjustment or Deferral of Property Taxes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347.

A. Requested adjustments to taxes for past years may not be made under Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347 if the requested adjustment is based only on property valuation.

B. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347 applies only to taxes levied but unpaid and may not serve as the basis for refunding taxes already paid.

C. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1347 may only be applied to taxes levied for the five most recent tax years except where taxes levied remain unpaid as a result of administrative action or litigation.

R884-24P-42. Farmland Assessment Audits and Personal Property Audits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 59-2-508(2), and Section 59-2-705.

A. The Tax Commission is responsible for auditing the

administration of the Farmland Assessment Act to verify proper listing and classification of all properties assessed under the act. The Tax Commission also conducts routine audits of personal property accounts.

1. If an audit reveals an incorrect assignment of property, or an increase or decrease in value, the county assessor shall correct the assessment on the assessment roll and the tax roll.

2. A revised assessment notice or tax notice or both shall be mailed to the taxpayer for the current year and any previous years affected.

3. The appropriate tax rate for each year shall be applied when computing taxes due for previous years.

B. Assessors shall not alter results of an audit without first submitting the changes to the Tax commission for review and approval.

C. The Tax Commission shall review assessor compliance with this rule. Noncompliance may result in an order for corrective action.

R884-24P-44. Farm Machinery and Equipment Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-102 and 59-2-1101.

A. The use of the machinery and equipment, whether by the claimant or a lessee, shall determine the exemption.

1. For purposes of this rule, the term owner includes a purchaser under an installment purchase contract or capitalized lease where ownership passes to the purchaser at the end of the contract without the exercise of an option on behalf of the purchaser or seller.

B. Farm machinery and equipment is used primarily for agricultural purposes if it is used primarily for the production or harvesting of agricultural products.

C. The following machinery and equipment is used primarily for the production or harvesting of agricultural products:

1. Machinery and equipment used on the farm for storage, cooling, or freezing of fruits or vegetables;

2. Except as provided in C.3., machinery and equipment used in fruit or vegetable growing operations if the machinery and equipment does not physically alter the fruit or vegetables; and

3. Machinery and equipment that physically alters the form of fruits or vegetables if the operations performed by the machinery or equipment are reasonable and necessary in the preparation of the fruit or vegetables for wholesale marketing.

D. Machinery and equipment used for processing of agricultural products are not exempt.

R884-24P-49. Calculating the Utah Apportioned Value of a Rail Car Fleet Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

A. Definitions.

1. "Average market value per rail car" means the fleet rail car market value divided by the number of rail cars in the fleet.

2. "Fleet rail car market value" means the sum of:

a)(1) the yearly acquisition costs of the fleet's rail cars;

(2) multiplied by the appropriate percent good factors contained in Class 10 of R884-24P- 33, Personal Property Valuation Guides and Schedules; and

b) the sum of betterments by year.

(1) Except as provided in A.2.b)(2), the sum of betterments by year shall be depreciated on a 14-year straight line method.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of A.2.b)(1), betterments shall have a residual value of two percent.

3. "In-service rail cars" means the number of rail cars in the fleet, adjusted for out-of- service rail cars.

4. a) "Out-of-service rail cars" means rail cars:

(1) out-of-service for a period of more than ten

consecutive hours; or

(2) in storage.

b) Rail cars cease to be out-of-service once repaired or removed from storage.

c) Out-of-service rail cars do not include rail cars idled for less than ten consecutive hours due to light repairs or routine maintenance.

5. "System car miles" means both loaded and empty miles accumulated in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico during the prior calendar year by all rail cars in the fleet.

6. "Utah car miles" mean both loaded and empty miles accumulated within Utah during the prior calendar year by all rail cars in the fleet.

7. "Utah percent of system factor" means the Utah car miles divided by the system car miles.

B. The provisions of this rule apply only to private rail car companies.

C. To receive an adjustment for out-of-service rail cars, the rail car company must report the number of out-of-service days to the commission for each of the company's rail car fleets.

D. The out-of-service adjustment is calculated as follows.

1. Divide the out-of-service days by 365 to obtain the out-of-service rail car equivalent.

2. Subtract the out-of-service rail car equivalent calculated in D.1. from the number of rail cars in the fleet.

E. The taxable value for each rail car fleet apportioned to Utah, for which the Utah percent of system factor is more than 50 percent, shall be determined by multiplying the Utah percent of system factor by the fleet rail car market value.

F. The taxable value for each rail car company apportioned to Utah, for which the Utah percent of system factor is less than or equal to 50 percent, shall be determined in the following manner.

1. Calculate the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the Utah percent of system factor. The steps for this calculation are as follows.

a) Multiply the Utah percent of system factor by the in-service rail cars in the fleet.

b) Multiply the product obtained in F.1.a) by 50 percent.

2. Calculate the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the time speed factor. The steps for this calculation are as follows.

a) Divide the fleet's Utah car miles by the average rail car miles traveled in Utah per year. The Commission has determined that the average rail car miles traveled in Utah per year shall equal 200,000 miles.

b) Multiply the quotient obtained in F.2.a) by the percent of in-service rail cars in the fleet.

c) Multiply the product obtained in F.2.b) by 50 percent.

3. Add the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the Utah percent of system factor, calculated in F.1.b), and the number of fleet rail cars allocated to Utah under the time speed factor, calculated in F.2.c), and multiply that sum by the average market value per rail car.

R884-24P-50. Apportioning the Utah Proportion of Commercial Aircraft Valuations Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

A. Definitions.

1. "Commercial air carrier" means any air charter service, air contract service or airline as defined by Section 59-2-102.

2. "Ground time" means the time period beginning at the time an aircraft lands and ending at the time an aircraft takes off.

B. The commission shall apportion to a tax area the assessment of the mobile flight equipment owned by a commercial air carrier in the proportion that the ground time in the tax area bears to the total ground time in the state.

C. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and

become binding on taxpayers beginning with the 1999 calendar year.

R884-24P-52. Criteria for Determining Primary Residence Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-102, 59-2-103, and 59-2-103.5.

- A. "Household" is as defined in Section 59-2-1202.
- B. "Primary residence" means the location where domicile has been established.
- C. Except as provided in D. and F.3., the residential exemption provided under Section 59-2- 103 is limited to one primary residence per household.
- D. An owner of multiple properties may receive the residential exemption on all properties for which the property is the primary residence of the tenant.
- E. Factors or objective evidence determinative of domicile include:
 - 1. whether or not the individual voted in the place he claims to be domiciled;
 - 2. the length of any continuous residency in the location claimed as domicile;
 - 3. the nature and quality of the living accommodations that an individual has in the location claimed as domicile as opposed to any other location;
 - 4. the presence of family members in a given location;
 - 5. the place of residency of the individual's spouse or the state of any divorce of the individual and his spouse;
 - 6. the physical location of the individual's place of business or sources of income;
 - 7. the use of local bank facilities or foreign bank institutions;
 - 8. the location of registration of vehicles, boats, and RVs;
 - 9. membership in clubs, churches, and other social organizations;
 - 10. the addresses used by the individual on such things as:
 - a) telephone listings;
 - b) mail;
 - c) state and federal tax returns;
 - d) listings in official government publications or other correspondence;
 - e) driver's license;
 - f) voter registration; and
 - g) tax rolls;
 - 11. location of public schools attended by the individual or the individual's dependents;
 - 12. the nature and payment of taxes in other states;
 - 13. declarations of the individual:
 - a) communicated to third parties;
 - b) contained in deeds;
 - c) contained in insurance policies;
 - d) contained in wills;
 - e) contained in letters;
 - f) contained in registers;
 - g) contained in mortgages; and
 - h) contained in leases.
 - 14. the exercise of civil or political rights in a given location;
 - 15. any failure to obtain permits and licenses normally required of a resident;
 - 16. the purchase of a burial plot in a particular location;
 - 17. the acquisition of a new residence in a different location.

F. Administration of the Residential Exemption.

- 1. Except as provided in F.2., F.4., and F.5., the first one acre of land per residential unit shall receive the residential exemption.
- 2. If a parcel has high density multiple residential units, such as an apartment complex or a mobile home park, the amount of land, up to the first one acre per residential unit,

eligible to receive the residential exemption shall be determined by the use of the land. Land actively used for residential purposes qualifies for the exemption.

- 3. If the county assessor determines that a property under construction will qualify as a primary residence upon completion, the property shall qualify for the residential exemption while under construction.
- 4. A property assessed under the Farmland Assessment Act shall receive the residential exemption only for the homesite.
- 5. A property with multiple uses, such as residential and commercial, shall receive the residential exemption only for the percentage of the property that is used as a primary residence.
- 6. If the county assessor determines that an unoccupied property will qualify as a primary residence when it is occupied, the property shall qualify for the residential exemption while unoccupied.
- 7.a) An application for the residential exemption required by an ordinance enacted under Section 59-2-103.5 shall contain the following information for the specific property for which the exemption is requested:
 - (1) the owner of record of the property;
 - (2) the property parcel number;
 - (3) the location of the property;
 - (4) the basis of the owner's knowledge of the use of the property;
 - (5) a description of the use of the property;
 - (6) evidence of the domicile of the inhabitants of the property; and
 - (7) the signature of all owners of the property certifying that the property is residential property.
- b) The application under F.7.a) shall be:
 - (1) on a form provided by the county; or
 - (2) in a writing that contains all of the information listed in F.7.a).

R884-24P-53. 2009 Valuation Guides for Valuation of Land Subject to the Farmland Assessment Act Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-515.

- (1) Each year the Property Tax Division shall update and publish schedules to determine the taxable value for land subject to the Farmland Assessment Act on a per acre basis.
 - (a) The schedules shall be based on the productivity of the various types of agricultural land as determined through crop budgets and net rents.
 - (b) Proposed schedules shall be transmitted by the Property Tax Division to county assessors for comment before adoption.
 - (c) County assessors may not deviate from the schedules.
 - (d) Not all types of agricultural land exist in every county. If no taxable value is shown for a particular county in one of the tables, that classification of agricultural land does not exist in that county.
- (2) All property defined as farmland pursuant to Section 59-2-501 shall be assessed on a per acre basis as follows:
 - (a) Irrigated farmland shall be assessed under the following classifications.
 - (i) Irrigated I. The following counties shall assess Irrigated I property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 1
Irrigated I

1)	Box Elder	820
2)	Cache	710
3)	Carbon	530
4)	Davis	860
5)	Emery	510
6)	Iron	820
7)	Kane	430
8)	Millard	810
9)	Salt Lake	715

10) Utah	750
11) Washington	670
12) Weber	815

(ii) Irrigated II. The following counties shall assess Irrigated II property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 2
Irrigated II

1) Box Elder	720
2) Cache	610
3) Carbon	430
4) Davis	760
5) Duchesne	495
6) Emery	410
7) Grand	400
8) Iron	720
9) Juab	450
10) Kane	330
11) Millard	710
12) Salt Lake	615
13) Sanpete	550
14) Sevier	575
15) Summit	475
16) Tooele	460
17) Utah	650
18) Wasatch	500
19) Washington	570
20) Weber	715

(iii) Irrigated III. The following counties shall assess Irrigated III property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 3
Irrigated III

1) Beaver	580
2) Box Elder	570
3) Cache	460
4) Carbon	280
5) Davis	610
6) Duchesne	345
7) Emery	260
8) Garfield	215
9) Grand	250
10) Iron	570
11) Juab	300
12) Kane	180
13) Millard	560
14) Morgan	395
15) Piute	340
16) Rich	180
17) Salt Lake	465
18) San Juan	175
19) Sanpete	400
20) Sevier	425
21) Summit	325
22) Tooele	310
23) Uintah	375
24) Utah	500
25) Wasatch	350
26) Washington	420
27) Wayne	340
28) Weber	565

(iv) Irrigated IV. The following counties shall assess Irrigated IV property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 4
Irrigated IV

1) Beaver	480
2) Box Elder	470
3) Cache	360
4) Carbon	180
5) Daggett	200
6) Davis	510
7) Duchesne	245
8) Emery	160
9) Garfield	115
10) Grand	150
11) Iron	470
12) Juab	200

13) Kane	80
14) Millard	460
15) Morgan	295
16) Piute	240
17) Rich	80
18) Salt Lake	365
19) San Juan	75
20) Sanpete	300
21) Sevier	325
22) Summit	225
23) Tooele	210
24) Uintah	275
25) Utah	400
26) Wasatch	250
27) Washington	320
28) Wayne	240
29) Weber	465

(b) Fruit orchards shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 5
Fruit Orchards

1) Beaver	620
2) Box Elder	675
3) Cache	620
4) Carbon	620
5) Davis	675
6) Duchesne	620
7) Emery	620
8) Garfield	620
9) Grand	620
10) Iron	620
11) Juab	620
12) Kane	620
13) Millard	620
14) Morgan	620
15) Piute	620
16) Salt Lake	620
17) San Juan	620
18) Sanpete	620
19) Sevier	620
20) Summit	620
21) Tooele	620
22) Uintah	620
23) Utah	690
24) Wasatch	620
25) Washington	740
26) Wayne	620
27) Weber	675

(c) Meadow IV property shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 6
Meadow IV

1) Beaver	245
2) Box Elder	260
3) Cache	270
4) Carbon	130
5) Daggett	160
6) Davis	270
7) Duchesne	165
8) Emery	140
9) Garfield	105
10) Grand	135
11) Iron	260
12) Juab	150
13) Kane	110
14) Millard	195
15) Morgan	195
16) Piute	190
17) Rich	105
18) Salt Lake	225
19) Sanpete	195
20) Sevier	200
21) Summit	205
22) Tooele	185
23) Uintah	205
24) Utah	250
25) Wasatch	210
26) Washington	230
27) Wayne	175
28) Weber	305

(d) Dry land shall be classified as one of the following two categories and shall be assessed on a per acre basis as follows:

(i) Dry III. The following counties shall assess Dry III property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 7
Dry III

1) Beaver	50
2) Box Elder	95
3) Cache	120
4) Carbon	50
5) Davis	50
6) Duchesne	55
7) Garfield	50
8) Grand	50
9) Iron	50
10) Juab	50
11) Kane	50
12) Millard	50
13) Morgan	65
14) Rich	50
15) Salt Lake	50
16) San Juan	50
17) Sanpete	55
18) Summit	50
19) Tooele	50
20) Uintah	55
21) Utah	50
22) Wasatch	50
23) Washington	50
24) Weber	80

(ii) Dry IV. The following counties shall assess Dry IV property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 8
Dry IV

1) Beaver	15
2) Box Elder	60
3) Cache	85
4) Carbon	15
5) Davis	15
6) Duchesne	20
7) Garfield	15
8) Grand	15
9) Iron	15
10) Juab	15
11) Kane	15
12) Millard	15
13) Morgan	30
14) Rich	15
15) Salt Lake	15
16) San Juan	15
17) Sanpete	20
18) Summit	15
19) Tooele	15
20) Uintah	20
21) Utah	15
22) Wasatch	15
23) Washington	15
24) Weber	45

(e) Grazing land shall be classified as one of the following four categories and shall be assessed on a per acre basis as follows:

(i) Graze 1. The following counties shall assess Graze I property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 9
GR I

1) Beaver	75
2) Box Elder	80
3) Cache	76
4) Carbon	56
5) Daggett	60
6) Davis	66
7) Duchesne	71
8) Emery	78
9) Garfield	83
10) Grand	84
11) Iron	75
12) Juab	70

13) Kane	81
14) Millard	83
15) Morgan	68
16) Piute	97
17) Rich	71
18) Salt Lake	72
19) San Juan	73
20) Sanpete	69
21) Sevier	70
22) Summit	78
23) Tooele	77
24) Uintah	84
25) Utah	65
26) Wasatch	58
27) Washington	72
28) Wayne	95
29) Weber	74

(ii) Graze II. The following counties shall assess Graze II property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 10
GR II

1) Beaver	25
2) Box Elder	27
3) Cache	25
4) Carbon	18
5) Daggett	18
6) Davis	22
7) Duchesne	24
8) Emery	25
9) Garfield	27
10) Grand	26
11) Iron	24
12) Juab	22
13) Kane	28
14) Millard	28
15) Morgan	22
16) Piute	31
17) Rich	24
18) Salt Lake	24
19) San Juan	24
20) Sanpete	23
21) Sevier	23
22) Summit	25
23) Tooele	25
24) Uintah	28
25) Utah	23
26) Wasatch	20
27) Washington	25
28) Wayne	32
29) Weber	23

(iii) Graze III. The following counties shall assess Graze III property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 11
GR III

1) Beaver	17
2) Box Elder	18
3) Cache	16
4) Carbon	13
5) Daggett	13
6) Davis	14
7) Duchesne	15
8) Emery	16
9) Garfield	18
10) Grand	17
11) Iron	17
12) Juab	15
13) Kane	17
14) Millard	18
15) Morgan	14
16) Piute	20
17) Rich	15
18) Salt Lake	15
19) San Juan	16
20) Sanpete	15
21) Sevier	15
22) Summit	16
23) Tooele	15
24) Uintah	18
25) Utah	14
26) Wasatch	13
27) Washington	15
28) Wayne	20

29) Weber 15

(iv) Graze IV. The following counties shall assess Graze IV property based upon the per acre values listed below:

TABLE 12
GR IV

1) Beaver	6
2) Box Elder	5
3) Cache	5
4) Carbon	5
5) Daggett	5
6) Davis	5
7) Duchesne	5
8) Emery	6
9) Garfield	5
10) Grand	6
11) Iron	6
12) Juab	5
13) Kane	5
14) Millard	5
15) Morgan	6
16) Piute	6
17) Rich	5
18) Salt Lake	5
19) San Juan	5
20) Sanpete	5
21) Sevier	5
22) Summit	5
23) Tooele	5
24) Uintah	6
25) Utah	5
26) Wasatch	5
27) Washington	5
28) Wayne	5
29) Weber	6

(f) Land classified as nonproductive shall be assessed as follows on a per acre basis:

TABLE 13
Nonproductive Land

Nonproductive Land	
1) All Counties	5

R884-24P-55. Counties to Establish Ordinance for Tax Sale Procedures Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1351.1.

A. "Collusive bidding" means any agreement or understanding reached by two or more parties that in any way alters the bids the parties would otherwise offer absent the agreement or understanding.

B. Each county shall establish a written ordinance for real property tax sale procedures.

C. The written ordinance required under B. shall be displayed in a public place and shall be available to all interested parties.

D. The tax sale ordinance shall address, as a minimum, the following issues:

1. bidder registration procedures;
2. redemption rights and procedures;
3. prohibition of collusive bidding;
4. conflict of interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements;
5. criteria for accepting or rejecting bids;
6. sale ratification procedures;
7. criteria for granting bidder preference;
8. procedures for recording tax deeds;
9. payments methods and procedures;
10. procedures for contesting bids and sales;
11. criteria for striking properties to the county;
12. procedures for disclosing properties withdrawn from the sale for reasons other than redemption; and
13. disclaimers by the county with respect to sale procedures and actions.

R884-24P-56. Assessment, Collection, and Apportionment of Property Tax on Commercial Transportation Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-301 and 59-2-801.

A. For purposes of Section 59-2-801, the previous year's statewide rate shall be calculated as follows:

1. Each county's overall tax rate is multiplied by the county's percent of total lane miles of principal routes.
2. The values obtained in A.1. for each county are summed to arrive at the statewide rate.

B. The assessment of vehicles apportioned under Section 41-1a-301 shall be apportioned at the same percentage ratio that has been filed with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Tax Commission for determining the proration of registration fees.

C. For purposes of Section 59-2-801(2), principal route means lane miles of interstate highways and clover leaves, U.S. highways, and state highways extending through each county as determined by the Commission from current state Geographic Information System databases.

R884-24P-57. Judgment Levies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-918.5, 59-2-924, 59-2-1328, and 59-2-1330.

A. Definitions.

1. "Issued" means the date on which the judgment is signed.

2. "One percent of the total ad valorem property taxes collected by the taxing entity in the previous fiscal year" includes any revenues collected by a judgment levy imposed in the prior year.

B. A taxing entity's share of a judgment or order shall include the taxing entity's share of any interest that must be paid with the judgment or order.

C. The judgment levy public hearing required by Section 59-2-918.5 shall be held as follows:

1. For taxing entities operating under a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, the public hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes is mailed.

2. For taxing entities operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year:

a) for judgments issued from the prior June 1 through December 15, the public hearing shall be held at the same time as the hearing at which the annual budget is adopted;

b) for judgments issued from the prior December 16 through May 31, the public hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes is mailed.

3. If the taxing entity is required to hold a hearing under Section 59-2-919, the judgment levy hearing required by C.1. and C.2.b) shall be held at the same time as the hearing required under Section 59-2-919.

D. If the Section 59-2-918.5 advertisement is combined with the Section 59-2-918 or 59-2-919 advertisement, the combined advertisement shall aggregate the general tax increase and judgment levy information.

E. In the case of taxing entities operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year, the advertisement for judgments issued from the previous December 16 through May 31 shall include any judgments issued from the previous June 1 through December 15 that the taxing entity advertised and budgeted for at its December budget hearing.

F. All taxing entities imposing a judgment levy shall file with the Tax Commission a signed statement certifying that all judgments for which the judgment levy is imposed have met the statutory requirements for imposition of a judgment levy.

1. The signed statement shall contain the following information for each judgment included in the judgment levy:

- a) the name of the taxpayer awarded the judgment;

- b) the appeal number of the judgment; and
 - c) the taxing entity's pro rata share of the judgment.
2. Along with the signed statement, the taxing entity must provide the Tax Commission the following:
- a) a copy of all judgment levy newspaper advertisements required;
 - b) the dates all required judgment levy advertisements were published in the newspaper;
 - c) a copy of the final resolution imposing the judgment levy;
 - d) a copy of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, if required; and
 - e) any other information required by the Tax Commission.
- G. The provisions of House Bill 268, Truth in Taxation - Judgment Levy (1999 General Session), do not apply to judgments issued prior to January 1, 1999.

R884-24P-58. One-Time Decrease in Certified Rate Based on Estimated County Option Sales Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-924.

A. The estimated sales tax revenue to be distributed to a county under Section 59-12-1102 shall be determined based on the following formula:

- 1. share-down of the commission's sales tax econometric model based on historic patterns, weighted 40 percent;
- 2. time series models, weighted 40 percent; and
- 3. growth rate of actual taxable sales occurring from January 1 through March 31 of the year a tax is initially imposed under Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 11, County Option Sales and Use Tax, weighted 20 percent.

R884-24P-59. One-Time Decrease in Certified Rate Based on Estimated Additional Resort Communities Sales Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-924.

A. The estimated additional resort communities sales tax revenue to be distributed to a municipality under Section 59-12-402 shall be determined based on the following formula:

- 1. time series model, econometric model, or simple average, based upon the availability of and variation in the data, weighted 75 percent; and
- 2. growth rate of actual taxable sales occurring from January 1 through March 31 of the year a tax is initially imposed under Section 59-12-402, weighted 25 percent.

R884-24P-60. Age-Based Uniform Fee on Tangible Personal Property Required to be Registered with the State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-405.1.

A. For purposes of Section 59-2-405.1, "motor vehicle" is as defined in Section 41-1a-102, except that motor vehicle does not include motorcycles as defined in Section 41-1a-102.

B. The uniform fee established in Section 59-2-405.1 is levied against motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans, in Tax Commission rule R884-24P- 33.

C. Personal property subject to the uniform fee imposed in Section 59-2-405 is not subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

D. The following classes of personal property are not subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee, but remain subject to the ad valorem property tax:

- 1. vintage vehicles;
- 2. state-assessed commercial vehicles not classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans;
- 3. any personal property that is neither required to be registered nor exempt from the ad valorem property tax;
- 4. mobile and manufactured homes;
- 5. machinery or equipment that can function only when

attached to or used in conjunction with motor vehicles or state-assessed commercial vehicles.

E. The age of a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle, for purposes of Section 59-2-405.1, shall be determined by subtracting the vehicle model year from the current calendar year.

F. The only Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee due upon registration or renewal of registration is the uniform fee calculated based on the age of the vehicle under E. on the first day of the registration period for which the registrant:

- 1. in the case of an original registration, registers the vehicle; or
- 2. in the case of a renewal of registration, renews the registration of the vehicle in accordance with Section 41-1a-216.

G. Centrally assessed taxpayers shall use the following formula to determine the value of locally assessed motor vehicles that may be deducted from the allocated unit valuation:

- 1. Divide the system value by the book value to determine the market to book ratio.
- 2. Multiply the market to book ratio by the book value of motor vehicles registered in Utah and subject to Section 59-2-405.1 to determine the value of motor vehicles that may be subtracted from the allocated unit value.

H. The motor vehicle of a nonresident member of the armed forces stationed in Utah may be registered in Utah without payment of the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

I. A motor vehicle belonging to a Utah resident member of the armed forces stationed in another state is not subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee at the time of registration or renewal of registration as long as the motor vehicle is kept in the other state.

J. The situs of a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle subject to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee is determined in accordance with Section 59-2-104. Situs of purchased motor vehicles or state-assessed commercial vehicles shall be the tax area of the purchaser's domicile, unless the motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle will be kept in a tax area other than the tax area of the purchaser's domicile for more than six months of the year.

1. If an assessor discovers a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle that is kept in the assessor's county but registered in another, the assessor may submit an affidavit along with evidence that the vehicle is kept in that county to the assessor of the county in which the vehicle is registered. Upon agreement, the assessor of the county of registration shall forward the fee collected to the county of situs within 30 working days.

2. If the owner of a motor vehicle or state-assessed commercial vehicle registered in Utah is domiciled outside of Utah, the taxable situs of the vehicle is presumed to be the county in which the uniform fee was paid, unless an assessor's affidavit establishes otherwise.

3. The Tax Commission shall, on an annual basis, provide each county assessor information indicating all motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles subject to state registration and their corresponding taxable situs.

4. Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fees received by a county that require distribution to a purchaser's domicile outside of that county shall be deposited into an account established by the Commission, pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Commission.

5. Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fees received by the Commission pursuant to J.4. shall be distributed to the appropriate county at least monthly.

K. The blind exemption provided in Section 59-2-1106 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

L. The veteran's exemption provided in Section 59-2-1104 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee.

M. The value of motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles to be considered part of the tax base for purposes of determining debt limitations pursuant to Article XIII, Section 14 of the Utah Constitution, shall be determined by dividing the Section 59-2-405.1 uniform fee collected by .015.

N. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 1999.

R884-24P-61. 1.5 Percent Uniform Fee on Tangible Personal Property Required to be Registered with the State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-405.

A. Definitions.

1. For purposes of Section 59-2-405, "motor vehicle" is as defined in Section 41-1a-102, except that motor vehicle does not include motorcycles as defined in Section 41-1a-102.

2. "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular unit other than a mobile home, primarily designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use, which is either self-propelled or pulled by another vehicle.

a) Recreational vehicle includes a travel trailer, a camping trailer, a motor home, and a fifth wheel trailer.

b) Recreational vehicle does not include a van unless specifically designed or modified for use as a temporary dwelling.

B. The uniform fee established in Section 59-2-405 is levied against the following types of personal property, unless specifically excluded by Section 59-2-405:

1. motor vehicles that are not classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans, in Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33;

2. watercraft required to be registered with the state;

3. recreational vehicles required to be registered with the state; and

4. all other tangible personal property required to be registered with the state before it is used on a public highway, on a public waterway, on public land, or in the air.

C. The following classes of personal property are not subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee, but remain subject to the ad valorem property tax:

1. vintage vehicles;

2. state-assessed commercial vehicles not classified under Class 22 - Passenger Cars, Light Trucks/Utility Vehicles, and Vans;

3. any personal property that is neither required to be registered nor exempt from the ad valorem property tax;

4. machinery or equipment that can function only when attached to or used in conjunction with motor vehicles.

D. The fair market value of tangible personal property subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee is based on depreciated cost new as established in Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33, "Personal Property Valuation Guides and Schedules," published annually by the Tax Commission.

E. Centrally assessed taxpayers shall use the following formula to determine the value of locally assessed personal property that may be deducted from the allocated unit valuation:

1. Divide the system value by the book value to determine the market to book ratio.

2. Multiply the market to book ratio by the book value of personal property registered in Utah and subject to Section 59-2-405 to determine the value of personal property that may be subtracted from the allocated unit value.

F. If a property's valuation is appealed to the county board of equalization under Section 59-2-1005, the property shall become subject to a total revaluation. All adjustments are made on the basis of their effect on the property's average retail value as of the January 1 lien date and according to Tax Commission rule R884-24P-33.

G. The county assessor may change the fair market value

of any individual item of personal property in his jurisdiction for any of the following reasons:

1. The manufacturer's suggested retail price ("MSRP") or the cost new was not included on the state printout, computer tape, or registration card;

2. The MSRP or cost new listed on the state records was inaccurate; or

3. In the assessor's judgment, an MSRP or cost new adjustment made as a result of a property owner's informal request will continue year to year on a percentage basis.

H. If the personal property is of a type subject to annual registration, the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee is due at the time the registration is due. If the personal property is not registered during the year, the owner remains liable for payment of the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee to the county assessor.

1. No additional uniform fee may be levied upon personal property transferred during a calendar year if the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee has been paid for that calendar year.

2. If the personal property is of a type registered for periods in excess of one year, the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee shall be due annually.

3. The personal property of a nonresident member of the armed forces stationed in Utah may be registered in Utah without payment of the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee.

4. Personal property belonging to a Utah resident member of the armed forces stationed in another state is not subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee as long as the personal property is kept in another state.

5. Noncommercial trailers weighing 750 pounds or less are not subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee or ad valorem property tax but may be registered at the request of the owner.

I. If the personal property is of a type subject to annual registration, registration of that personal property may not be completed unless the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee has been paid, even if the taxpayer is appealing the uniform fee valuation. Delinquent fees may be assessed in accordance with Sections 59-2-217 and 59-2-309 as a condition precedent to registration.

J. The situs of personal property subject to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee is determined in accordance with Section 59-2-104. Situs of purchased personal property shall be the tax area of the purchaser's domicile, unless the personal property will be kept in a tax area other than the tax area of the purchaser's domicile for more than six months of the year.

1. If an assessor discovers personal property that is kept in the assessor's county but registered in another, the assessor may submit an affidavit along with evidence that the property is kept in that county to the assessor of the county in which the personal property is registered. Upon agreement, the assessor of the county of registration shall forward the fee collected to the county of situs within 30 working days.

2. If the owner of personal property registered in Utah is domiciled outside of Utah, the taxable situs of the property is presumed to be the county in which the uniform fee was paid, unless an assessor's affidavit establishes otherwise.

3. The Tax Commission shall, on an annual basis, provide each county assessor information indicating all personal property subject to state registration and its corresponding taxable situs.

4. Section 59-2-405 uniform fees received by a county that require distribution to a purchaser's domicile outside of that county shall be deposited into an account established by the Commission, pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Commission.

5. Section 59-2-405 uniform fees received by the Commission pursuant to J.4. shall be distributed to the appropriate county at least monthly.

K. The blind exemption provided in Section 59-2-1106 is applicable to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee.

L. The veteran's exemption provided in Section 59-2-1104

is applicable to the Section 59-2-405 uniform fee.

M. The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 1999.

R884-24P-62. Valuation of State Assessed Unitary Properties Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-201.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to:

(a) specify consistent mass appraisal methodologies to be used by the Property Tax Division (Division) in the valuation of tangible property assessable by the Commission; and

(b) identify preferred valuation methodologies to be considered by any party making an appraisal of an individual unitary property.

(2) Definitions:

(a) "Cost regulated utility" means any public utility assessable by the Commission whose allowed revenues are determined by a rate of return applied to a rate base set by a state or federal regulatory commission.

(b) "Fair market value" means the amount at which property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts. Fair market value reflects the value of property at its highest and best use, subject to regulatory constraints.

(c) "Rate base" means the aggregate account balances reported as such by the cost regulated utility to the applicable state or federal regulatory commission.

(d) "Unitary property" means operating property that is assessed by the Commission pursuant to Section 59-2-201(1)(a) through (c).

(i) Unitary properties include:

(A) all property that operates as a unit across county lines, if the values must be apportioned among more than one county or state; and

(B) all property of public utilities as defined in Section 59-2-102.

(ii) These properties, some of which may be cost regulated utilities, are defined under one of the following categories.

(A) "Telecommunication properties" include the operating property of local exchange carriers, local access providers, long distance carriers, cellular telephone or personal communication service (PCS) providers and pagers, and other similar properties.

(B) "Energy properties" include the operating property of natural gas pipelines, natural gas distribution companies, liquid petroleum products pipelines, and electric corporations, including electric generation, transmission, and distribution companies, and other similar entities.

(C) "Transportation properties" include the operating property of all airlines, air charter services, air contract services, including major and small passenger carriers and major and small air freighters, long haul and short line railroads, and other similar properties.

(3) All tangible operating property owned, leased, or used by unitary companies is subject to assessment and taxation according to its fair market value as of January 1, and as provided in Utah Constitution Article XIII, Section 2. Intangible property as defined under Section 59-2-102 is not subject to assessment and taxation.

(4) General Valuation Principles. Unitary properties shall be assessed at fair market value based on generally accepted appraisal theory as provided under this rule.

(a) The assemblage or enhanced value attributable to the tangible property should be included in the assessed value. See *Beaver County v. WilTel, Inc.*, 995 P.2d 602 (Utah 2000). The value attributable to intangible property must, when possible, be identified and removed from value when using any valuation method and before that value is used in the reconciliation process.

(b) The preferred methods to determine fair market value

are the cost approach and a yield capitalization income indicator as set forth in Subsection (5).

(i) Other generally accepted appraisal methods may also be used when it can be demonstrated that such methods are necessary to more accurately estimate fair market value.

(ii) Direct capitalization and the stock and debt method typically capture the value of intangible property at higher levels than other methods. To the extent intangible property cannot be identified and removed, relatively less weight shall be given to such methods in the reconciliation process, as set forth in Subsection (5)(d).

(iii) Preferred valuation methods as set forth in this rule are, unless otherwise stated, rebuttable presumptions, established for purposes of consistency in mass appraisal. Any party challenging a preferred valuation method must demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence, that the proposed alternative establishes a more accurate estimate of fair market value.

(c) Non-operating Property. Property that is not necessary to the operation of unitary properties and is assessed by a local county assessor, and property separately assessed by the Division, such as registered motor vehicles, shall be removed from the correlated unit value or from the state allocated value.

(5) Appraisal Methodologies.

(a) Cost Approach. Cost is relevant to value under the principle of substitution, which states that no prudent investor would pay more for a property than the cost to construct a substitute property of equal desirability and utility without undue delay. A cost indicator may be developed under one or more of the following methods: replacement cost less depreciation (RCNLD), reproduction cost less depreciation (reproduction cost), and historic cost less depreciation (HCLD).

(i) "Depreciation" is the loss in value from any cause. Different professions recognize two distinct definitions or types of depreciation.

(A) Accounting. Depreciation, often called "book" or "accumulated" depreciation, is calculated according to generally accepted accounting principles or regulatory guidelines. It is the amount of capital investment written off on a firm's accounting records in order to allocate the original or historic cost of an asset over its life. Book depreciation is typically applied to historic cost to derive HCLD.

(B) Appraisal. Depreciation, sometimes referred to as "accrued" depreciation, is the difference between the market value of an improvement and its cost new. Depreciation is typically applied to replacement or reproduction cost, but should be applied to historic cost if market conditions so indicate. There are three types of depreciation:

(I) Physical deterioration results from regular use and normal aging, which includes wear and tear, decay, and the impact of the elements.

(II) Functional obsolescence is caused by internal property characteristics or flaws in the structure, design, or materials that diminish the utility of an improvement.

(III) External, or economic, obsolescence is an impairment of an improvement due to negative influences from outside the boundaries of the property, and is generally incurable. These influences usually cannot be controlled by the property owner or user.

(ii) Replacement cost is the estimated cost to construct, at current prices, a property with utility equivalent to that being appraised, using modern materials, current technology and current standards, design, and layout. The use of replacement cost instead of reproduction cost eliminates the need to estimate some forms of functional obsolescence.

(iii) Reproduction cost is the estimated cost to construct, at current prices, an exact duplicate or replica of the property being assessed, using the same materials, construction standards, design, layout and quality of workmanship, and

embodying any functional obsolescence.

(iv) Historic cost is the original construction or acquisition cost as recorded on a firm's accounting records. Depending upon the industry, it may be appropriate to trend HCLD to current costs. Only trending indexes commonly recognized by the specific industry may be used to adjust HCLD.

(v) RCNLD may be impractical to implement; therefore the preferred cost indicator of value in a mass appraisal environment for unitary property is HCLD. A party may challenge the use of HCLD by proposing a different cost indicator that establishes a more accurate cost estimate of value.

(b) Income Capitalization Approach. Under the principle of anticipation, benefits from income in the future may be capitalized into an estimate of present value.

(i) Yield Capitalization. The yield capitalization formula is $CF/(k-g)$, where "CF" is a single year's normalized cash flow, "k" is the nominal, risk adjusted discount or yield rate, and "g" is the expected growth rate of the cash flow.

(A) Cash flow is restricted to the operating property in existence on the lien date, together with any replacements intended to maintain, but not expand or modify, existing capacity or function. Cash flow is calculated as net operating income (NOI) plus non-cash charges (e.g., depreciation and deferred income taxes), less capital expenditures and additions to working capital necessary to achieve the expected growth "g". Information necessary for the Division to calculate the cash flow shall be summarized and submitted to the Division by March 1 on a form provided by the Division.

(I) NOI is defined as net income plus interest.

(II) Capital expenditures should include only those necessary to replace or maintain existing plant and should not include any expenditure intended primarily for expansion or productivity and capacity enhancements.

(III) Cash flow is to be projected for the year immediately following the lien date, and may be estimated by reviewing historic cash flows, forecasting future cash flows, or a combination of both.

(Aa) If cash flows for a subsidiary company are not available or are not allocated on the parent company's cash flow statements, a method of allocating total cash flows must be developed based on sales, fixed assets, or other reasonable criteria. The subsidiary's total is divided by the parent's total to derive the allocation percentage to estimate the subsidiary's cash flow.

(Bb) If the subject company does not provide the Commission with its most recent cash flow statements by March 1 of the assessment year, the Division may estimate cash flow using the best information available.

(B) The discount rate (k) shall be based upon a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) considering current market debt rates and equity yields. WACC should reflect a typical capital structure for comparable companies within the industry.

(I) The cost of debt should reflect the current market rate (yield to maturity) of debt with the same credit rating as the subject company.

(II) The cost of equity is estimated using standard methods such as the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), the Risk Premium and Dividend Growth models, or other recognized models.

(Aa) The CAPM is the preferred method to estimate the cost of equity. More than one method may be used to correlate a cost of equity, but only if the CAPM method is weighted at least 50% in the correlation.

(Bb) The CAPM formula is $k(e) = R(f) + (\text{Beta} \times \text{Risk Premium})$, where $k(e)$ is the cost of equity and $R(f)$ is the risk free rate.

(Cc) The risk free rate shall be the current market rate on 20-year Treasury bonds.

(Dd) The beta should reflect an average or value-weighted

average of comparable companies and should be drawn consistently from Value Line or an equivalent source. The beta of the specific assessed property should also be considered.

(Ee) The risk premium shall be the arithmetic average of the spread between the return on stocks and the income return on long term bonds for the entire historical period contained in the Ibbotson Yearbook published immediately following the lien date.

(C) The growth rate "g" is the expected future growth of the cash flow attributable to assets in place on the lien date, and any future replacement assets.

(I) If insufficient information is available to the Division, either from public sources or from the taxpayer, to determine a rate, "g" will be the expected inflationary rate in the Gross Domestic Product Price Deflator obtained in Value Line. The growth rate and the methodology used to produce it shall be disclosed in a capitalization rate study published by the Commission by February 15 of the assessment year.

(ii) A discounted cash flow (DCF) method may be impractical to implement in a mass appraisal environment, but may be used when reliable cash flow estimates can be established.

(A) A DCF model should incorporate for the terminal year, and to the extent possible for the holding period, growth and discount rate assumptions that would be used in the yield capitalization method defined under Subsection (5)(b)(i).

(B) Forecasted growth may be used where unusual income patterns are attributed to

(I) unused capacity;

(II) economic conditions; or

(III) similar circumstances.

(C) Growth may not be attributed to assets not in place as of the lien date.

(iii) Direct Capitalization is an income technique that converts an estimate of a single year's income expectancy into an indication of value in one direct step, either by dividing the normalized income estimate by a capitalization rate or by multiplying the normalized income estimate by an income factor.

(c) Market or Sales Comparison Approach. The market value of property is directly related to the prices of comparable, competitive properties. The market approach is estimated by comparing the subject property to similar properties that have recently sold.

(I) Sales of comparable property must, to the extent possible, be adjusted for elements of comparison, including market conditions, financing, location, physical characteristics, and economic characteristics. When considering the sales of stock, business enterprises, or other properties that include intangible assets, adjustments must be made for those intangibles.

(II) Because sales of unitary properties are infrequent, a stock and debt indicator may be viewed as a surrogate for the market approach. The stock and debt method is based on the accounting principle which holds that the market value of assets equal the market value of liabilities plus shareholder's equity.

(d) Reconciliation. When reconciling value indicators into a final estimate of value, the appraiser shall take into consideration the availability, quantity, and quality of data, as well as the strength and weaknesses of each value indicator. Weighting percentages used to correlate the value approaches will generally vary by industry, and may vary by company if evidence exists to support a different weighting. The Division must disclose in writing the weighting percentages used in the reconciliation for the final assessment. Any departure from the prior year's weighting must be explained in writing.

(6) Property Specific Considerations. Because of unique characteristics of properties and industries, modifications or alternatives to the general value indicators may be required for

specific industries.

(a) Cost Regulated Utilities.

(i) HCLD is the preferred cost indicator of value for cost regulated utilities because it represents an approximation of the basis upon which the investor can earn a return. HCLD is calculated by taking the historic cost less depreciation as reflected in the utility's net plant accounts, and then:

(A) subtracting intangible property;

(B) subtracting any items not included in the utility's rate base (e.g., deferred income taxes and, if appropriate, acquisition adjustments); and

(C) adding any taxable items not included in the utility's net plant account or rate base.

(ii) Deferred Income Taxes, also referred to as DFIT, is an accounting entry that reflects the difference between the use of accelerated depreciation for income tax purposes and the use of straight-line depreciation for financial statements. For traditional rate base regulated companies, regulators generally exclude deferred income taxes from rate base, recognizing it as ratepayer contributed capital. Where rate base is reduced by deferred income taxes for rate base regulated companies, they shall be removed from HCLD.

(iii) Items excluded from rate base under Subsections (6)(a)(i)(A) or (B) should not be subtracted from HCLD to the extent it can be shown that regulators would likely permit the rate base of a potential purchaser to include a premium over existing rate base.

(b)(i) Railroads.

(ii) The cost indicator should generally be given little or no weight because there is no observable relationship between cost and fair market value.

(c)(i) Wind Power Generating Plants.

(ii) Due to the unique financial nature of operating wind power generating plants, the following tax credits provided to entities operating wind power generating plants shall be identified and removed as intangible property from the indicators of value considered under this rule:

(A) renewable electricity production credits for wind power generation pursuant to Section 45, Internal Revenue Code; and

(B) refundable wind energy tax credits pursuant to Section 59-7-614(2)(c).

R884-24P-63. Performance Standards and Training Requirements Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-406.

A. The party contracting to perform services shall develop a written customer service performance plan within 60 days after the contract for performance of services is signed.

1. The customer service performance plan shall address:

a) procedures the contracting party will follow to minimize the time a customer waits in line; and

b) the manner in which the contracting party will promote alternative methods of registration.

2. The party contracting to perform services shall provide a copy of its customer service performance plan to the party for whom it provides services.

3. The party for whom the services are provided may, no more often than semiannually, audit the contracting party's performance based on its customer service performance plan, and may report the results of the audit to the county commission or the state tax commissioners, as applicable.

B. Each county office contracting to perform services shall conduct initial training of its new employees.

C. The Tax Commission shall provide regularly scheduled training for all county offices contracting to perform motor vehicle functions.

R884-24P-64. Determination and Application of Taxable Value for Purposes of the Property Tax Exemptions for

Disabled Veterans and the Blind Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-1104 and 59-2-1106.

For purposes of Sections 59-2-1104 and 59-2-1106, the taxable value of tangible personal property subject to a uniform fee under Sections 59-2-405.1 or 59-2-405.2 shall be calculated by dividing the uniform fee the tangible personal property is subject to by .015.

R884-24P-65. Assessment of Transitory Personal Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-402.

A. "Transitory personal property" means tangible personal property that is used or operated primarily at a location other than a fixed place of business of the property owner or lessee.

B. Transitory personal property in the state on January 1 shall be assessed at 100 percent of fair market value.

C. Transitory personal property that is not in the state on January 1 is subject to a proportional assessment when it has been in the state for 90 consecutive days in a calendar year.

1. The determination of whether transitory personal property has been in the state for 90 consecutive days shall include the days the property is outside the state if, within 10 days of its removal from the state, the property is:

a) brought back into the state; or

b) substituted with transitory personal property that performs the same function.

D. Once transitory personal property satisfies the conditions under C., tax shall be proportionally assessed for the period:

1. beginning on the first day of the month in which the property was brought into Utah; and

2. for the number of months remaining in the calendar year.

E. An owner of taxable transitory personal property who removes the property from the state prior to December and who qualifies for a refund of taxes assessed and paid, shall receive a refund based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year at the time the property is removed from the state and for which the tax has been paid.

1. The refund provisions of this subsection apply to transitory personal property taxes assessed under B. and C.

2. For purposes of determining the refund under this subsection, any portion of a month remaining shall be counted as a full month.

F. If tax has been paid for transitory personal property and that property is subsequently moved to another county in Utah:

1. No additional assessment may be imposed by any county to which the property is subsequently moved; and

2. No portion of the assessed tax may be transferred to the subsequent county.

R884-24P-66. Appeal to County Board of Equalization Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1004.

(1)(a) "Factual error" means an error that is:

(i) objectively verifiable without the exercise of discretion, opinion, or judgment, and

(ii) demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence.

(b) Factual error includes:

(i) a mistake in the description of the size, use, or ownership of a property;

(ii) a clerical or typographical error in reporting or entering the data used to establish valuation or equalization;

(iii) an error in the classification of a property that is eligible for a property tax exemption under:

(A) Section 59-2-103; or

(B) Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11;

(iv) valuation of a property that is not in existence on the lien date; and

(v) a valuation of a property assessed more than once, or by the wrong assessing authority.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a county board of equalization shall accept an application to appeal the valuation or equalization of a property owner's real property that is filed after the time period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a) if any of the following conditions apply:

(a) During the period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a), the property owner was incapable of filing an appeal as a result of a medical emergency to the property owner or an immediate family member of the property owner, and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(b) During the period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a), the property owner or an immediate family member of the property owner died, and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(c) The county did not comply with the notification requirements of Section 59-2-919.1.

(d) A factual error is discovered in the county records pertaining to the subject property.

(e) The property owner was unable to file an appeal within the time period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a) because of extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances that occurred during the period prescribed by Section 59-2-1004(2)(a), and no co-owner of the property was capable of filing an appeal.

(3) Appeals accepted under Subsection (2)(d) shall be limited to correction of the factual error and any resulting changes to the property's valuation.

(4) The provisions of Subsection (2) apply only to appeals filed for a tax year for which the treasurer has not made a final annual settlement under Section 59-2-1365.

(5) The provisions of this rule apply only to appeals to the county board of equalization. For information regarding appeals of county board of equalization decisions to the Commission, please see Section 59-2-1006 and R861-1A-9.

R884-24P-67. Information Required for Valuation of Low-Income Housing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-102 and 59-2-301.3.

A. The purpose of this rule is to provide an annual reporting mechanism to assist county assessors in gathering data necessary for accurate valuation of low-income housing projects.

B. The Utah Housing Corporation shall provide the following information that it has obtained from the owner of a low-income housing project to the commission:

1. for each low-income housing project in the state that is eligible for a low-income housing tax credit:

a) the Utah Housing Corporation project identification number;

b) the project name;

c) the project address;

d) the city in which the project is located;

e) the county in which the project is located;

f) the building identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service for each building included in the project;

g) the building address for each building included in the project;

h) the total apartment units included in the project;

i) the total apartment units in the project that are eligible for low-income housing tax credits;

j) the period of time for which the project is subject to rent restrictions under an agreement described in B.2.;

k) whether the project is:

(1) the rehabilitation of an existing building; or

(2) new construction;

l) the date on which the project was placed in service;

m) the total square feet of the buildings included in the project;

n) the maximum annual federal low-income housing tax

credits for which the project is eligible;

o) the maximum annual state low-income housing tax credits for which the project is eligible; and

p) for each apartment unit included in the project:

(1) the number of bedrooms in the apartment unit;

(2) the size of the apartment unit in square feet; and

(3) any rent limitation to which the apartment unit is subject; and

2. a recorded copy of the agreement entered into by the Utah Housing Corporation and the property owner for the low-income housing project; and

3. construction cost certifications for the project received from the low-income housing project owner.

C. The Utah Housing Corporation shall provide the commission the information under B. by January 31 of the year following the year in which a project is placed into service.

D. 1. Except as provided in D.2., by April 30 of each year, the owner of a low-income housing project shall provide the county assessor of the county in which the project is located the following project information for the prior year:

a) operating statement;

b) rent rolls; and

c) federal and commercial financing terms and agreements.

2. Notwithstanding D.1., the information a low-income project housing owner shall provide by April 30, 2004 to a county assessor shall include a 3-year history of the information required under D.1.

E. A county assessor shall assess and list the property described in this rule using the best information obtainable if the property owner fails to provide the information required under D.

R884-24P-68. Property Tax Exemption for Taxable Tangible Personal Property With a Total Aggregate Fair Market Value of \$3,500 or Less Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1115.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to provide for the administration of the property tax exemption for a taxpayer whose taxable tangible personal property has a total aggregate fair market value of \$3,500 or less.

(a) Total aggregate fair market value is determined by aggregating the fair market value of all taxable tangible personal property owned by a taxpayer within a county.

(b) If taxable tangible personal property is required to be apportioned among counties, the determination of whether taxable tangible personal property has a total aggregate fair market value of \$3,500 or less shall be made after apportionment.

(2) A taxpayer shall apply for the exemption provided under Section 59-2-1115:

(a) if the county assessor has requested a signed statement from the taxpayer under Section 59-2-306, within the time frame set forth under Section 59-2-306 for filing the signed statement; or

(b) if the county assessor has not requested a signed statement from the taxpayer under Section 59-2-306, within 30 days from the day the taxpayer is requested to indicate whether the taxpayer has \$3,500 or less of taxable tangible personal property in the county.

R884-24P-70. Real Property Appraisal Requirements for County Assessors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-303.1 and 59-2-919.1.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Accepted valuation methodologies" means those methodologies approved or endorsed in the Standard on Mass Appraisal of Real Property and the Standard on Automated Valuation Models published by the International Association of

Assessing Officers (IAAO).

(b) "Database," as referenced in Section 59-2-303.1(6), means an electronic storage of data using computer hardware and software that is relational, secure and archival, and adheres to generally accepted information technology standards of practice.

(2) County mass appraisal systems, as defined in Section 59-2-303.1, shall use accepted valuation methodologies to perform the annual update of all residential parcels.

(3)(a) A detailed review of property characteristics shall include a sufficient inspection to determine any changes to real property due to:

(i) new construction, additions, remodels, demolitions, land segregations, changes in use, or other changes of a similar nature; and

(ii) a change in condition or effective age.

(b)(i) A detailed review of property characteristics shall be made in accordance with the IAAO Standard on Mass Appraisal of Real Property.

(ii) When using aerial photography, including oblique aerial photography, the date of the photographic flight is the property review date for purposes of Section 59-2-303.1.

(4) The last property review date to be included in the county's computer system shall include the actual day, month, and year that the last detailed review of a property's characteristics was conducted.

(5) The last property review date to be included on the notice shall include at least the actual year or tax year that the last detailed review of a property's characteristics was conducted. The month and day of the review may also be included on the notice at the discretion of the county assessor and auditor.

(6)(a) The five-year plan shall detail the current year plus four subsequent years into the future. The plan shall define the properties being reviewed for each of the five years by one or more of the following:

- (i) class;
- (ii) property type;
- (iii) geographic location; and
- (iv) age.

(b) The five-year plan shall also include parcel counts for each defined property group.

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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.

(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 no more than 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 in the Utah labor market.

(3) If a household has at least one incapacitated parent, the parent claiming incapacity must verify that incapacity in one of the following ways:

- (a) receipt of disability benefits from SSA;
- (b) 100% 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.

(d) the written statement in paragraph (c) of this subsection must be based on a current physical examination of the parent, not just a review of parent's medical records.

(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 parent 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 parent 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, that parent is not included in the household and none of the income or assets of the SSI recipient is counted.

(7) An incapacitated parent who is included in the household 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.

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;

(b) who is admitted as a refugee under section 207 of the INA;

(c) who is granted asylum under section 208 of the INA;

(d) who is a Cuban or Haitian entrant in accordance with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 401;

(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;

(f) whose deportation is being withheld under sections 243(h) or 241(b)(3) of the INA;

(g) who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the INA,

(h) who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the INA;

(i) who meets the definition of certain battered aliens under Section 8 U.S.C. 1641(c); or

(j) who is a certified victim of trafficking.

(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 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), of immigration status. Victims of trafficking can provide proof from the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

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 of income, assets, and participation in addition to the eligibility requirements found in R986-100.

(3) Persons who are fleeing to avoid prosecution of a felony are ineligible for financial assistance.

(4) All clients who are required to complete a negotiated employment plan as provided in R986-200-206 must attend a FEP orientation meeting and sign a FEP Agreement within 30 days of submitting his or her application for assistance. Attendance at the orientation meeting can only be excused for reasonable cause as defined in R986-200-212(8). The application for assistance will not be complete until the client has attended the meeting.

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 in this section, 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 or his name must appear on the birth record. If the parents have a solemnized marriage at the time of birth, relationship is established and can only be rebutted by a DNA test;

(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;

(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 order regarding custody of the children, the Department will determine if the children should be included in the household assistance unit based on the actual living arrangements of the children and not on the custody order. If the child lives in the home 50% or more of the time, the child must be included in the household assistance unit and duty of support completed. It is not an option to exclude the child. This is true even if the court awarded custody to the other parent or the court ordered joint custody. If the child lives in the household less than 50% of the time, the child cannot be included in the household. It is not an option to include the child. This is true even if the parent applying for financial assistance has been awarded custody by the court or the court ordered joint custody. If financial assistance is allowed, a 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 unemployment, SSA, Workers Compensation, VA, or any other benefits or forms of assistance, the Department will refer the individual 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. Pursuing these benefits includes cooperating fully and providing all the necessary documentation to insure receipt of benefits. If the individual is already receiving assistance from the Department and it is found he or she is not cooperating fully to obtain benefits from another source, the individual will be considered to not be participating in his or her employment plan. If the individual is otherwise eligible for FEP or FEPTP, financial assistance will be provided until eligibility for other benefits or assistance has been determined. If an individual's application for SSA benefits is denied, the individual must fully cooperate in prosecuting an appeal of that SSA denial at least to the Social Security ALJ level.

(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 stepchildren 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;

(b) is 18 years old and enrolled in high school during the normal and expected year of graduation;

(c) is emancipated by marriage or court order;

(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.

(8) 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.

(9) If the child is born out of wedlock, the client must also cooperate in the establishment of paternity.

(10) 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.

(11) 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.

(12) Upon notification from ORS that the client is not cooperating, the Department will commence reconciliation procedures as outlined in R986-200-212. If the client continues to refuse to cooperate with ORS at the end of the reconciliation process, financial assistance will be terminated.

(13) Termination of financial assistance for non cooperation is immediate, without a reduction period outlined in R986-200-212, if:

(a) the client is a specified relative who is not included in the household assistance unit;

(b) the client is a parent receiving SSI benefits; or

(c) the client is participating in FEPTP.

(14) 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.

(15) 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, and provide verification for, each eligible activity in the employment plan in order to stay eligible for financial assistance. A list of what will be considered acceptable documentation is available at each employment center.

(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 30 hours per week. All 30 hours must be in eligible activities. 20 of those 30 hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority and eligible activities is available at each employment center. If the client has a child in the household under the age of six, the number of hours of participation in subsection (3)(c) of this section is a minimum of 20 hours per week and all of those 20 hours must be in priority activities.

(12) In the event a client has barriers which prevent the client from 30 hours of participation per week, or 20 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;

(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 a minimum of 30 hours per week in eligible activities. Twenty of those 30 hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority and eligible activities is available at each employment center. If the client has a child in the household under the age of six, the minimum number of hours of participation under this subsection is 20 hours per week and all of those 20 hours must be in priority activities.

(5) Graduate work can never be approved or supported as part of an employment plan.

R986-200-212. Reconciling Disputes and Termination of Financial Assistance for Failure to Comply.

If a client who is required to participate in an employment plan consistently fails, without reasonable cause, 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 reconciliation through the following process:

(1) 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 phase.

(2) In the second phase, 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 the client does not attend the meeting, the meeting will be held in the client's absence. A formal meeting with the client is not required for a third or subsequent occurrence. If a resolution cannot be reached, one of the following will occur:

(a) for the first occurrence, the client's financial assistance payment will be reduced by \$100 for one month. The reduction will occur in the month following the month the determination was made. If the client does not participate during the \$100 reduction month, financial assistance will be terminated beginning the month following the \$100 reduction month.

(b) for the second occurrence, the client's financial assistance payment will be terminated and the client will be ineligible for financial assistance for one month. If the client re-applies during the one month termination period, the new application will be denied for non-participation. If the client re-applies after the one month termination period, the client must successfully complete a two week trial participation period before financial assistance will be approved.

(c) for the third and subsequent occurrences the client's financial assistance will be terminated beginning with the month following the determination by the employment counselor that the client is not participating. The client will be ineligible for financial assistance for two months and if the client re-applies during the two month period, the new application will be denied for non-participation. If the client re-applies after the two month termination period, the client must successfully complete a two week trial participation period before financial assistance will be approved.

(3) A client must demonstrate a genuine willingness to participate during the two week trial period.

(4) The occurrences are life-time occurrences and it does not matter how much time elapses between occurrences. If a client's assistance was reduced as provided in (2)(a) of this section three years ago, for example, the next occurrence will be treated as a second occurrence.

(5) The two week trial period may be waived only if the

client has cured all previous participation issues prior to re-application.

(6) The provisions of this section apply to clients who are eligible for and receiving financial assistance during an extension period as provided in R986-200-218.

(7) A child age 16-18 who is not a parent and who is not participating will be removed from the financial assistance grant on the first and all subsequent occurrences. The financial assistance will continue for other household members provided they are participating. If the child successfully completes a two week trial period, the child will be added back on to the financial assistance grant.

(8) Reasonable cause under this section means the client was prevented from participating through no fault of his or her own or failed to participate for reasons that are reasonable and compelling.

(9) Reasonable cause can also be established, as provided in 45 CFR 261.56, by a client who is a single custodial parent caring for a child under age six who refuses to engage in required work because he or she is unable to obtain needed child care because appropriate and affordable child care arrangements are not available within a reasonable distance from the home or work site.

(10) If a client is also receiving food stamps and the client's is disqualified for non-participation under this section, the client will also be subject to the food stamp sanctions found in 7CFR 273.7(f)(2) unless the client meets an exemption under food stamp regulations.

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;

(b) No living parent or legal guardian of the minor parent allows the minor parent to live in his or her home;

(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) brothers and sisters by legal adoption;

(j) the spouse of any person listed above;

(k) the former spouse of any person listed above;

(l) individuals who can prove they met one of the above mentioned relationships via a blood relationship even though the legal relationship has been terminated; and

(m) former stepparents.

(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. This is true even for a parent who has had his or her parental rights terminated;

(c) The child must be currently living with, and not just visiting, the specified relative;

(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. Eligible refugee households with two able-bodied parents and at least one dependent child, must first exhaust RRP benefits before considering eligibility for FEPTP.

(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) Both parents must participate in eligible activities for a combined total of 60 hours per week, as defined in the employment plan. At least 50 of those hours must be in priority activities. A list of approved priority and eligible activities is available at each employment center.

(4) Both parents are required to participate every week as defined in the employment plan, unless the parent can establish reasonable cause for not participating. Reasonable cause is defined in rule R986-200-212(8).

(5) Payment is made twice per month and only after proof of participation. Payment is based on the number of hours of participation by both parents. The amount of assistance is equal to the FEP payment for the household size prorated based on the number of hours which the parents participated up to a maximum of 60 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.

(6) If it is determined by the employment counselor that either one of the parents has failed to participate to the maximum extent possible assistance for the entire household unit will terminate immediately.

(7) 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 ten days of the termination, payment of financial assistance based on participation of both parents in eligible activities can continue during the hearing process as provided in R986-100-134.

(8) 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 all 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 unforeseen 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 R986-200-218 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 a parent client 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;

(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 and all subsequent diversion periods 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; or

(f) months when a parent client received transitional assistance.

R986-200-218. Exceptions to the Time Limit.

Exceptions to the time limit may be allowed for up to 20% 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;

(ii) receipt of VA Disability benefits based on the parent being 100% disabled;

(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 Workers' Compensation benefits;

(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, licensed Mental Health Therapist as defined in UCA Section 58-60-102, 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;

(b) is under age 19 through the month of their nineteenth birthday;

(c) is currently engaged in an approved full-time job preparation, educational or training activity which the parent was expected to complete within the 36 month time limit 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;

(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;

(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;

(f) completed an educational or training program at the 36th month and needs additional time to obtain employment;

(g) is unable to work because the parent is required in the home to meet the medical needs of a dependent. Dependent for

the purposes of this paragraph means a person who the parent claims as a dependent on his or her income tax filing. Proof, consisting of a medical statement from a health care professional listed in subparagraph (1)(a)(v) or (vi) of this section 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 parent will be required in the home to care for the dependent, and

(iv) whether the parent is required to be in the home full-time or part-time; or

(h) is currently receiving assistance under one of the exceptions in this section and needs additional time to obtain employment. A client can only receive assistance for one month under this subparagraph. If the Department determines that granting an exception under this subparagraph adversely impacts its federally mandated participation rate requirements or might otherwise jeopardize its funding, the one month exception will not be granted or

(i) is no longer employed due to a verified reduction in force (layoff) and needs additional time to find work. Participation in eligible activities is required for an exception under this subparagraph. This exception is only available for parents who were laid off on or after January 1, 2008. This exception will not be available after December 31, 2011.

(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) threats of, or attempts at, physical or sexual abuse;

(e) mental abuse which includes stalking and harassment;

or

(f) 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 two months, the parent client was employed for no less than 20 hours per week. The employment can consist of self-employment if the parent's net income from that self-employment is at or above minimum wage; and

(b) 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, 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.

(8) Exceptions are subject to a review at least once every six months.

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% 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;

(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;

(c) Assistance with one month's rent or mortgage payment is enough to prevent the eviction, foreclosure or termination of utilities;

(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 \$450 for rent on April 1 and requests an additional EA payment of \$300 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 \$450 per family for one month's rent payment or \$700 per family for one month's mortgage payment, and \$300 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, mobile homes 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) motorized vehicles;

(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 in section R986-200-239.

(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, living stipends and money earned from an assistantship program is counted as income; 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. A client may deduct actual, allowable expenses, or may opt to deduct 40% of the gross income from self-employment to determine net income;

(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% 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% 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) fifty percent of the remaining earned income after deducting the work expense allowance as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the individual has received a financial assistance payment from the Department for one or more of the immediately preceding four months; and

(c) after deducting the amounts in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, if appropriate, the following deductions can be made:

(i) a dependent care deduction as described in subsection (3) of this section; and

(ii) child support paid by a household member if legally owed to someone not included in the household.

(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% 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% 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% deduction under paragraph (2)(b) 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 Department. The current amount is in the table that follows:

TABLE

Household Size	Payment Amount
1	\$288
2	\$399
3	\$498
4	\$583
5	\$663
6	\$731
7	\$765
8	\$801

Amounts for household sizes larger than 8 are 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 \$60 each month in addition to the standard financial assistance payment. Enhanced participation activities are limited to:

(a) work experience sites of at least 20 hours a week and other eligible activities that together total 30 hours per week;

(b) full-time attendance in an education or employment training program; or

(c) employment of 20 hours or more a week and other eligible activities that together total 30 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.

(5) A Department Regional Director or designee may approve assistance, as funding allows, for the emergency needs of a non-resident who is transient, temporarily stranded in Utah, and who does not intend to stay in Utah.

(6) A limited number of funds are available for enhanced payments to parents who are eligible for financial assistance in the FEP program or who are eligible for TANF non-FEP training under R986-200-245 and who participate in the HS/GED Pilot Program. The payment of these funds is completely discretionary by the Department and may differ from region to region. The payments may continue until the client completes the HS/GED Pilot Program even if the client is no longer receiving FEP.

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% 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% of the SNB, the total household income is divided by the household size calculated under subsection (2) of this section. 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% 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) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, 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% 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% 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 300% 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 achieve self-sufficiency 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.

R986-200-246. Transitional Cash Assistance.

(1) Transitional Cash Assistance, (TCA) is offered to help FEP and FEPTP customers stabilize employment and reduce recidivism.

(2) To be eligible for TCA a client must;

(a) have been eligible for and have received FEP or FEPTP during the month immediately preceding the month during which TCA is requested or granted. The FEP or FEPTP assistance must have been terminated due to earned or unearned income and not for nonparticipation under R986-200-212. If the immediately preceding month was during a diversion period, or the client has a reduction or termination pending due to non participation as provided in R986-200-212, the client is not eligible for TCA, and

(b) be employed an average of 30 hours per week for FEP households. The parents in a FEPTP household cannot combine hours for TCA. Each parent must be employed 30 hours per week.

(3) TCA is only available if the customer verifies employment averaging the minimum required in subparagraph (2)(b) of this section.

(4) TCA is available for a maximum of three months.

(a) The assistance payment for the first two months of TCA is based on household size. All household income, earned and unearned, is disregarded.

(b) Payment for the third month is one half of the payment available in (4)(a) of this section.

(5) If initial verification is provided and a client is paid one month of TCA but the client is unable to provide documentation to support that initial verification, no further payments will be made under TCA but the one month payment will not result in an overpayment.

(6) A client can only receive TCA once in any 24 month period. This time limit applies regardless of how many months of TCA a client received.

(7) TCA does not count toward the 36 month time limit found in R986-200-217.

R986-200-250. Basic Education Training Provider.

(1) Basic education funds can only be provided to training providers approved by the Department.

(2) This section applies to basic education providers

receiving funds from the Department including WIA funds under R986-600.

R986-200-251. Types of Basic Education Training Providers and Approval Requirements.

(1) Public schools governed by the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) must complete and submit Application "A" to the Department.

(2) Individuals offering youth tutoring personally, and not as an employee of another business or school, must be over 18 years of age, submit Application "B" and provide all of the following;

(a) a birth certificate,

(b) a current BCI background check results for Utah, from the Utah Department of Public Safety, paid for by the individual. The BCI report cannot contain:

(i) any matters involving an alleged sexual offense;

(ii) any matters involving an alleged felony or class A misdemeanor drug offense; or

(iii) any matters involving an alleged offense against the person under Utah State Code Title 76 Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person.

(c) a resume with tutoring-related work history or subject matter knowledge,

(d) three letters of recommendation addressing suitability as a tutor, and

(e) an approved grievance procedure for clients to use in making complaints.

(3) All other providers must submit Application "C" and;

(a) have been in business in Utah for at least one year;

(b) meet all state and local licensing requirements;

(c) have a satisfactory record with the Better Business Bureau;

(d) submit evidence of financial stability prepared by a certified public accountant (CPA) using generally accepted accounting principles. The evidence must include at least one of the following:

(i) balance sheet, income statement and a statement of changes in financial position;

(ii) copy of the most recent annual business audit; or

(iii) copies of each owner's most recent personal income tax return.

(e) submit a current Utah Business License showing at least one year in business, and

(f) submit an approved grievance procedure for clients to use in making complaints.

(g) ESL training providers must also submit documentation of registration as a Postsecondary Proprietary School with the Utah Division of Consumer Protection or show an exemption from such registration.

(h) Providers offering high school credit must also provide documentation of accreditation through Utah State Office of Education and Northwest Association of Accredited Schools.

(4) Training providers submitting Application "B" or "C" must provide the following information for each training program for which the provider is seeking approval:

(a) program completion rates for all individuals enrolled;

(b) the type of certification students completing the program will obtain;

(c) the percentage rate of certification attained by program graduates; and

(d) program costs including tuition, fees and refund policy.

(5) A training provider approved under R986-600-652 can be approved for its basic education curriculum upon submission and approval of the information required in subsection (4) of this section. However, public schools governed by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 USCA 1070 et seq.) or the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) approved as providers under R986-600-652 do not need to submit the

information required in subsection (4) of this section.

R986-200-252. Renewal and Revocation of Approval for Training Providers.

(1) Once a provider has been approved, the Department will establish a review date for that provider and notify the provider of the review date. The Department will determine at the time of the review if the provider is still eligible for approved provider status and notify the provider of that determination. At the time of review, the provider is required to provide any and all information requested by the Department which the Department has determined is necessary to allow the provider to continue to be an approved provider. This may include completing necessary forms, providing documentation and verification, and returning the Department's telephone calls. The requests for information must be completed within the time frame specified by the Department. If the Department determines as a result of the review that the provider is no longer eligible for approved provider status, the provider will be removed from the approved provider list.

(2) Providers must retain participant program records for three years from the date the participant completes the program.

(3) A provider who is not on the Department's approved provider list is not eligible for receipt of Department funds. A provider will be removed from the eligible provider list if the provider:

(a) does not meet the performance levels established by the Department including providing training services in a professional and timely manner;

(b) has committed fraud or violated applicable state or federal law, rule, or regulation;

(c) intentionally supplies inaccurate student or program performance information;

(d) fails to complete the review process; or

(e) has lost approval, accreditation, licensing, or certification from any of the following:

(i) Utah Division of Consumer Protection,

(ii) USOE,

(iii) Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, or

(iv) any other required approval, accrediting, licensing, or certification body.

(4) Some providers who have been removed from the eligible provider list may be eligible to be placed back on the list as follows:

(a) a provider who was removed for failure to meet performance levels may reapply for approval if the provider can prove it can meet performance levels;

(b) there is a lifetime ban for a provider who has committed fraud as a provider;

(c) providers removed for other violations of state or federal law will be suspended:

(i) until the provider can prove it is no longer in violation of the law for minor violations;

(ii) for a period of two years for serious violations or supplying inaccurate student or program performance information; or

(iii) for the lifetime of the provider for egregious violations. The seriousness of the violation will be determined by the Department.

R986-200-253. Training Provider's Right to Appeal a Denial or Revocation of Approval.

(1) Training providers will be notified in writing of a decision to deny an application for approval as a basic education training provider or a decision to revoke prior approval. The notice will inform the provider of its right to file a written appeal, where the appeal should be sent, and the deadline for filing an appeal.

(2) A hearing on the appeal will be held by the

Department's Appeals Unit following the procedure in R986-100.

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