R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.
R33-1. Utah State Procurement Rules Definitions.
R33-1-1. Definitions.

A. Terms used in the procurement rules are defined in Section 63G-6-103.

B. In addition:

(1) Actual Costs means direct and indirect costs which have been incurred for services rendered, supplies delivered, or construction built, as distinguished from allowable costs.

(2) Adequate Price Competition means when competitive sealed proposals are solicited and at least two responsible offerors independently contend for a contract to be awarded to the responsible offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price by submitting priced best and final offers meeting the requirements of the request for proposals. If the foregoing conditions are met, price competition shall be presumed to be "adequate" unless the procurement officer determines that there is not adequate competition.

(3) Acquiring Agency is an agency subject to Section 63F-1-205 acquiring new technology or technology as therein defined.

(4) Brand Name or Equal Specification means a specification which uses a brand name specification to describe the standard of quality, performance, and other characteristics being solicited, and which invites the submission of equivalent products.

(5) Brand Name Specification means a specification calling for one or more products by manufacturers' names or catalogue numbers.

(6) Chief Procurement Officer means the procurement officer for the State of Utah.

(7) Consultant Services means work, rendered by either individuals or firms who possess specialized knowledge, experience, and expertise to investigate assigned problems or projects and to provide counsel, review, design, development, analysis, or advise in formulating or implementing programs or services or improvements in programs or services, including but not limited to such areas as management, personnel, finance, accounting, planning, and data processing.

(8) Cost Analysis means the evaluation of cost data for the purpose of arriving at estimates of costs to be incurred, prices to be paid, cost to be reimbursed, or costs actually incurred.

(9) Cost Data means factual information concerning the cost of labor, material, overhead, and other cost elements which are expected to be incurred or which have been actually incurred by the contractor in performing the contract.

(10) Cost Objective means a function, organizational subdivision, contract, or any other work unit for which provision is made to accumulate and measure the cost of processes, products, jobs, capitalized projects, and similar items.

(11) Discussions as used in source selection means negotiation during which the seller or buyer may alter or otherwise change the terms, price or other provisions of the proposed contract. Discussion can be conducted under competitive sealed proposals, sole source, and emergency procurements; such discussion is not permissible under competitive sealed bidding except to the extent in the first phase of multi-step bidding.

(12) Electronic means, in reference to any solicitation process, only those specified electronic forms described in the Invitation for Bids, Request for Proposals or other solicitation document.

(13) Established Market Price means a current price, established in the usual and ordinary course of trade between buyers and sellers, which can be substantiated from sources independent of the manufacturer or supplier.

(14) Lease means a contract for the use of equipment or real property under which title does not pass to the purchasing agency.

(15) New Technology means any invention, discovery, improvement, or innovation, that was not available to the acquiring agency on the effective date of the contract, whether or not patentable, including, but not limited to, new processes, emerging technology, machines, and improvements to, or new applications of, existing processes, machines, manufactures and software. Also included are new computer programs, and improvements to, or new applications of, existing computer programs, whether or not copyrightable and any new process, machine, including software, and improvements to, or new applications of, existing processes, machines, manufactures and software.

(16) Prequalification for Inclusion on Bidders Lists means determining that a prospective bidder or offeror satisfies the criteria established for receipt of solicitations when and as issued.

(17) Price Analysis means the evaluation of price data without analysis of the separate cost components and profit which may assist in arriving at prices to be paid or costs to be reimbursed.

(18) Price Data means factual information concerning prices for supplies, services, or construction substantially identical to those being procured. Prices in this definition refer to offered or proposed selling prices. The definition refers to data relevant to both prime and subcontract prices.

(19) Professional Services means work rendered by an independent contractor who has a professed knowledge of some department of learning or science used by its practical application to the affairs of others or in the practice of an art founded on it, including but not limited to accounting and auditing, court reporters, X-ray technicians, legal, medical, nursing, education, engineering, actuarial, architecture, veterinarians, and research. The knowledge is founded upon prolonged and specialized intellectual training which enables a particular service to be rendered. The word "professional" implies professed attainments in special knowledge as distinguished from mere skills.

(20) Property means all real property, personal property, or both, owned by a purchasing agency.

(21) Providers means suppliers of services, which might be termed "personal services", to benefit clients or citizens of the enacting jurisdiction which services otherwise might be performed by its own employees. For example, an enacting jurisdiction might contract with a school to conduct a training program for the handicapped. Similarly, the state might contract with persons to provide foster homes for children. It will be necessary to ascertain on a case-by-case basis whether the services to be rendered will involve extended analysis and significant features of judgment.

(22) Qualified Products List means a list of supplies, services, or construction items described by model or catalogue numbers, which, prior to solicitation, the purchasing agency has determined will meet the applicable specification requirements.

(23) Solicitation means an Invitation for Bids, a Request for Proposals, or any other document, such as a request for quotations, issued by the purchasing agency for the purpose of soliciting offers to perform a contract.

(24) Suppliers means prospective bidders or offerors, as used in section 63G-6-414 of the Utah Procurement Code.

(25) Technology means(e) any type of technology defined in 63F-1-102(8) of the Utah Technology Governance Act.

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R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.
R33-2. Procurement Organization.
R33-2-101. Delegation of Authority of the Chief Procurement Officer.

The Chief Procurement Officer may delegate in writing any authority Pursuant to Section 63G-6-205 as deemed appropriate to any employees of the office of the Chief Procurement Officer or of a purchasing agency, respectively. These delegations shall remain in effect unless modified or until revoked in writing.

R33-2-102. Authority to Make Small Purchases.

(1) General. The Chief Procurement Officer may delegate to the head of any using agency the authority to make a purchase expected to be less than $50,000 for supplies and services. This delegation shall be in writing and may be limited as the Chief Procurement Officer directs.

(2) Purchasing Agencies Shall Make Small Purchases Pursuant to Rules. Purchasing agencies shall exercise authority as may be delegated, and such small purchases shall be made pursuant to subpart 3-3 of part 3 of these rules.

R33-2-103. Authority of Procurement Officers.

Procurement officers may take any action of a procurement nature to advance economic well-being and efficient operation of the state or agency so long as that action is not in conflict with the Utah Procurement Code or the Utah Procurement Rules.

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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.

(5) Technology Acquisitions. The Invitation for Bids may state that at any time during the term of a contract, the acquiring agency may undertake a review in consultation with the Utah Technology Advisory Board and the Department of Technology Services to determine whether a new technology exists that is in the best interest of the acquiring agency, taking into consideration cost, life-cycle, references, current customers, and other factors and that the acquiring agency reserves the right to:

(a) negotiate with the contractor for the new technology, provided the new technology is substantially within the original scope of work;

(b) terminate the contract in accordance with the existing contract terms and conditions; or

(c) conduct a new procurement for an additional or supplemental contract as needed to take into account new technology.

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, transposition 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) Subject to the provisions of Section 63F-1-205, testing of new technology for a duration not to exceed the maximum time necessary to evaluate the technology may be permitted. Public notice of the test and testing period shall be conducted under R33-3-4. Unless otherwise approved by the chief procurement officer or head of a purchasing agency, in no event shall a contract entered into under this part or any testing period exceed twelve consecutive months. Upon conclusion of the test period:

(a) a determination has been made by the acquiring agency that the new technology is not advantageous to the acquiring agency; or

(b) an open procurement shall be conducted under these rules.

(4) 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 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) Subject to the provisions of Section 63F-1-205, testing of new technology for a duration not to exceed the maximum time necessary to evaluate the technology may be permitted. Public notice of the test and testing period shall be conducted under R33-3-4. Unless otherwise approved by the chief procurement officer or head of a purchasing agency, in no event shall a contract entered into under this part or any testing period exceed twelve consecutive months. Upon conclusion of the test period:

(a) a determination has been made by the acquiring agency that the technology is not advantageous to the acquiring agency; or

(b) an open procurement shall be conducted under these rules.

(3) 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) a test or pilot is being conducted under R33-3-121(3);

(4) procurement of items for resale;

(5) 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) Prepayments.

(a) In general, it is the policy of the state that payments to contractors and vendors cannot be made until after services are actually rendered or goods are actually received. It may be necessary or beneficial to the state in certain instances to pay for goods or services before delivery.

(b) Prepayments are allowable in any of the following circumstances when approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or Head of a Purchasing Agency, or any of their authorized designees, and the using agency has policies and procedures that ensure that prepaid goods or services are actually received in the condition as required by the contract or purchase order:

(i) When it is the customary practice for the type of goods or services involved, including insurance, rent, certain maintenance contracts, seminars, or subscriptions.

(ii) When the using agency will receive additional benefit for prepayment, including price breaks on prepaid maintenance contracts, or registrations which would not be available if the charge was paid after delivery, and other benefits which are identifiable.

(c) All prepaid expenditures must be supported by documentation, which states the goods or services to be

furnished, the date of delivery, the payment terms, and remedies for non-compliance.

(d) The Chief Procurement Officer or Head of a Purchasing Agency, or any of their authorized designees, may:

(i) Authorize the use of prepayments upon receipt of a written request from the using agency. The request must acknowledge that the using agency understands the liability and risk associated with the failure of a vendor or contractor to perform the prepaid services or provide the prepaid goods.

(ii) Require a performance bond in an amount up to 100% of the prepayment amount. The performance bond must be delivered to the state prior to the time the contract is executed or a purchase order is issued. Performance bonds must be from sureties meeting the requirements of Subsection R33-5-341(b) and be on forms acceptable to the state. If a contractor or vendor fails to deliver a required performance bond, the original award may be cancelled and the award may thereafter be made in accordance with the applicable provision of Rule R33-3.

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 to that effect 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.

3-712 Technology Modification

(1) Technology Upgrade. Any contract subject to a modification for technological upgrades shall have had a provision to that effect included in the solicitation. Any modification to a contract for upgraded technology must be substantially within the scope of the original procurement or contract, and if both parties agree to the modification, then the contract may be modified.

2) New Technology. Any contract subject to a modification for technological upgrades shall have had a provision to that effect included in the solicitation. No contract modification for new technology requested by an acquiring agency shall be exercised without the approval required under Section 63F-1-205, the new technology modification has been subject to the review as described in R33-3-101(5) and the contracting parties agree to the modification.

(3) No contract may be extended beyond the term of the contract included in the solicitation except as provided in the Utah Procurement Code.

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.

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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.
R33-4. Specifications.
R33-4-1. General Provisions.

4-101 General Purpose and Policies.

(1) Purpose. Specifications shall be drafted with the objective of clearly describing the purchasing agency's requirements and of encouraging competition. The purpose of a specification is to serve as a basis for obtaining a supply, service, or construction item, or technology adequate and suitable for the purchasing agency's needs in a cost effective manner, taking into account, to the extent practicable, the costs of ownership and operation as well as initial acquisition costs.

(2) Use of Functional or Performance Descriptions. Specifications shall, to the extent practicable, emphasize functional or performance criteria while limiting design or other detailed physical descriptions to those necessary to meet the needs of the purchasing agency. To facilitate the use of the criteria, using agencies shall endeavor to include as a part of their purchase requisitions the principal functional or performance needs to be met. It is recognized, however, that the preference for use of functional or performance specifications is primarily applicable to the procurement of supplies and services. This preference is often not practicable in construction, apart from the procurement of supply-type items for a construction project.

(3) Preference for Commercially Available Products. It is the general policy that requirements be satisfied by standard commercial products whenever practicable.

4-102 Availability of Documents.

Except for testing and confidential data, specifications and any written determination or other document generated or used in the development of a specification shall be available for public inspection.

4-103 Emergency Authority.

In the event of an emergency, as determined by the procurement officer, the purchasing agency may procure by any reasonable means, with any available specifications, without regard to the provision of these rules.

4-104 Procedures for the Development of Specifications.

(1) Provisions of General Application.

(a) Application of Section. This section applies to all persons who may prepare a specification.

(b) Specification of Alternates May Be Included. A specification may provide alternate descriptions of supplies, services, or construction items where two or more design, functional, or performance criteria will satisfactorily meet the purchasing agency's requirements.

(c) Contractual Requirements Not to Be Included. To the extent feasible, a specification shall not include any solicitation or contract term or condition as a requirement for time or place of bid opening, time of delivery, payment, liquidated damages, or qualification of bidders.

(d) Use of Existing Specifications. If a specification for a common or general use item has been developed in accordance with subsection (2) (a) of this section or a qualified products list has been developed in accordance with subsection (2) (d) of this section for a particular supply, service, or construction item, or need, it shall be used unless the procurement officer makes a written determination that its use is not in the purchasing agency's best interest and that another specification shall be used.

(e) The procurement officer should provide for the periodic review of specifications to determine whether any existing specification needs revision, or a new specification is needed to reflect changes in:

(i) the state of the art;

(ii) the characteristics of the available supplies, services, or construction items, or technology;

(iii) needs of the using agency;

(iv) a new technology that the acquiring agency does not currently possess; or

(v) technology that is new or subject to future advancements during the course of any contract term.

(f) The procurement officer may allow others to prepare specifications for the purchasing agency's use in making procurements when there will be no substantial conflict of interest involved and it is otherwise in the best interests of the purchasing agency as determined by the procurement officer.

(2) Special Additional Procedures.

(a) Specifications for Common or General Use Items.

(i) Preparation and Utilization. A standard specification for common or general use shall, to the extent practicable, be prepared and utilized when a supply, service, or construction item is used in common by several using agencies or used repeatedly by one using agency, and the characteristics of the supply, service, or construction item as commercially produced or provided remain relatively stable while the frequency or volume of procurements is significant, or where the purchasing agency's recurring needs require uniquely designed or specially produced items.

(ii) Final Approval. Final approval of a proposed specification for a common or general use item shall be given only by the procurement officer.

(iii) Revisions and Cancellations. All revisions to or cancellations of specifications for common or general use items may be made upon approval of the procurement officer.

(b) Brand Name or Equal Specification.

(i) Brand name or equal specifications may be used when the procurement officer determines that a specification is in the purchasing agency's best interest.

(ii) Designation of Several Brands. Brand name or equal specification shall seek to designate as many different brands as are practicable as "or equal" references and shall state that products substantially equivalent to those designated will be considered for award.

(iii) Required Characteristics. Unless the procurement officer authorized to finally approve specifications determines that the essential characteristics of the brand names included in the specifications are commonly known in the industry or trade, brand name or equal specifications shall include a description of the particular design and functional or performance characteristics which are required.

(iv) Nonrestrictive Use of Brand Name or Equal Specifications. Where a brand name or equal specification is used in a solicitation, the solicitation shall contain explanatory language that the use of a brand name is for the purpose of designating the standard of quality, performance, and characteristics desired and is not intended to limit or restrict competition.

(c) Brand Name Specification.

(i) Use. Since use of a brand name specification is restrictive, a specification may be used when the procurement officer or designee makes a written determination. The determination may be in any form deemed acceptable to the chief procurement officer, as a purchase evaluation, or a statement of single source justification. The written statement must state specific reasons for use of the brand name specification.

(ii) Competition. The procurement officer shall seek to identify sources from which the designated brand name item or items can be obtained and shall solicit sources to achieve whatever degree of competition is practicable. If only one source can supply the requirement, the procurement shall be made under Section 63G-6-410 of the Utah Procurement Code.

(d) Qualified Products List.

(i) Use. A qualified products list may be developed with the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer, or the head of a

purchasing or using agency authorized to develop qualified products lists, when testing or examination of the supplies or construction items prior to issuance of the solicitation is desirable or necessary in order to satisfy purchasing agency requirements.

(ii) Solicitation. When developing a qualified products list, a representative group of potential suppliers shall be solicited to submit products for testing and examination to determine acceptability for inclusion on a qualified products list. Any potential supplier, even though not solicited, may offer products for consideration in accordance with any schedule or procedure established for this purpose.

(iii) Testing and Confidential Data. Inclusion on a qualified products list shall be based on results of tests or examinations conducted in accordance with prior established requirements. Except as otherwise provided by law, trade secrets, test data, and similar information provided by the supplier will be kept confidential when requested in writing by the supplier. However, qualified products lists' test results shall be made public, but in a manner so as to protect the confidentiality of the identity of the competitors by, for example, using numerical designations.

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R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.
R33-5. Construction and Architect-Engineer Selection.
R33-5-101. Purpose and Authority.

As required by Sections 63G-6-501, 63G-6-504(2), 63G-6-506 and 63G-6-601, this rule contains provisions applicable to:

(1) selecting the appropriate method of management for construction contracts, that is, the contracting method and configuration that will most likely result in timely, economical, and otherwise successful completion of the construction project.

(2) establishing appropriate bid, performance, and payment bond requirements including criteria allowing for waiver of these requirements.

(3) governing appropriate contract provisions.

R33-5-102. Application.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all procurements of construction which are estimated to be greater than $50,000. Procurement of construction expected to be less than $50,000 shall be made in accordance with Section R33-3-3 (Small Purchases) except bid, performance and payment bonds shall be required unless waived in accordance with Section R33-5-355 (Waiver of Bonding Requirements on Small Projects).

R33-5-201. Methods of Construction Contract Management.

(1) Application. This section contains provisions applicable to the selection of the appropriate type of construction contract management.

(2) Flexibility. It is intended that the Procurement Officer have sufficient flexibility in formulating the construction contract management method for a particular project to fulfill the needs of the procuring agencies. In each instance, consideration commensurate with the project's size and importance should be given to all the appropriate and effective means of obtaining both the design and construction of the project. The methods for achieving the purposes set forth in this rule are not to be construed as an exclusive list.

(3) Selecting the Method of Construction Contracting. In selecting the construction contracting method, the Procurement Officer should consider the results achieved on similar projects in the past and the methods used. Consideration should be given to all appropriate and effective methods and their comparative advantages and disadvantages and how they might be adapted or combined to fulfill the needs of the procuring agencies.

(4) Criteria for Selecting Construction Contracting Methods. Before choosing the construction contracting method to use, a careful assessment must be made by the Procurement Officer of requirements the project must satisfy and those other characteristics that would be desirable. Some of the factors to consider are:

(a) when the project must be ready to be occupied;

(b) the type of project, for example, housing, offices, labs, heavy or specialized construction;

(c) the extent to which the requirements of the procuring agencies and the ways in which they are to be met are known;

(d) the location of the project;

(e) the size, scope, complexity, and economics of the project;

(f) the amount and type of financing available for the project, including whether the budget is fixed or what the source of funding is, for example, general or special appropriation, federal assistance moneys, general obligation bonds or revenue bonds, lapsing/nonlapsing status and legislative intent language;

(g) the availability, qualification, and experience of State personnel to be assigned to the project and how much time the State personnel can devote to the project;

(h) the availability, experience and qualifications of outside consultants and contractors to complete the project under the various methods being considered.

(5) General Descriptions.

(a) Use of Descriptions. The following descriptions are provided for the more common contracting methods. The methods described are not all mutually exclusive and may be combined on a project. These descriptions are not intended to be fixed in respect to all construction projects of the State. In each project, these descriptions may be adapted to fit the circumstances of that project. However, the Procurement Officer should endeavor to ensure that these terms are described adequately in the appropriate contracts, are not used in a misleading manner, and are understood by all relevant parties.

(b) Single Prime Contractor. The single prime contractor method is typified by one business, acting as a general contractor, contracting with the state to timely complete an entire construction project in accordance with drawings and specifications provided by the state. Generally the drawings and specifications are prepared by an architectural or engineering firm under contract with the state. Further, while the general contractor may take responsibility for successful completion of the project, much of the work may be performed by specialty contractors with whom the prime contractor has entered into subcontracts.

(c) Multiple Prime Contractors. Under the multiple prime contractor method, the State or the State's agent contracts directly with a number of specialty contractors to complete portions of the project in accordance with the State's drawings and specifications. The State or its agent may have primary responsibility for successful completion of the entire project, or the contracts may provide that one of the multiple prime contractors has this responsibility.

(d) Design-Build. In a design-build project, a business contracts directly with the State to meet the State's requirements as described in a set of performance specifications. Design responsibility and construction responsibility both rest with the design-build contractor. This method can include instances where the design-build contractor supplies the site as part of the package.

(e) Construction Manager. A construction manager is a person experienced in construction that has the ability to evaluate and to implement drawings and specifications as they affect time, cost, and quality of construction and the ability to coordinate the construction of the project, including the administration of change orders. The State may contract with the construction manager early in a project to assist in the development of a cost effective design. The construction manager may become the single prime contractor, or may guarantee that the project will be completed on time and will not exceed a specified maximum price. This method is frequently used on fast track projects with the construction manager obtaining subcontractors through the issuance of multiple bid packages as the design is developed. The procurement of a construction manager may be based, among other criteria, on proposals for a management fee which is either a lump sum or a percentage of construction costs with a guaranteed maximum cost. If the design is sufficiently developed prior to the selection of a construction manager, the procurement may be based on proposals for a lump sum or guaranteed maximum cost for the construction of the project. The contract with the construction manager may provide for a sharing of any savings which are achieved below the guaranteed maximum cost.

(f) Sequential Design and Construction. Sequential design and construction denotes a method in which design of substantially the entire structure is completed prior to beginning the construction process.

(g) Phased Design and Construction. Phased design and construction denotes a method in which construction is begun when appropriate portions have been designed but before design of the entire structure has been completed. This method is also

known as fast track construction.

R33-5-220. Selection Documentation.

The Procurement Officer shall include in the contract file a written statement, describing the construction contracting method chosen and the facts and conclusions which led to the selection of that method. The statement shall demonstrate that the State's requirements and resources, and the various groups of potential contractors were appropriately considered in making the selection.

R33-5-230. Single Prime Contractor: Use with Sequential Design and Construction.

When a single prime contractor is used with the sequential design and construction method, comprehensive plans and specifications that are precise enough shall be prepared to allow prospective prime (general) contractors to submit a competitive sealed bid. The prime contractor awarded the contract shall be responsible for the coordination of the specialty subcontractors and for the timely completion of the project at the price specified in the contract. The architect-engineer, the State project manager, and, if used, the construction manager shall monitor the progress of the project and otherwise represent the State's interest as required by contract.

R33-5-231. Single Prime Contractor: Use with Phased Design and Construction.

A single prime contractor may be used with the phased design and construction method. Under this approach, the State will let contracts for early construction phases to specialty contractors and when the plans and specifications are sufficiently complete to allow bids to be made will let the major project contract to a prime contractor. If the State finds it administratively and economically advantageous, the State may transfer or assign to the prime contractor the administration of the specialty contracts it let earlier.

R33-5-232. Single Prime Contractor: Contractual Provisions.

The rights, duties, and responsibilities of the State representatives, the architect-engineer, prime contractor(s), and, if applicable, the construction manager and any specialty contractors awarded projects with the State shall be carefully detailed in contracts. If phased design and construction is used, administration of ongoing specialty contracts let before the prime contract will have to be transferred or assigned to the prime contractor. The terms of this assignment or transfer (including the duties of the State to ensure that the specialty contractors are at a certain point of completion at the time of assignment), what liability to the specialty contractors remains with the State after assignment, if any, and what duties and responsibilities the prime contractor has with respect to the assigned specialty contractors shall all be set forth in the specialty contracts and the contract with the prime contractor.

R33-5-240. Multiple Prime Contractors: Use with Sequential Design and Construction, and with Phased Design and Construction.

(1) Multiple prime contractors may be used with sequential design and construction by splitting the plans and specifications into packages pertinent to recognized trade specialties. The State may undertake to manage and coordinate the project's work or contracts with a construction manager. The contracts may provide that responsibility for successful completion of the entire project rests with the State, the State's agent, or one of the multiple prime contractors. The contracts shall specify where this responsibility shall rest.

(2) Multiple prime contractors may be used with phased design and construction only when the architect-engineer's work is closely coordinated with the specialty contractors' work. Under this method, the specialty contractors shall contract directly with the State or with its construction manager.

R33-5-241. Multiple Prime Contractors: Contractual Provisions.

Whenever multiple prime contractors are used, the contract between the State and each prime contractor shall:

(1) state the scope of each contractor's responsibility.

(2) identify when the portions of its work are to be complete.

(3) provide for a system of timely reports on progress of the contractor's work and problems encountered.

(4) specify that each contractor is liable for damages caused other contractors and the State whether because of delay or otherwise.

(5) clearly delineate in all the parties' contracts the duties and authority of the State representative, the architect-engineer and, if one is employed, the construction manager with respect to the specialty contractors.

These contract clauses may not relieve the State of liability if it fails to properly coordinate and manage the project.

R33-5-251. Design-Build or Turnkey: Contractual Provisions.

The contract documents shall:

(1) delineate clearly the State's rights to inspect plans and specifications, and the construction work in progress.

(2) indicate precisely what constitutes completion of the project by the contractor.

R33-5-260. Construction Manager: Use.

(1) The State may contract with the construction manager early in a project to assist in the development of a cost effective design. The construction manager may become the single prime contractor, or may guarantee that the project will be completed on time and will not exceed a specified maximum price. This method is frequently used on fast track projects with the construction manager obtaining subcontractors through the issuance of multiple bid packages as the design is developed. The procurement of a construction manager may be based, among other criteria, on proposals for a management fee which is either a lump sum or a percentage of construction costs with a guaranteed maximum cost. If the design is sufficiently developed prior to the selection of a construction manager, the procurement may be based on proposals for a lump sum or guaranteed maximum cost for the construction of the project. The contract with the construction manager may provide for a sharing of any savings which are achieved below the guaranteed maximum cost.

(2) When entering into any subcontract that was not specifically included in the construction manager's cost proposal submitted at the time the contract manager was selected, the construction manager shall procure that subcontractor by using one of the source selection methods authorized by these rules in the same manner as if the subcontract work was procured directly by the state.

R33-5-262. Construction Manager: Contractual Provisions.

The construction manager's contract shall clearly set forth the duties and authority of the construction manager in respect to all the participants in the project. The contract shall also define the liability of the State and the construction manager for failure to properly coordinate specialty contractors' work.

R33-5-270. Sequential Design and Construction: Use.

When the state selects the sequential design and construction method, it shall gather a team to design the project and provide a complete set of drawings and specifications to use

in awarding the construction contract or contracts. When this team uses a construction manager he may, in addition to reviewing the drawings and specifications, assist in separating them into packets when multiple prime contractors are used. Except for redesign necessitated by changes in State requirements or problems encountered during construction, design is complete at the time construction has begun.

R33-5-280. Phased Design and Construction: Use.

When the phased design and construction method is used, the architect-engineer, and construction manager, (if one is used) shall resolve major design decisions, and shall prepare the detail design work in the sequence necessary to construct the project. Thus, construction can begin before design is complete for the entire project. Construction shall only begin after the State's requirements are set, the overall (schematic) design is complete, and the complete drawings and specifications for the first construction phase are ready. The construction manager may also assist in packaging the various specialty contracts and to manage the work under those contracts.

R33-5-281. Phased Design and Construction: Contractual Provisions.

Contracts shall clearly establish:

(1) architect-engineer's obligation to design the project in a manner that allows for phased construction to allow phasing of project design.

(2) specialty contractor's scope of work and duties to other contractors and the State.

(3) the management rights of the State and its construction manager when used.

R33-5-311. Bid Security: General.

Invitations for Bids on State construction contracts estimated to exceed $50,000 shall require the submission of bid security in an amount equal to at least 5% of the bid, at the time the bid is submitted. If a contractor fails to accompany its bid with the required bid security, the bid shall be deemed nonresponsive, in accordance with Section R33-3-112 (Bid Evaluation and Award, Responsibility and Responsiveness) except as provided by Section R33-5-313 (Nonsubstantial Failure to Comply).

R33-5-312. Bid Security: Acceptable Bid Security.

Acceptable bid security shall be limited to:

(a) a bid bond in a form satisfactory to the State underwritten by a company licensed to issue bid bonds in this State;

(b) a cashier's, certified, or official check drawn by a federally insured financial institution; or

(c) cash.

R33-5-313. Bid Security: Nonsubstantial Failure to Comply.

If a bid does not comply with the security requirements of this Rule, the bid shall be rejected as nonresponsive, unless the failure to comply is determined by the Chief Procurement Officer, the head of a Purchasing Agency, or the designee of such officer to be nonsubstantial where:

(a) only one bid is received, and there is not sufficient time to rebid the contract;

(b) the amount of the bid security submitted, though less than the amount required by the Invitation for Bids, is equal to or greater than the difference in the price stated in the next higher acceptable bid; or

(c) the bid guarantee becomes inadequate as a result of the correction of a mistake in the bid or bid modification in accordance with Section R33-3-111 (Mistakes in Bids), if the bidder increases the amount of guarantee to required limits within 48 hours after the bid opening.

R33-5-321. Performance Bonds: General.

A performance bond is required for all construction contracts in excess of $50,000, in the amount of 100% of the contract price. The performance bond shall be delivered by the contractor to the State at the same time the contract is executed. If a contractor fails to deliver the required performance bond, the contractor's bid shall be rejected, its bid security shall be enforced, and award of the contract shall be made to the next lowest bidder in accordance with Section R33-3-112 (Bid Evaluation and Award, Responsibility and Responsiveness).

R33-5-331. Payment Bonds: General.

A payment bond is required for all construction contracts in excess of $50,000, in the amount of 100% of the contract price. The payment bond shall be delivered by the contractor to the State at the same time the contract is executed. If a contractor fails to deliver the required payment bond, the contractor's bid shall be rejected, its bid security shall be enforced, and award of the contract shall be made to the next lowest bidder in accordance with Section R33-3-112 (Bid Evaluation and Award, Responsibility and Responsiveness).

R33-5-341. Bond Forms.

(a) Bid Bonds, Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must be from sureties meeting the requirements of Subsection R33-5-341(b) and must be on the exact bond forms most recently adopted by the Board and on file with the Chief Procurement Officer, except bid bonds for projects under $1,000,000 as provided by subparagraph (c).

(b) Surety firm requirements. All surety firms must be authorized to do business in the State of Utah and be listed in the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570, Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Securities on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies for an amount not less than the amount of the bond to be issued. A cosurety may be utilized to satisfy this requirement.

(c) For projects estimated to cost less than $1,000,000, the State may accept bid bonds on forms provided by appropriately licensed sureties. For projects estimated to exceed $1,000,000, the bid bond shall be on the exact bid bond forms adopted by the board as required by Subsection R33-5-341(a).

R33-5-350. Waiver of Bonding Requirements on Any Project.

The Chief Procurement Officer, or head of the purchasing agency, may waive the bonding requirement if he finds, in writing, that bonds cannot reasonably be obtained for the work involved. Prior to waiver of the bonding requirement, the head of the requesting agency or designee shall agree in writing to the waiver. The agency will also be advised that the State cannot waive the liability associated with a judgment against the State, in the event of non-payment to a subcontractor or supplier. In the event of a judgment, the requesting agency would be required to make payment to the injured party.

R33-5-355. Waiver of Bonding Requirements on Small Projects.

The Chief Procurement Officer, or designated procurement official, may elect not to require a Performance or Payment Bond as required under Section 63G-6-504 Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, if the estimated total procurement does not exceed $50,000. Prior to waiver of the bonding requirement, the head of the requesting agency or designee shall agree in writing to the waiver. The agency will also be advised that the State cannot waive the liability associated with a judgment against the State, in the event of non-payment to a subcontractor or supplier. In the event of a judgment, the requesting agency would be required to make payment to the injured party.

R33-5-401. Construction Contract Clauses: Introduction.

The contract clauses presented in this rule are promulgated for use in construction contracts in accordance with Section 63G-6-601(Contract Clauses) of the Utah Procurement Code. Alternative clauses are provided in one instance to permit accommodation of differing contract situations.

R33-5-402. Mandatory Construction Contract Clauses.

The following construction contract clauses shall be included in all construction contracts: Section R33-5-420 Changes Clause; Section R33-5-440 Suspension of Work Clause; Section R33-5-460 Price Adjustment Clause; Section R33-5-470 Claims Based on a Procurement Officer's Actions or Omissions Clause; Section R33-5-480 Default Delay - Time Extension Clause; Section R33-5-495 Termination for Convenience Clause; Section R33-5-497 Remedies Clause.

R33-5-403. Optional Construction Contract Clauses.

The following construction contract clauses may optionally be used in appropriate contracting situations: Section R33-5-430 Variations in Estimated Quantities Clause; Section R33-5-450 Differing Site Conditions Clause; Section R33-5-490 Liquidated Damages Clause.

R33-5-410. Construction Contract Clauses: Revisions to Contract Clauses.

The clauses set forth in this rule may be varied for use in a particular contract when, pursuant to the provisions of Section 63G-6-601 (Contract Clauses) of the Utah Procurement Code, the Chief Procurement Officer or the head of a Purchasing Agency makes a written determination describing the circumstances justifying the variation or variations.

Any material variation from these clauses shall be described in the solicitation documents in substantially the following form:

"Clause No. ....., entitled ....., is not a part of the general terms and conditions of this contract, and has been replaced by Special Clause No. ....., entitled ..... Your attention is specifically directed to this clause."

R33-5-420. Construction Contract Clauses: Changes Clause.

"CHANGES

(1) Change Order. The Procurement Officer, at any time, and without notice to the sureties, in a signed writing designated or indicated to be a change order, may order:

(a) changes in the work within the scope of the contract; and

(b) changes in the time for performance of the contract that do not alter the scope of the contract.

(2) Adjustment of Price or Time for Performance. If any such 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, whether or not changed by the order, 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 a contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the State promptly and duly make such provisional adjustments in payments 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.

(3) Written Certification. The contractor shall not perform any change order which increases the contract amount unless it bears, or the contractor has separately received, a written certification, signed by the fiscal officer of the entity responsible for funding the project or the contract or other official responsible for monitoring and reporting upon the status of the costs of the total project or contract budget that funds are available therefor; and, if acting in good faith, the contractor may rely upon the validity of such certification.

(4) Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written change order under Paragraph (1) (Change Order) of this clause, unless such period is extended by the Procurement Officer in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment.

(5) Claim Barred after Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if notice is not given prior to final payment under this contract.

(6) Claims Not Barred. In the absence of such a change order, nothing in this clause shall restrict the contractor's right to pursue a claim arising under the contract, if pursued in accordance with the clause entitled 'Claims Based on a Procurement Officer's Actions or Omissions Clause' or for breach of contract."

R33-5-430. Construction Contract Clauses: Variations in Estimated Quantities Clause.

The following clause shall be inserted only in those construction contracts which contain estimated quantity items:

"VARIATIONS IN ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

(1) Variations Requiring Adjustments. Where the quantity of a pay item in this contract is an estimated quantity and where the actual quantity of such pay item varies more than 15% above or below the estimated quantity stated in this contract, an adjustment in the contract price shall be made upon demand of either party. The adjustment shall be based upon any increase or decrease in costs due solely to the variation above 15% or below 85% of the estimated quantity. If the quantity variation is such as to cause an increase in the time necessary for completion, the Procurement Officer shall, upon receipt of a timely written request for an extension of time, prior to the date of final settlement of the contract, ascertain the facts and make such adjustment for extending the completion date as in the judgment of the Procurement Officer the findings justify.

(2) Adjustments of Price. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract."

R33-5-440. Construction Contract Clauses: Suspension of Work Clause.

"SUSPENSION OF WORK

(1) Suspension for Convenience. The Procurement Officer may order the contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as the Procurement Officer may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the State.

(2) Adjustment of Cost. If the performance of all or any part of the work is, for an unreasonable period of time, suspended, delayed, or interrupted by an act of the Procurement Officer in the administration of this contract, or by the failure of the Procurement Officer to act within the time specified in this contract (or if no time is specified, within reasonable time), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in the cost of performance of this contract necessarily caused by such unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption and the contract modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension, delay, or interruption to the extent:

(a) that performance would have been so suspended, delayed, or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the contractor; or

(b) for which an adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other provision of this contract.

(3) Time Restriction on Claim. No claim under this clause

shall be allowed:

(a) for any costs incurred more than 20 days before the contractor shall have notified the Procurement Officer in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order); and

(b) unless the claim is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of such suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the contract.

(4) Adjustments of Price. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract."

R33-5-450. Construction Contract Clauses: Differing Site Conditions Clause.

Set forth below are alternative differing site conditions clauses to be used as appropriate.

(ALTERNATIVE A)

"DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS: PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

(1) Notice. The contractor shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the Procurement Officer of:

(a) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in this contract; or

(b) unknown physical conditions at the site, of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in this contract.

(2) Adjustments of Price or Time for Performance. After receipt of such notice, the Procurement Officer shall promptly investigate the site, and if it is found that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase in the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed as a result of such conditions, 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.

(3) Timeliness of Claim. No claim of the contractor under this clause shall be allowed unless the contractor has given the notice required in this clause; provided, however, that the time prescribed therefor may be extended by the Procurement Officer in writing.

(4) No Claim After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment thereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

(5) Knowledge. Nothing contained in this clause shall be grounds for an adjustment in compensation if the contractor had actual knowledge of the existence of such conditions prior to the submission of bids."

(END OF ALTERNATIVE A)

(ALTERNATIVE B)

"SITE CONDITIONS CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

The contractor accepts the conditions at the construction site as they eventually may be found to exist and warrants and represents that the contract can and will be performed under such conditions, and that all materials, equipment, labor, and other facilities required because of any unforeseen conditions (physical or otherwise) shall be wholly at the contractor's own cost and expense, anything in this contract to the contrary notwithstanding."

(END OF ALTERNATIVE B)

R33-5-460. Construction Contract Clauses: Price Adjustment Clause.

"PRICE ADJUSTMENT

(1) Price Adjustment Methods. Any adjustment in contract price pursuant to clauses in this contract shall be made in one or more of the following ways:

(a) by agreement on a fixed price adjustment before commencement of the pertinent performance or as soon thereafter as practicable;

(b) by unit prices specified in the contract or subsequently agreed upon;

(c) by the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, plus appropriate profit or fee, all as specified in the contract or subsequently agreed upon;

(d) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or

(e) in the absence of agreement between the parties, by a unilateral determination by the Procurement Officer of costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, plus appropriate profit or fee, all as computed by the Procurement Officer in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable sections of the rules promulgated under Section 63G-6-415(Cost Principles) and subject to the provisions of Part H (Legal and Contractual Remedies) of the Utah Procurement Code.

(2) Submission of Cost or Pricing Data. The contractor shall submit cost or pricing data for any price adjustments subject to the provisions of Section 63G-6-415 (Cost Principles) of the Utah Procurement Code."

R33-5-470. Construction Contract Clauses: Claims Based on a Procurement Officer's Actions or Omissions Clause.

"CLAIMS BASED ON A PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S ACTIONS OR OMISSIONS

(1) Notice of Claim. If any action or omission on the part of a Procurement Officer or designee of such officer, requiring performance changes within the scope of the contract constitutes the basis for a claim by the contractor for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion, the contractor shall continue with performance of the contract in compliance with the directions or orders of such officials, but by so doing, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time for completion; provided:

(a) the contractor shall have given written notice to the Procurement Officer or designee of such officer:

(i) prior to the commencement of the work involved, if at that time the contractor knows of the occurrence of such action or omission;

(ii) within 30 days after the contractor knows of the occurrence of such action or omission, if the contractor did not have such knowledge prior to the commencement of the work; or

(iii) within such further time as may be allowed by the Procurement Officer in writing.

This notice shall state that the contractor regards the act or omission as a reason which may entitle the contractor to additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time. The Procurement Officer or designee of such officer, upon receipt of such notice, may rescind such action, remedy such omission, or take such other steps as may be deemed advisable in the discretion of the Procurement Officer or designee of such officer;

(b) the notice required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph describes as clearly as practicable at the time the reasons why the contractor believes that additional compensation, damages, or an extension of time may be remedies to which the contractor is entitled; and

(c) the contractor maintains and, upon request, makes available to the Procurement Officer within a reasonable time, detailed records to the extent practicable, of the claimed additional costs or basis for an extension of time in connection with such changes.

(2) Limitation of Clause. Nothing herein contained,

however, shall excuse the contractor from compliance with any rules of law precluding any State officers and any contractors from acting in collusion or bad faith in issuing or performing change orders which are clearly not within the scope of the contract.

(3) Adjustments of Price. Any adjustment in the contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract."

R33-5-480. Construction Contract Clauses: Default-Delay-Time Extensions Clause.

"TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT FOR NONPERFORMANCE OR DELAY DAMAGES FOR DELAY-TIME EXTENSIONS

(1) Default. If the contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will assure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, fails to complete said work within such time, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, and further fails within (14) days after receipt of written notice from the Procurement Officer to commence and continue correction of such refusal or failure with diligence and promptness, the Procurement Officer may, by written notice to the contractor, declare the contractor in breach and terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the work or such part of the work as to which there has been delay. In such event, the State may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of, and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances, and plant as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefor. Whether or not the contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated, the contractor and the contractor's sureties shall be liable for any damage to the State resulting from the contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time.

(2) Liquidated Damages Upon Termination. If fixed and agreed liquidated damages are provided in the contract, and if the State so terminates the contractor's right to proceed, the resulting damage will consist of such liquidated damages for such reasonable time as may be required for final completion of the work.

(3) Liquidated Damages in Absence of Termination. If fixed and agreed liquidated damages are provided in the contract, and if the State does not terminate the contractor's right to proceed, the resulting damage will consist of such liquidated damages until the work is completed or accepted.

(4) Time Extension. The contractor's right to proceed shall not be so terminated nor the contractor charged with resulting damage if:

(a) the delay in the completion of the work arises from causes such as: acts of God; acts of the public enemy; acts of the State and any other governmental entity in either a sovereign or contractual capacity; acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the State; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; unusually severe weather; delays of subcontractors due to causes similar to those set forth above; or shortage of materials; provided, however, that no extension of time will be granted for a delay caused by a shortage of materials, unless the contractor furnishes to the Procurement Officer proof that the contractor has diligently made every effort to obtain such materials from all known sources within reasonable reach of the work, and further proof that the inability to obtain such materials when originally planned did in fact cause a delay in final completion of the entire work which could not be compensated for by revising the sequence of the contractor's operations; and

(b) the contractor, within ten days from the beginning of any such delay (unless the Procurement Officer grants a further period of time before the date of final payment under the contract), notifies the Procurement Officer in writing of the causes of delay. The Procurement Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and extend the time for completing the work when, in the judgment of the Procurement Officer, the findings of fact justify such an extension.

(5) Erroneous Termination for Default. If, after notice of termination of the contractor's right to proceed under the provisions 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 under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall, if the contract contains a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to such clause. If, in the foregoing circumstances, this contract does not contain a clause providing for termination for convenience of the State, the contract shall be adjusted to compensate for such termination and the contract modified accordingly.

(6) Additional Rights and Remedies. The rights and remedies of the (State) provided in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract."

R33-5-490. Construction Contract Clauses: Liquidated Damages Clause.

The following clause may be used in construction contracts when it is difficult to determine with reasonable accuracy damage to the State due to delays caused by late contractor performance or nonperformance.

"LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

When the contractor fails to complete the work or any portion of the work within the time or times fixed in the contract or any extension thereof, the contractor shall pay to the State ($) per calendar day of delay pursuant to the clause of this contract entitled, 'Termination for Default for Nonperformance or Delay-Damages for Delay-Time Extensions.'"

R33-5-495. Construction Contract Clauses: Termination for Convenience Clause.

"TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

(1) Termination. The Procurement Officer may, when the interests of this State so require, terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. 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,

(2) 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 State. The contractor shall still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as necessary to do so.

(3) Right to Construction and Supplies. The Procurement Officer may require the contractor to transfer title and deliver to the State in the manner and to the extent directed by the Procurement Officer:

(a) any completed construction; and

(b) such partially completed construction, supplies, materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "construction material") as the contractor has specifically produced or specially acquired for the performance of the terminated part of

this contract.

The contractor shall protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the State has an interest. If the Procurement Officer does not exercise this right, the contractor shall use best efforts to sell such construction, supplies, and construction materials in accordance with the standards of Uniform Commercial Code Section 2-706. (U.C.C. SS2-706 is quoted in the Editorial Note at the end of this Section.) This in no way implies that the State has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

(4) Compensation.

(a) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data, submitted to the extent required by Section 63G-6-415 (Cost or Pricing Data) of the Utah Procurement Code, bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within one year 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.

(b) 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 submitted as required by Section 63G-6-601(Cost or Pricing Data) of the Utah Procurement Code and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs reduced by payments previously made by the State, the proceeds of any sales of construction, supplies, and construction materials under Paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of the work not terminated.

(c) Absent complete agreement under Subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the Procurement Officer shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments under Subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this paragraph:

(i) with respect to all contract work performed prior to the effective date of the notice of termination, the total (without duplication of any items) of:

(A) the cost of such work plus a fair and reasonable profit on such portion of the work (such profit shall not include anticipatory profit or consequential damages) less amounts paid or to be paid for completed portions of such work; 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;

(B) costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to paragraph (2) of this clause. These costs shall not include costs paid in accordance with subparagraph (c)(i)(A) of this paragraph;

(C) 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 thereunder, 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 paragraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor reduced by the amount of any sales of construction, supplies, and construction materials under paragraph (3) of this clause, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(d) Cost claimed, agreed to, or established under subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph shall be in accordance with Section R33-3-8."

R33-5-497. Construction Contract Clauses: Remedies Clause.

"REMEDIES

Any dispute arising under or out of this contract is subject to the provisions of Part H (Legal and Contractual Remedies) of the Utah Procurement Code."

R33-5-498. Small Purchases Related to Construction.

This Section R33-5-498 shall supersede any small purchase provision(s) within Title R33, in regard to construction.

(1) Procurements of $100,000 or Less.

(a) The Procurement Officer may make procurements of construction estimated to cost $100,000 or less by soliciting at least two firms to submit written quotations. The award shall be made to the firm offering the lowest acceptable quotation.

(b) The names of the persons submitting quotations and the date and amount of each quotation shall be recorded and maintained as a public record by the Procurement Officer.

(c) If the Procurement Officer determines that other factors in addition to cost should be considered in a procurement of construction estimated to cost $100,000 or less, the Procurement Officer shall solicit proposals from at least two firms. The award shall be made to the firm offering the best proposal as determined through application of the procedures provided for in Section R33-3-2 except that a public notice is not required and only invited firms may submit proposals.

(2) Procurements of $25,000 or Less. The Procurement Officer may make small purchases of construction of $25,000 or less in any manner that the Procurement Officer shall deem to be adequate and reasonable.

(3) Professional Services related to Construction. Small purchases for Architect or Engineer services may be procured as a small purchase in accordance with Section R33-5-530. For other professional services related to construction, including cost estimators, project schedulers, building inspectors, code inspectors, special inspectors and testing entities; the Procurement Officer may make small purchases of such professional services if the cost of such professional service is $100,000 or less in any manner that the Procurement Officer shall deem to be adequate and reasonable.

(4) Division of Procurements. Procurements shall not be divided in order to qualify for the procedures outlined in this section.

R33-5-510. Application.

The provisions of this section apply to every procurement of services within the scope of the practice of architecture as defined by Section 58-3a-102, or professional engineering as defined in Section 58-22-102, except as authorized by Section R33-3-4 and Section R33-3-5.

R33-5-520. Policy.

It is the policy of this State to:

(a) give public notice of all requirements for architect-engineer services except as noted in Sections R33-5-510 and R33-5-530; and

(b) negotiate contracts for these services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of service required, and at fair and reasonable prices.

R33-5-525. Annual Statement of Qualifications and Performance Data.

The Chief Procurement Officer, the head of a Purchasing Agency, or a designee of either officer shall request firms engaged in providing architect-engineer services to annually submit a statement of qualifications and performance data which should include the following:

(a) the name of the firm and the location of all of its offices, specifically indicating the principal place of business,

(b) the age of the firm and its average number of employees over the past five years,

(c) the education, training, and qualifications of members of the firm and key employees,

(d) the experience of the firm reflecting technical capabilities and project experience,

(e) the names of five clients who may be contacted, including at least two for whom services were rendered in the last year,

(f) any other pertinent information regarding qualifications and performance data requested by the Procurement Officer.

A standard form or format may be developed for these statements of qualifications and performance data. Firms may amend statements of qualifications and performance data at any time by filing a new statement.

R33-5-527. Billing Rate Survey.

The Consulting Engineers Council of Utah and the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects will provide the results of an annual survey on billing rates within their respective disciplines to the Chief Procurement Officer prior to April 1 each year. This information will then be made available to all public procurement units.

R33-5-530. Small Purchases of Architect-Engineer Services.

When the procurement of Architect-Engineer Services is estimated to be less than $100,000 for the Architect-Engineer's fee, the Procurement Officer may select the provider directly from either the list of firms who have submitted annual statements of qualifications and performance data, or from other qualified firms if necessary. If the procurement is estimated to be $100,000 or more for the Architect-Engineer's fee, then the selection method prescribed by the following sections apply.

R33-5-540. Architect-Engineer Selection Committee.

The Chief Procurement Officer, or designee, shall designate members of the Architect-Engineer Selection Committee. The selection committee must consist of at least three members, where possible at least one of which is well qualified in the professions of architecture or engineering, as appropriate.

The Chief Procurement Officer, or designee, shall designate one member of the committee as chair and to act as the Procurement Officer to coordinate the negotiations of a contract with the most qualified firm in accordance with Section 63G-6-704 of the Utah Procurement Code.

R33-5-550. Public Notice.

Public notice for architect-engineer services shall be given by the Procurement Officer as provided in Section R33-3-104. The notice shall be published sufficiently in advance of when responses must be received in order that firms have an adequate opportunity to respond to the solicitation, but not less than the time required by Section R33-3-102. The notice shall contain a brief statement of the services required which adequately describes the project, the closing date for submissions and how specific information on the project may be obtained.

R33-5-560. Request for Statements of Interest.

A request for statements of interest (SOI) shall be prepared which describes the state's requirements and sets forth the evaluation criteria. It shall be distributed upon request and payment of a fee.

The request for statements of interest (SOI) shall include notice of any conference to be held and the criteria to be used in evaluating the statements of interest, qualifications and performance data and selecting firms, including:

(a) competence to perform the services as reflected by technical training and education, general experience, experience in providing the required services and the qualifications and competence of persons who would be assigned to perform the services.

(b) ability to perform the services as reflected by workload and the availability of adequate personnel, equipment, and facilities to perform the services expeditiously, and

(c) past performance as reflected by the evaluations of private persons and officials of other governmental entities that have retained the services of the firm with respect to factors such as control of costs, quality of work, and an ability to meet deadlines.

R33-5-570. Definition of Scope of Work.

Prior to initiating a request for SOI for architect-engineer services, the using agency shall define the scope of the services. The scope definition shall be sufficient to define the work expected, as detailed as possible and the scope definition shall be the basis for the negotiation process. However, the scope may be modified if necessary during final negotiations.

R33-5-580. Evaluation of Statements of Interest, Qualifications and Performance Data.

The selection committee shall evaluate:

(a) annual statement of qualifications and performance data submitted under Section R33-5-525;

(b) statements that may be submitted in response to the request for SOI for architect-engineer services, including proposals for joint ventures; and

(c) supplemental statements of qualifications and performance data, if their submission was required.

All statements and supplemental statements of qualifications and performance data shall be evaluated in light of the criteria set forth in the request for SOI for architect-engineering services.

R33-5-590. Selection of Firms for Discussions.

The selection committee shall select for discussions no fewer than three firms evaluated as being professionally and technically qualified unless fewer than three firms responded to the request for SOI. The Procurement Officer shall notify each firm in writing of the date, time, and place of discussions, and, if necessary, shall provide each firm with additional information on the project and the services required. This discussion phase may be waived if the evaluation of the statements of interest, qualifications and performance data indicate that one firm is clearly most qualified and if the scope and nature of the services are clearly defined.

R33-5-600. Discussions.

Following evaluation of the statements of interest, qualifications and performance data, the selection committee shall hold discussions with the firms selected pursuant to Section R33-45-590 regarding the proposed contract. The purposes of these discussions shall be to:

(a) determine each firm's general capabilities and qualifications for performing the contract; and

(b) explore the scope and nature of the required services and the relative utility of alternative methods of approach.

R33-5-610. Selection of the Most Qualified Firms.

After discussions, the selection committee shall reevaluate and select, in order of preference, the firms which it deems to be the most highly qualified to provide the required services. The selection committee shall document the selection process indicating how the evaluation criteria were applied to determine the ranking of the most highly qualified firms.

R33-5-620. Negotiation and Award of Contract.

The Procurement Officer shall negotiate a contract with the

most qualified firm for the required services at compensation determined to be fair and reasonable to the State. Contract negotiations shall be directed toward:

(a) making certain that the firm has a clear understanding of the scope of the work, specifically, the essential requirements involved in providing the required services;

(b) determining that the firm will make available the necessary personnel and facilities to perform the services within the required time, and

(c) agreeing upon compensation which is fair and reasonable, taking into account the estimated value, scope, complexity, and nature of the required services.

R33-5-630. Failure to Negotiate Contract with the Most Qualified Firm.

(a) If fair and reasonable compensation, contract requirements, and contract documents cannot be agreed upon with the most qualified firm, the Procurement Officer shall advise the firm in writing of the termination of negotiations.

(b) Upon failure to negotiate a contract with the most qualified firm, the Procurement Officer shall enter into negotiations with the next most qualified firm. If fair and reasonable compensation, contract requirements, and contract documents can be agreed upon, then the contract shall be awarded to that firm. If negotiations again fail, negotiations shall be terminated as provided in Subsection R33-5-630(a) of this section and commenced with the next most qualified firm.

R33-5-640. Notice of Award.

Written notice of the award shall be sent to the firm with whom the contract is successfully negotiated. Each firm with whom discussions were held shall be notified of the award. Notice of the award shall be made available to the public.

R33-5-650. Failure to Negotiate Contract with Firms Initially Selected as Most Qualified.

Should the Procurement Officer be unable to negotiate a contract with any of the firms initially selected as the most highly qualified firms, additional firms shall be selected in preferential order based on their respective qualifications, and negotiations shall continue in accordance with Section R33-5-630 until an agreement is reached and the contract awarded.

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R33. Administrative Services, Purchasing and General Services.
R33-8. Property Management.
R33-8-101. Quality Assurance, Inspection, and Testing.

The procurement officer shall take steps to ascertain or verify that supplies, services, or construction items conform to specifications. In performing this duty, the procurement officer may establish inspection and testing facilities, employ inspection personnel, enter into arrangements for the joint or cooperative use of laboratories, and contract with others for inspection or testing work as needed. In accordance with section 63G-6-205, the procurement officer may delegate responsibility for inspection and testing to using agencies.

R33-8-102. Warehousing and Storage.

Purchasing agencies are delegated the authority to exercise supervision of any receiving, storage, and distribution facilities and services within their purview.

R33-8-103. Inventory Management.

Purchasing agencies are delegated the authority to exercise supervision of all inventories of tangible personal property belonging to them. All property located in warehouses and similar storage areas shall be inventoried annually, and accountability for the property shall reside with the respective agencies.

R33-8-201. Surplus Property.

For the disposition of surplus property refer to R28.

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R58. Agriculture and Food, Animal Industry.
R58-21. Trichomoniasis.
R58-21-1. Authority.

(1) Promulgated under authority of Section 4-31-109.

(2) It is the intent of this rule to eliminate or reduce the spread of bovine trichomoniasis in Utah.

R58-21-2. Definitions.

(1) "Acceptable media" means any Department approved media in which samples may be transferred and transported.

(2) "Approved slaughter facility" means a slaughter establishment that is either under state or federal inspection.

(3) "Approved test" means a test approved by the state of origination to diagnose trichomoniasis in bulls. If the state of orgination has no approved test for the diagnosis of trichomoniasis it shall mean one sample tested by a method approved by the Department.

(4) "Brand" means a minimum of a 2 X 3 hot iron single character lazy V applied to the left of the tailhead of a bull, signifying that the bull is infected with the venereal disease, trichomoniasis.

(5) "Certified veterinarian" means a veterinarian who has been certified by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food to collect samples for trichomoniasis testing.

(6) "Commuter bulls" means bulls traveling across state lines for grazing purposes while utilizing a Commuter Permit Agreement approved by both the respective State Veterinarians or bulls traveling on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection where there is no change of ownership.

(7) "Confinement" means bulls held in such manner that escape is improbable. Typical barbed wire or net pasture fencing does not constitute confinement.

(8) "Department" means the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

(9) "Exposed to female cattle" means bulls with freedom from restraint such that breeding is a possible activity.

(10) "Feeder Bulls" means bulls not exposed to female cattle and kept in confinement for the purpose of feeding and only go to slaughter.

(11) "Negative bull" means a bull that has been tested with official test procedures and found free from infection by Tritrichomonas foetus.

(12) "Official tag" means a tag authorized by the Department that is placed in the right ear of a bull by a certified veterinarian after being tested for trichomoniasis. The color of the official tag shall be changed yearly.

(13) "Official test" means a test currently approved by the Department for detection of Tritrichomonas foetus.

(14) "Positive bull" means a bull that has been tested with official test procedures and found to be infected by Tritrichomonas foetus.

(15) "Positive herd" means any herd or group of cattle owned by one or more persons which shares common grazing or feeding operations and in which one or more animals has been diagnosed with trichomoniasis within the last 12 months.

(16) "Qualified feedlot" means a feedlot approved by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food to handle heifers, cows, or bulls. These animals shall be confined to a dry lot area which is used to upgrade or finish feeding animals going only to slaughter.

(17) "Test chart" means a document which certifies that a bull has been subjected to an official test for trichomoniasis and indicates the results of the test.

(18) "Trichomoniasis" means a venereal disease of bovidea caused by the organism Tritrichomonas foetus.

R58-21-3. Trichomoniasis - Sampling and Testing Procedures.

(1) Sample collection - Samples are obtained from a vigorous scraping of the bull's prepuce using a sterile syringe and new pipette on each bull.

(2) Sample handling - Samples shall be transferred and transported in approved media. Media should be maintained at 65 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit (18 to 32 degrees Celsius)during sampling and transport to clinic. Samples shall be set up for incubation within 24 hours of sampling. Samples shall also be protected from direct sunlight.

(3) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing - The inoculated media shall be incubated at 98 degrees Fahrenheit (37 degrees Celsius) for 24 hours and then frozen. Samples may remain frozen for up to 3 weeks. The frozen sample(s) shall be sent overnight on postal approved frozen packs to the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (950 East 1400 North, Logan, Utah 84341) or an other approved laboratory for PCR testing.

R58-21-4. Trichomoniasis - Rules - Prevention and Control.

(1) All bulls twelve months of age and older, entering Utah, must be tested with an approved test for trichomoniasis by an accredited veterinarian prior to entry into Utah. Bulls that have had contact with female cattle subsequent to testing must be retested prior to entry.

(2) The following bulls are exempted from (A) above:

(a) Bulls going directly to slaughter or to a qualified feedlot,

(b) Bulls kept in confinement operations,

(c) Rodeo bulls for the purpose of exhibition, and

(d) Bulls attending livestock shows for the purpose of exhibition, only to be returned to the state of origin immediately after the event.

(3) Rodeo and exhibition bulls with access to grazing, or exposed to female cattle, or being offered for sale are required to be tested prior to entry.

(4) All bulls twelve months of age and older residing in Utah, and all commuter bulls must be tested with an official test for trichomoniasis annually, between October 1 and April 30 of the following year, or prior to exposure to female cattle according to approved sampling and testing procedures. All bulls must be classified as a negative bull prior to exposure to female cattle or offered for sale.

(5) Testing shall be performed by a certified veterinarian.

(a) All test results shall be recorded on test charts provided by the Department or electronic forms created by the certified veterinarian.

(i) Electronic forms shall have the following information:

(A) Veterinarian's name and contact information

(B) Owner's name and contact information

(C) Bull's trichomoniasis tag number, age, breed

(D) Date of collection

(E) Test results

(b) A copy of all test charts shall be submitted to the Department within ten (10) days of collecting the sample.

(6) All bulls twelve months of age and older being offered for sale for reproductive purposes in the state of Utah must be tested for trichomoniasis with an official test prior to sale. Bulls that have had contact with female cattle subsequent to testing must be re-tested prior to sale or transfer of ownership.

(7) It shall be the responsibility of the owner or his agent to declare, on the auction drive-in slip, the trichomoniasis status of a bull being offered for sale at a livestock auction.

(a) Untested bulls (i.e. bulls without a current trichomoniasis test tag), including dairy bulls, must be sold for slaughter only, for direct movement to a qualified feedlot, or confinement operation, unless untested bulls are tested prior to exposure to female cattle.

(8) Any bull which has strayed and commingles with female cattle may be required to be tested (or re-tested) for trichomoniasis. The owner of the offending bull shall bear all costs for the official test.

(9) All Utah bulls, which are tested, shall be tagged in the right ear with an official tag by the certified veterinarian performing the test.

(10) Bulls entering the State of Utah under the provisions of this rule may be tagged upon arrival by a certified veterinarian upon receipt of the trichomoniasis test charts from the testing veterinarian.

(11) Bulls which bear a current trichomoniasis test tag from another state which has an official trichomoniasis testing program will be acceptable to the State of Utah providing that they meet all trichomoniasis testing requirements as described above.

R58-21-5. Trichomoniasis - Rules - Positive Bull.

(1) A bull is considered positive ifa laboratory identifies Tritrichomonas foetus using an official test.

(2) All bulls testing positive for trichomoniasis must be reported within 48 hours to: 1) the owner, and 2) the State Veterinarian, by the certified veterinarian performing the test.

(4) The owner shall be required to notify the administrators of the common grazing allotment and any neighboring (contiguous) cattleman within ten days following such notification by the certified veterinarian.

(5) All bulls which test positive for trichomoniasis must be sent by direct movement within 14 days, to:

(a) Slaughter at an approved slaughter facility, or

(b) To a qualified feedlot for finish feeding and slaughter, or

(c) To an approved auction market for sale to one of the above facilities.

(d) An exemption to the 14 day requirement will be given by the State Veterinarian to owners of bulls that are required to be in a drug withdrawal period prior to slaughter.

(6) Such bulls must move only when accompanied by a VS 1-27 Form issued by the testing veterinarian or other regulatory official.

(7) Positive bulls entering a qualified feedlot, or approved auction market shall be identified with a lazy V brand on the left side of the tailhead by either the livestock inspector or the contract veterinarian, indicating that the bull is infected with trichomoniasis.

(8) All bulls from positive herds are required to have one additional individual negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test prior to exposure to female cattle, unless they are being sent to slaughter, to a qualified feedlot, or being feed for slaughter in a confinement operation.

R58-21-6. Trichomoniasis - Rules - Non-compliance.

(1) Any person who fails to satisfy the requirements of this rule or who knowingly sells animals infected with trichomoniasis, other than to slaughter, without declaring their disease status shall be subject to citation and fines as prescribed by the department or may be called to appear before an administrative proceeding by the department.

(2) After April 30, owners of untested bulls may be fined $200.00 per head.

(3) Owners of untested bulls that have been exposed to female cattle may be fined up to $1,000.00 per head regardless of the time of year.

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R65. Agriculture and Food, Marketing and Development.
R65-2. Utah Cherry Marketing Order.
R65-2-1. Authority.

Promulgated under authority of Section 4-2-2(1)(e).

R65-2-2. Definitions of Terms.

A. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture and Food of the State of Utah.

B. "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, legal representative, or any organized group of individuals.

C. "Cherries" mean sweet cherries produced for the fresh, brine, and frozen markets.

D. "Producer" means any person in this State in the business of producing or causing to be produced cherries for the fresh, brine, or frozen markets, with at least one acre of trees in production, provided such producers shall not include producers who sell all the commodity direct to the consumer.

E. "Registered" producer means a producer who has indicated that he/she wants to be included in the marketing order voting process by registering to vote in the referendum. Registration forms may be mailed out with the ballots.

F. "Known" producer means a producer of a specific commodity who has been identified by the commodity group, her/himself, or a third party as being eligible to register to vote in a referendum affecting that specific commodity.

R65-2-3. Board.

A. A Board of Control is hereby established consisting of seven members, two of whom shall be handlers to carry out the provisions of the order.

B. The original members of the Board of Control shall be selected by the Commissioner from a list of names submitted by the industry.

C. Successors to original members may be appointed by the Commissioner from names submitted by the industry. Three grower members and one handler member shall be appointed for a term of four year in February of 1980. Two grower members and one handler member shall be appointed for four years in February of 1982.

D. No member of such Board shall receive a salary but each shall be entitled to his actual expenses incurred while engaged in performing his duties herein authorized in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

E. The duties of the Board shall be administrative only and may include only the acts mentioned in this Marketing Order.

F. All decisions of the Board of Control shall be by majority vote.

G. No member of the Board, nor any employee of the Board, shall be deemed responsible individually in any way whatsoever to any producer, distributor, handler, processor, or any other person, for errors of judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission of principal, agent, person, or employee, except for his own individual acts of dishonesty or crime. No such person or employee shall be held responsible individually for any act or omission of any other member of the Board. The liability of the members of such Board shall be several and not joint, and no member shall be liable for the default of any other member.

R65-2-4. Provisions of the Order.

A. This order provides for:

1. Uniform grading of cherries for fresh, frozen, or brine markets, sold or offered for sale by producers or handlers. Such grading standards shall not be established below any minimum standards now prescribed by law for this state.

2. Advertising and sales promotion to create new or larger markets for cherries grown in Utah, provided that any such plan shall be directed towards increasing the sale of such commodity without any reference to a particular brand or trade name. Provided further, that no advertising or sales promotion program shall be authorized which shall make use of false or unwarranted claims in behalf of the product covered by this Order, or disparage the quality, value, sale or use of any other agricultural commodity to supply the market demands of consumers of such commodity.

3. Labeling, marking, or branding of cherries which does not conflict with any rules of the Commissioner or laws of the State of Utah.

4. The Board of Control to cooperate with any other state or federal agency whose activities may be deemed beneficial to the purposes of this Order.

B. Expenses - Assessments - Collections and Disbursement.

1. Each producer subject to this Order shall pay to the Board his or her pro rata share of such expenses as the Commissioner may find necessary to be incurred by the Board for the functioning of said Marketing Order. This assessment levied in the specified amount shall constitute a personal debt of every person so assessed and shall be due and payable when payment is called for thereby. The pro rata share of the expenses payable by a cooperative association of producers shall be computed on the basis of the quantity of the product covered by the Order which is distributed, sold, or shipped in commerce by such cooperative association of producers. The Board may maintain in its own name, or in the name of its members, a suit against any producer, subject to this Order, for the collection of such producer's pro rata share of expenses.

2. This assessment shall be set at $2 per ton for brine and frozen cherries and up to $25 per ton for fresh cherries. The discretionary assessment shall be set by the majority vote of the board, and approved by the Commissioner. The assessment is effective June 1, 1984.

3. The assessment of each producer shall be deducted from the producer's gross receipt of sweet cherries by the dealer or producer-handler. All proceeds from the deducted portion shall be paid annually to the Commission upon request of the Board.

4. The Board shall retain records of the receipt of the assessment which will be available for public inspection upon request.

5. The Board of Control is required to reimburse the Commissioner for any funds as are expended by the Commissioner in performing his duties, as provided in this Order. Such reimbursement to include only funds actually expended in connection with this Order.

6. The Board is authorized to incur such expenses as are necessary to carry out its functions subject to the approval of the Commissioner. The Board shall receive and disburse all funds received by it pursuant to Section R65-2-5. Any funds remaining at the end of any year over and above the necessary expenses of said Board of Control may be divided among all persons from whom such funds were collected, or, at the discretion of the Board, such amounts may be applied to the necessary expenses of the Board for the continuation of its program during the next succeeding year, and in such case the Board shall credit all persons from whom such funds were collected with their proper proportions thereof.

7. The Board shall retain records of the receipt of the assessment. These records shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the Commissioner. Copies of the audit shall be available to any contributor upon request.

R65-2-5. Division of Funds.

Assessment made and monies collected under provisions of this order shall be divided into assessments and funds for

A. administrative purposes,

B. advertising purposes, and

C. research purposes. Such assessments and funds shall

be used solely for the purposes for which they are collected; provided, that no funds be used for political or lobbying activities.

R65-2-6. Refund.

Any producer who wishes a refund of their assessments may receive such by notifying the Board in writing of their request by December 31 for cherries harvested in that harvest year.

R65-2-7. Complaints for Violation - Procedure.

Complaints for violation shall be handled by the responsible legal agencies and shall be enforced in the civil courts of the State.

R65-2-8. Termination of Order.

The Commissioner may terminate the Marketing Order at such time as he may determine there is no longer an industry need for such order. This order shall be reviewed or amended at least every five years by the industry, Subsection 4-2-2(3)(a). Once a year, a referendum vote may be called at the request of the producers through a petition of ten percent of the producers.

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R65. Agriculture and Food, Marketing and Development.
R65-5. Utah Red Tart and Sour Cherry Marketing Order.
R65-5-1. Authority.

Promulgated under authority of Section 4-2-2(1)(e).

R65-5-2. Definitions of Terms.

A. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture and Food of the State of Utah.

B. "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, legal representative, or any organized group of individuals.

C. "Cherries" mean all marketable Red Tart and Sour cherries produced and sold to manufacturers or consumers.

D. "Producer" means any person in this state in the business of producing or causing to be produced Red Tart or Sour cherries, that has a minimum of 300 trees or has received $500.00 or more from a processor for the previous year's production.

E. "Registered" producer means a producer who has indicated that he/she wants to be included in the marketing order voting process by registering to vote in the referendum. Registration forms may be mailed out with the ballots. Only registered voting producers will be counted.

F. "Known" producers means a producer of a specific commodity who has been identified by the commodity group, her/himself, or a third party as being eligible to register to vote in a referendum affecting that specific commodity.

G. "Processor" means any person engaged in canning, freezing, dehydrating, fermenting, distilling, extracting, preserving, grinding, crushing, or in any other way preserving or changing the form of cherries for the purpose of marketing them.

H. "Board" means Red Tart and Sour Cherry Marketing Board.

R65-5-3. Board.

A. A Board is hereby established consisting of seven members, two of whom shall be processors to carry out the provisions of the order.

B. The original members of the Board of Control shall be selected by the Commissioner from a list of names submitted by the industry. Three grower members and one processor member shall be appointed for a term of four years. Two grower members and one processor member shall be appointed for four years.

C. Successors to original members may be appointed by the Commissioner from names submitted by the industry.

D. No member of such Board shall receive a salary but each shall be entitled to his actual expenses incurred while engaged in performing his duties herein authorized in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

E. The duties of the Board shall be administrative only and may include only the acts mentioned in this Marketing Order.

F. All decisions of the Board of Control shall be by majority vote.

G. No member of the Board, nor any employee of the Board, shall be deemed responsible individually in any way whatsoever to any producer, distributor, handler, processor, or any other person, for errors of judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission of principal, agent, person, or employee, except for his own individual acts of dishonesty or crime. No such person or employee shall be held responsible individually for any act or omission of any other member of the Board. The liability of the members of such Board shall be several and not joint, and no member shall be liable for the default of any other member.

R65-5-4. Provisions of the Order.

A. This order shall provide for:

1. Uniform grading Red Tart and Sour cherries for fresh or frozen markets, sold or offered for sale by producers or processors. Such grading standards shall not be established below any minimum standards now prescribed by law for this state.

2. Advertising and sales promotion to create new or larger markets for cherries grown in Utah, provided that any such plan shall be directed towards increasing the sale of such commodity without any reference to a particular brand or trade name. Provided further, that no advertising or sales promotion program shall be authorized which shall make use of false or unwarranted claims in behalf of the product covered by this Order, or disparage the quality, value, sale or use of any other agricultural commodity to supply the market demands of consumers of such commodity.

3. Labeling, marketing, or branding of cherries which does not conflict with any rules of the Commissioner or laws of the State of Utah.

4. The Board of Control to cooperate with any other state or federal agency whose activities may be deemed beneficial to the purposes of the Order.

B. Expenses-Assessments-Collections and Disbursement.

1. Each producer or processor subject to this Order shall pay to the Board his or her pro rata share (as approved by the Commissioner) of such expenses as the Board may find necessary to be incurred for the functioning of said Marketing Order. This assessment levied in the specified amount shall constitute a personal debt of every person so assessed and shall be due and payable when payment is called for thereby. The pro rata share of the expenses payable by a cooperative association of producers shall be computed on the basis of the quantity of the product covered by the Order which is distributed, sold, or shipped in commerce by such cooperative association of producers or processors. The Board may maintain in its own name, or in the name of its members, a suit against any producer, or processor subject to this Order, for the collection of such producer's pro rata share of expenses.

2. This assessment shall be determined to be up to $10.00 per ton for Red Tart and Sour cherries. The discretionary assessment shall be set by majority vote of the board, as approved by the Commissioner. The assessment is effective May 1, 1983.

3. The assessment of each producer shall be deducted from the producer's gross receipt of Red Tart and Sour cherries by the producer-processor. All proceeds from the deducted portion shall be paid annually to the Board on or before October 1, for that crop year.

4. The Board shall retain records of the receipt of the assessment which will be available for public inspection upon request. The Board shall issue an annual financial statement to the Commissioner showing receipts and reimbursement. This statement shall be made available to any contributor upon request.

5. The Board is required to reimburse the Commissioner for any funds as are expended by him in performing his duties as provided in this Order. Such reimbursement shall include only funds actually expended in connection with this Order.

6. The Board is authorized to incur such expenses as are necessary to carry out its functions subject to the approval of the Commissioner. The Board shall receive and disburse all funds received by it pursuant to Section R65-5-5.

7. The Board shall retain records of the receipt of the assessment. These records shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the Commissioner. Copies of the audit shall be available to any contributor upon request.

R65-5-5. Division of Funds.

Assessment made and monies collected under provisions of this order shall be divided into assessments and funds for

administrative, advertising and research purposes. Such assessments and funds shall be used solely for the purposes for which they are collected; provided, that no funds be used for political or lobbying activities.

R65-5-6. Complaints for Violation - Procedure.

Complaints for violation shall be handled by the responsible legal agencies and shall be enforced in the civil courts of the State.

R65-5-7. Termination of Order.

The Commissioner may terminate the Marketing Order at such time as he may determine there is no longer an industry need for such order. This order shall be reviewed or amended at least every five years by the industry. Once a year, a referendum vote may be called at the request of the producers through a petition of ten percent of the registered producers.

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R65. Agriculture and Food, Marketing and Development.
R65-11. Utah Sheep Marketing Order.
R65-11-1. Authority.

A. Promulgated under authority of Subsection 4-2-2(1)(e), which authorizes issuing marketing orders to promote orderly market conditions for agricultural products.

B. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Food finds that it is in the public interest to establish a marketing order to improve conditions in the sheep producing industry. The commissioner finds that the issuance of this marketing order is approved and favored by at least 50 percent of the producers and handlers voting on the referendum. It is therefore ordered by the commissioner that this Order be established to assure an effective and coordinated program to maintain and expand the Utah sheep industry's market position, and that the producers shall be subject to the terms and provisions of the Order.

R65-11-2. Definition of Terms.

A. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

B. "Person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, legal representative, or any other entity.

C. "Sheep" means rams, ewes, or lambs.

D. "Producer" means a person owning at least 100 rams, ewes, or lambs.

E. "Registered producers" means producers who have indicated that they want to be included in the marketing order voting process by registering to vote in the referendum. Registration forms may be mailed out with the ballots.

F. "Handler" means an individual or an organization engaged in the merchandising of sheep or sheep products.

R65-11-3. Board.

A. The Utah Sheep Board is hereby established consisting of five members of the sheep industry, plus ex-officio non-voting members from BYU and USU and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

B. The original members of the Board shall be selected by the commissioner from a list submitted by the industry.

C. Successors to original members shall be appointed by the commissioner from names submitted by the industry. Two members shall be appointed for a period of three years. Three members shall be appointed for a period of four years. After the first three years, each appointed member shall serve for a period of four years. This rotation shall be in effect for the term of the marketing order. In the event of a vacancy the commissioner shall appoint a new member from names submitted by the Board.

D. Members of the Board shall only succeed themselves once and not serve on the Board for more that eight consecutive years.

E. The officers of the Board shall be selected from the five Board members at their first meeting after organization. The officers shall consist of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, to be elected yearly by the members of the Board. In the event of a vacancy or unfilled office, it shall be filled through an election as soon as practical and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

F. The Board shall exercise the following functions, powers and duties:

1. to receive and expend funds collected for the benefit of the Utah sheep producers,

2. to cooperate with any local, state or national organization engaged in activities similar to those of the Sheep Marketing Board,

3. to conduct educational programs and advertizing to promote sheep and sheep products.

4. to conduct research projects to improve the profitability of the Utah Sheep Industry,

5. to engage in any activity to promote the Utah sheep industry.

G. Attendance of three members at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. The Board shall meet at least quarterly.

H. Each member of the Board is entitled to per diem and expenses in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

I. A financial report will be made available annually for the Board and members of the industry by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

R65-11-4. Provisions of the Order.

A. This order provides for:

1. Uniform grading and inspection of sheep products sold or offered for sale by producers or handlers and for the establishment of grading standards of quality, conditions, and size. Such grading standards shall not be established below any minimum standards now prescribed by law for the State.

2. Advertising and sales promotion to create new or larger markets for sheep products produced in Utah, provided that any such plan shall be directed towards increasing the sale of such commodity without reference to particular brand or trade name.

3. The labeling, marketing, or branding of sheep products in conformity with the regulations of the commissioner or the laws of the State of Utah already in existence and written in the Utah Code.

4. Research projects and experiments for the purpose of improving the general condition of the Sheep Industry and for the purpose of protecting the health of the people of Utah.

5. The Board may cooperate with any other state or federal agency whose activities may be deemed beneficial to the purpose of this Order.

B. Expenses - Assessments - Collection and Disbursement.

1. Each producer subject to this Order shall pay to the board his or her pro rata share of such expenses as the commissioner may find necessary to be incurred by the Board for the functioning of said Marketing Order. Each producer shall pay up to 5 cents per pound of wool shorn to the Board annually. The discretionary assessment shall be set by majority vote of the Board, and approved by the commissioner. The initial assessment shall be 2 cents per pound. This assessment levied in the specified amount shall constitute a personal debt of every person so assessed and shall be due and payable upon sale of wool. The pro rata share of the expenses payable by a cooperative association of producers shall be computed on the basis of the quantity of the product covered by the Order which is distributed, sold, or shipped in commerce by such cooperative association of producers.

2. The assessment of each producer shall be deducted from the producer's gross receipt by the wool purchaser or handler. All proceeds from the deducted portion shall be paid at least quarterly to the Sheep Board. Sheep spending part of the year in Utah shall be assessed pro rata based on the time spent in Utah.

3. The Board shall retain records of the receipt of the assessment. The records shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the commissioner. Copies of the audit shall be available to any contributor upon request.

4. The Board is required to reimburse the commissioner for any funds as are expended by the commissioner in performing his duties, as provided in this Order. Such reimbursement to include only funds actually expended in connection with this Order.

5. The Board is authorized to incur such expenses as are necessary to carry out its functions subject to the approval of the commissioner. The Board shall receive and disburse all funds received by it pursuant to Section R65-6-5. Any funds

remaining at the end of any year over and above the necessary expenses of said Board may be divided among all persons from whom such funds were collected. At the discretion of the Board, such amounts may be applied to the necessary expenses of the Board for the continuation of its program during the next succeeding year.

6. Any producer who wishes a refund of their paid assessment may request such by notifying the Board in writing within thirty days of payment of the assessment subject to approval of the Board.

7. The Order shall become operational only if it is approved by at least 50 percent of the producers and handlers voting in the referendum or by producers and handlers who account for at least two-thirds of the production represented by persons voting in the referendum.

R65-11-5. Division of Funds.

Assessments made and monies collected under provisions of this order shall be divided into assessments and funds for:

A. administrative purposes,

B. educational purposes, advertising and promotional purposes, and

C. research purposes. Such assessments and funds shall be used solely for the purposes for which they are collected; provided, that funds remaining at the end of any year may be used in the succeeding year and provided, that no funds be used for political or lobbying activities.

R65-11-6. Board - Member's Liability.

No member of the Board, nor any employee of the Board, shall be deemed responsible individually in any way whatsoever to any producer, distributor, handler, processor, or any other person, for errors of judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission of principal, agent, person, or employee, except for his own individual acts of dishonesty or crime. No such person or employee shall be held responsible individually for any act or omission of any other member of the Board. The liability of the members of such Board shall be several and not joint, and no member shall be liable for the default of any other member.

R65-11-7. Complaints for Violations - Producer.

Complaints for violations shall be handled by the responsible legal agencies and shall be enforced in the civil courts of the state.

R65-11-8. Termination of Order.

The commissioner may terminate the Marketing Order at such time as he may determine there is no longer an industry need for such order. A referendum vote may be called at the request of the producers through a petition of 40 percent of the producers.

R65-11-9. Quarterly Meeting.

The Board shall meet at least quarterly.

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R70. Agriculture and Food, Regulatory Services.
R70-520. Standard of Identity and Labeling Requirements for Honey.
R70-520-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish a standard of identity and labeling requirements for honey that is produced, packed, repacked, distributed and sold in Utah. Codification of this standard is meant to reduce economic fraud by controlling the pervasive, illegal practices of blending or diluting pure honey with low-cost syrups such as sugar, cane and corn, and representing highly processed honey as raw honey.

R70-520-2. Authority.

This rule is promulgated under the authority of Subsections 4-2-2(1)(g), 4-5-8(5), 4-5-6(1)(b), 4-5-15(1) and Sections 4-5-16 and 4-5-20 of the UCA.

R70-520-3. Definitions.

(1) "Honey" means the natural sweet substance produced by honeybees from nectar of plants or from secretions of living parts of plants which the bees collect, transform by combining with specific substances of their own, then deposit, dehydrate, store, and leave in the honeycomb to ripen and mature.

(2) "Blossom Honey" or "Nectar Honey" means honey that comes from the nectar of plants.

(3) "Comb" or "Comb honey" means honey stored by bees in the cells of freshly built broodless combs and sold in sealed whole combs or sections of such combs.

(4) "Raw honey" means honey:

(a) as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling, or straining;

(b) that is minimally processed; and

(c) that is not pasteurized.

(5) "Straining" means the process of removing particulate matter from honey by passing it through a metal or fabric screen or cloth with mesh large enough to pass pollen grains, enzymes and minerals.

R70-520-4. Standard of Identification for Honey.

(1) Honey shall meet the following standards:

(a) honey may not be heated or processed to such an extent that its essential composition is changed or its quality is impaired;

(b) chemical or biochemical treatments may not be used to influence honey crystallizations;

(c) honey may not contain more that 20 percent moisture content and for heather honey not more that 23 percent;

(d) honey may be not less that 60 percent fructose and glucose, combined; the ratio of fructose to glucose shall not be greater than 0.9;

(e) honey may not contain oligaosaccharides indicative of invert syrup;

(f) honey, except for honeycomb and cut comb style honey, may not contain more than 0.5g/1000g water insoluble solids.

R70-520-5. Standard of Identification for Blossom Honey.

(1) Blossom honey shall meet the standards for honey in R70-520-4;

(2) Blossom honey shall not contain more than 5 percent sucrose, except for the following:

(a) alfalfa (Medicago sativa), citrus spp, false acacia (Robinia pseudoacacia), French Honeysuckle (Hedysarum), Menzies banksias (Banksia menziesii), red gum (Eucalyptus camaldulensis), leatherwood (Eucalyptus lucida), and Eucryphia milligani may contain up to 10 percent sucrose.

(b) lavender (Lavandula spp) and borage (Borago officinalis) may contain up to 15 percent sucrose.

R70-520-6. Food Labeled as Honey or Raw Honey.

(1) Food meeting the standards set forth in R70-520-4 and R70-520-5 may be designated "honey".

(a) The food may be labeled as "raw honey" if it additionally meets R70-520-3(4).

(2) Food containing honey plus flavoring, spice or food additive shall be distinguished in the food name from honey by declaration of all of the added ingredients.

(3) Food containing honey may be designated according to floral or plant source if the honey comes predominately from that particular source and has the organoleptic, physicochemical and microscopic properties corresponding with that origin.

(a) Food designated according to the honey's floral source plant shall have the common name or the botanical name of the floral source in close proximity on the label to the word "honey".

(4) Honey may be designated according to the following styles:

(a) honey in liquid or crystalline state or a mixture of the two may be designated as "liquid" or "crystalline";

(b) honey meeting the definition of "comb" or "comb honey"; or

(c) honey containing one or more pieces of comb honey may be designated as "honey with comb" or "chunk honey".

(5) Labels shall meet the requirements of Chapter 4-5-15 UCU.

R70-520-7. Misbranded Food.

Food labeled as a honey or raw honey, but not meeting the standard of identification or a labeling requirement in Sections four through six of this rule shall be deemed to be misbranded.

R70-520-8. False Food Advertisement.

Food advertised as honey or raw honey shall be considered falsely advertised if it does not meet the standard of identification or a labeling requirement in Sections four through six of this rule.

R70-520-9. Embargo and Destruction of Misbranded Food.

When an authorized agent of the department finds or has cause to believe a honey product is misbranded, the agent may follow the tagging, embargo and destruction procedures found in Title 4-5-5 UCA.

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4-5-8(5)
4-5-6(1)(b)
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4-5-15(1)
4-5-20

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

These rules are adopted pursuant to Section 32B-2-202(1), and shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. These rules shall govern the department and all licensees and permittees of the commission.

R81-1-2. Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) "DISPENSING SYSTEM" means a dispensing system or device which dispenses liquor in controlled quantities not exceeding 1.5 ounces and has a meter which counts the number of pours served.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(18) "WARNING SIGN" means a sign no smaller than eight and one half inches high by eleven inches wide, clearly readable, stating: "Warning: drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects and permanent brain damage for the child. Call the Utah Department of Health at (insert most current toll-free number) with questions or for more information" and "Warning: Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a serious crime that is prosecuted aggressively in Utah." The two warning messages shall be in the same font size but different font styles that are no smaller than 36 point bold. The font size for the health department contact information shall be no smaller than 20 point bold.

R81-1-3. General Policies.

(1) Labeling.

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

(2) Manner of Paying Fees.

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

(3) Copy of Commission Rules.

Copies of the commission rules shall be available at the department's office, 1625 South 900 West, P. O. Box 30408, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0408 for an administrative cost of $20 per copy, or on the department's website at http://www.abc.utah.gov.

(4) Interest Assessment on Delinquent Accounts.

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

(5) Returned Checks.

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

(i) insufficient funds;

(ii) refer to maker; or

(iii) account closed.

(b) Receipt of a check payable to the department which is returned by the bank for any of the reasons listed in Subsection (5)(a) may result in the immediate suspension of the license, permit, or operation of the package agency of the person tendering the check until legal tender of the United States of America, certified check, bank draft, cashier's check, or United States post office money order is received at the department offices, 1625 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, plus the $20 returned check charge. Failure to make good the returned check and pay the $20 returned check charge within thirty days after the license, permit, or operation of the package agency is suspended, is grounds for revocation of the license or permit, or termination of the package agency contract, and the forfeiture of the licensee's, permittee's, or package agent's bond.

(c) In addition to the remedies listed in Subsection (5)(b), the department may require that the licensee, permittee, or package agent transact business with the department on a "cash only" basis. The determination of when to put a licensee,

permittee, or package agency operator on "cash only" basis and how long the licensee, permittee, or package agency operator remains on "cash only" basis shall be at the discretion of the department and shall be based on the following factors:

(i) dollar amount of the returned check(s);

(ii) the number of returned checks;

(iii) the length of time the licensee, permittee, or package agency operator has had a license, permit, or package agency with the department;

(iv) the time necessary to collect the returned check(s); and

(v) any other circumstances.

(d) A returned check received by the department from or on behalf of an applicant for or holder of a single event permit or temporary special event beer permit may, at the discretion of the department, require that the person or entity that applied for or held the permit be on "cash only" status for any future events requiring permits from the commission.

(e) In addition to the remedies listed in Subsections (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), the department may pursue any legal remedies to effect collection of any returned check.

(6) Disposition of unsaleable merchandise.

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

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

(7) Administrative Handling Fees.

(a) Pursuant to 32B-4-414(1)(b)a person, on a one-time basis, who moves the person's residence to this state from outside of this state may have or possess for personal consumption and not for sale or resale, liquor previously purchased outside the state and brought into this state during the move if the person obtains department approval before moving the liquor into the state, and the person pays the department a reasonable administrative handling fee as determined by the commission.

(b) Pursuant to 32B-4-414(1)(c) a person who as a beneficiary inherits as part of an estate liquor that is located outside the state, may have or possess the liquor and transport or cause the liquor to be transported into the state if the person obtains department approval before moving the liquor into the state, the person provides sufficient documentation to the department to establish the person's legal right to the liquor as a beneficiary, and the person pays the department a reasonable administrative handling fee as determined by the commission.

(c) The administrative handling fee to process any request for department approval referenced in subsections (7)(a) and (7)(b) is $20.00.

(8) Case Handling Markup

(a) For purposes of the landed case cost defined in Section 32B-2-304, "cost of the product" includes a case handling markup determined by the department.

(b) If a manufacturer and the Department have agreed to allow the manufacturer to ship an alcoholic beverage directly to a state store or package agency without being received and stored by the Department in the Department's warehouse, the manufacturer shall receive a credit equaling the case handling markup for the product that is not warehoused by the Department.

(c) The Department shall collect and remit the case handling markup as outlined in Utah Code Ann. Section 32B-2-304.

R81-1-4. Employees.

The department is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

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

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

(2) In the case of public meetings, notice shall be made as provided in Section 52-4-202.

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

(4) The procedure for posting public notice and the definition of public meeting for purposes of these rules, shall be the same as provided in Section 52-4-202.

R81-1-6. Violation Schedule.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to Sections 32B-2-202(1)(c)(i), 32B-2-202(1) and (3), 32B-2-202(2)(b) and (c), and 32B-3-101 to -207. These provisions authorize the commission to establish criteria and procedures for imposing sanctions against licensees and permittees and their officers, employees and agents who violate statutes and commission rules relating to alcoholic beverages. For purposes of this rule, holders of certificates of approval are also considered licensees. The commission may revoke or suspend the licenses or permits, and may impose a fine against a licensee or permittee in addition to or in lieu of a suspension. The commission also may impose a fine against an officer, employee or agent of a licensee or permittee. Violations are adjudicated under procedures contained in Section 32B-3-101 to -207 and disciplinary hearing Section R81-1-7.

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

(3) Application of Rule.

(a) This rule governs violations committed by all commission licensees and permittees and their officers, employees and agents except single event permittees. Violations by single event permittees and their employees and agents are processed under Section 32B-9-204 and -305.

(b) This rule does not apply to situations where a licensee or permittee fails to maintain the minimum qualifications provided by law for holding a license or permit. These might include failure to maintain a bond or insurance, or a conviction for a criminal offense that disqualifies the licensee or permittee from holding the license or permit. These are fundamental licensing and permitting requirements and failure to maintain them may result in immediate suspension or forfeiture of the license or permit. Thus, they are not processed in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Title 63G, Chapter 4 or Section R81-1-7. They are administered by issuance of an order to show cause requiring the licensee or permittee to provide the commission with proof of qualification to maintain their license or permit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

agent.

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) More than one occurrence of the same type of grave violation: a fifteen day suspension to revocation of the license or permit, and a 15 to 180 day suspension of the employment of the officer, employee or agent and/or a $3000 to $25,000 fine for the licensee or permittee and up to a $500 fine for the officer, employee or agent.

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

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

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

TABLE

Violation Degree and Frequency	Warning Verbal/Written	Fine $ Amount	Suspension No. of Days	Revoke License
Minor				
1st	X X			
2nd		100 to 500		
3rd		200 to 500	1 to 5	
Over 3		500 to 25,000	6 to	X
Moderate				
1st	X	to 1,000		
2nd		500 to 1,000	3 to 10	
3rd		1,000 to 2,000	10 to 20	
Over 3		2,000 to 25,000	15 to	X
Serious				
1st		500 to 3,000	5 to 30	
2nd		1,000 to 9,000	10 to 90	
Over 2		9,000 to 25,000	15 to	X
Grave				
1st		1,000 to 25,000	10 to	X
Over 1		3,000 to 25,000	15 to	X

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

TABLE

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

(5) Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances. The commission and presiding officers may adjust penalties within penalty ranges based upon aggravating or mitigating circumstances.

(a) Examples of mitigating circumstances are:

(i) no prior violation history;

(ii) good faith effort to prevent a violation;

(iii) existence of written policies governing employee conduct;

(iv) extraordinary cooperation in the violation investigation that shows the licensee or permittee and the officer, employee or agent of the licensee or permittee accepts responsibility; and

(v) there was no evidence that the investigation was based on complaints received or on observed misconduct of others, but was based solely on the investigating authority creating the opportunity for a violation.

(b) Examples of aggravating circumstances are:

(i) prior warnings about compliance problems;

(ii) prior violation history;

(iii) lack of written policies governing employee conduct;

(iv) multiple violations during the course of the investigation;

(v) efforts to conceal a violation;

(vi) intentional nature of the violation;

(vii) the violation involved more than one patron or employee;

(viii) the violation involved a minor and, if so, the age of the minor; and

(ix) whether the violation resulted in injury or death.

(6) Violation Grid. Any proposed substantive change to the violation grid that would establish or adjust the degree of seriousness of a violation shall require rulemaking in compliance with title 63G-3, the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. A violation grid describing each violation of the alcoholic beverage control laws, the statutory and rule reference, and the degree of seriousness of each violation is available for public inspection in the department's administrative office. A copy will be provided upon request at reproduction cost. It is entitled "Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Violation Grid" (January 2012 edition) and is

incorporated by reference as part of this rule.

R81-1-7. Disciplinary Hearings.

(1) General Provisions.

(a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 32B-2-202(1)(c)(i)and shall govern the procedure for disciplinary actions under the jurisdiction of the commission. Package agencies are expressly excluded from the provisions of this rule, and are governed by the terms of the package agency contract.

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

(c) Emergency Adjudication Proceedings. The department or commission may issue an order on an emergency basis without complying with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 63G-4-502.

(d) Utah Administrative Procedures Act. Proceedings under this rule shall be in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA), and Sections 32B-3-102 to -207.

(e) Penalties.

(i) This rule shall govern the imposition of any penalty against a commission licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, an officer, employee or agent of a licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, and a manufacturer, supplier or importer whose products are listed in this state.

(ii) Penalties may include a letter of admonishment, imposition of a fine, the suspension or revocation of a commission license, permit, or certificate of approval, the requirement that a licensee have a written responsible alcohol service plan as provided in R81-1-24, the assessment of costs of action, an order prohibiting an officer, employee or agent of a licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder, from serving, selling, distributing, manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing, or handling alcoholic beverages in the course of employment with any commission licensee, permittee, or certificate of approval holder for a period determined by the commission, the forfeiture of bonds, an order removing a manufacturer's, supplier's or importer's products from the department's sales list and a suspension of the department's purchase of those products for a period determined by the commission, and an order removing the products of a certificate of approval holder from the state approved sales list, and a suspension of the purchase of the products in the state.

(iii) Department administrative costs are the hourly pay rate plus benefits of each department employee involved in processing and conducting the adjudicative proceedings on the violation, an hourly charge for department overhead costs, the amount billed the department by an independent contractor for services rendered in conjunction with an adjudicative proceeding, and any additional extraordinary or incidental costs incurred by the department. The commission may also assess additional costs if a respondent fails to appear before the commission at the final stage of the adjudicative process. Department overhead costs are calculated by taking the previous year's total department expenditures less staff payroll charges expended on violations, dividing it by the previous year's total staff hours spent on violations, and multiplying this by a rate derived by taking the previous year's total staff payroll spent on violations to the previous year's total payroll of all office employees. The overhead cost figure shall be recalculated at the beginning of each fiscal year.

(f) Perjured Statements. Any person who makes any false or perjured statement in the course of a disciplinary action is subject to criminal prosecution under Section 32B-4-504.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) Presiding Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

(A) encourage settlement;

(B) clarify issues;

(C) simplify the evidence;

(D) expedite the proceedings; or

(E) facilitate discovery, if a formal proceeding.

(k) Definitions. The definitions found in Sections 32B-1-102 and Title 63G, Chapter 4 apply to this rule.

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

(m) Default.

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

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

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

(iv) After issuing the order of default, the commission or presiding officer shall conduct any further proceedings

necessary to complete the adjudicative proceeding without the participation of the respondent in default and shall determine all issues in the adjudicative proceeding, including those affecting the defaulting respondent.

(2) Pre-adjudication Proceedings.

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

(b) Letters of Admonishment. Because letters of admonishment are not "state agency actions" under Section 63G-4-102(1)(a), no adjudicative proceedings are required in processing them, and they shall be handled in accordance with the following procedures:

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

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

(A) The case number assigned to the action;

(B) The name of the respondent;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) The case number assigned to the action;

(B) The name of the respondent;

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

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

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

(c) Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings.

(i) Alleged violations shall be referred to a presiding officer for commencement of adjudicative proceedings under the following circumstances:

(A) the decision officer determines during screening that the case does not fit the criteria for issuance of a letter of admonishment under section (2)(b)(i);

(B) a respondent has requested that a letter of admonishment be processed under the adjudicative proceeding process; or

(C) the commission has rejected a letter of admonishment and directed that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced seeking a more severe penalty.

(ii) All adjudicative proceedings shall commence as informal proceedings.

(iii) At any time after commencement of informal adjudicative proceedings, but before the commencement of a hearing, if the department determines that it will seek administrative fines exceeding $3000, a suspension of the license, permit or certificate of approval for more than ten days, or a revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for the alleged violation(s), the presiding officer shall convert the matter to a formal adjudicative proceeding.

(iv) At any time before a final order is issued, a presiding officer may convert an informal proceeding to a formal proceeding if conversion is in the public interest and does not unfairly prejudice the rights of any party.

(3) The Informal Process.

(a) Notice of agency action.

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

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

(B) The department's case number;

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

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

(E) A statement that the adjudicative proceeding is to be conducted informally according to the provisions of this rule and Sections 63G-4-202 and -203 unless a presiding officer converts the matter to a formal proceeding pursuant to Sections (2)(c)(iii) or (iv) of this rule, in which event the proceeding will be conducted formally according to the provisions of this rule and Sections 63G-4-204 to -209;

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

(G) A statement that a respondent may request a hearing for the purpose of determining whether the violation(s) alleged in the notice of agency action occurred, and if so, the penalties that should be imposed;

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

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

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

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

(II) the penalty sought, which may include assessment of costs under Section 32B-3-205(1)(c)if the respondent is found guilty of the alleged violation, and forfeiture of any compliance bond on final revocation under Section 32B-3-205(5) if revocation is sought by the department;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The Prehearing Conference.

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

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

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

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

(v) If the matter cannot be resolved by settlement agreement, the department shall notify the respondent and the presiding officer whether it will seek administrative fines exceeding $3000, a suspension of the license, permit or certificate of approval for more than ten days, or a revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for the alleged violation(s).

(vi) If the department does not seek administrative fines exceeding $3000, a suspension of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for more than ten days, or a revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for the alleged violation(s), any hearing on the matter shall be adjudicated informally.

(vii) If the department does seek administrative fines exceeding $3000, a suspension of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for more than ten days, or a revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for the alleged violation(s), the presiding officer shall convert the matter to a formal adjudicative proceeding, and any hearing on the matter shall be adjudicated formally. The department may waive the formal adjudicative proceeding requirement that the respondent file a written response to the notice of agency action.

(c) The Informal Hearing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iv) All testimony shall be under oath.

(v) Discovery is prohibited.

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

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

(viii) Intervention is prohibited.

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

The presiding officer may take appropriate measures necessary to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Disposition.

(i) Presiding Officer's Order; Objections.

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

(I) the decision;

(II) the reasons for the decision;

(III) findings of facts;

(IV) conclusions of law;

(V) recommendations for final commission action;

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

(B) The order shall be based on the facts appearing in the department's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the informal hearing. Any finding of fact that was contested may not be based solely on hearsay evidence. The findings of fact shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence. The order shall not recommend a penalty more severe than that sought in the notice of agency action, and in no event may it recommend administrative fines exceeding $3000, a suspension of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for more than ten days, or a revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval.

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

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

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

(ii) Commission Action.

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

(B) The commission shall be deemed a substitute presiding officer for this final stage of the informal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Sections 63G-4-103(1)(h)(ii) and (iii). This stage is not considered a "review of an order by an agency or a superior agency" under Sections 63G-4-301 and -302.

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

(D) After the commission has reached a final decision, it shall issue or cause to be issued a signed, written order pursuant to Section 32B-3-204(4) and, 63G-4-203(1)(i) containing:

(I) the decision;

(II) the reasons for the decision;

(III) findings of fact;

(IV) conclusions of law;

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

(VI) notice of the right to seek judicial review of the order within 30 days from the date of its issuance in the district court in accordance with Sections 63G-4-401, -402, -404, and -405 and 32B-3-207.

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

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

(G) The order shall not impose a penalty more severe than that sought in the notice of agency action, and in no event may it impose administrative fines exceeding $3000, a suspension of the license, permit, or certificate of approval for more than ten days, or a revocation of the license, permit, or certificate of approval.

(H) The commission, after it has rendered its final decision and order, may direct the department director to prepare, issue, and cause to be served on the parties the final written order on behalf of the commission.

(I) A copy of the commission's order shall be promptly mailed to the parties.

(e) Judicial Review.

(i) Any petition for judicial review of the commission's final order must be filed within 30 days from the date the order is issued.

(ii) Appeals from informal adjudicative proceedings shall be to the district court in accordance with Sections 63G-4-402,

-404, and -405, and 32B-3-207.

(4) The Formal Process.

(a) Conversion Procedures. If a presiding officer converts an informal adjudicative proceeding to a formal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to sections (2)(c)(iii) or (iv):

(i) the presiding officer shall notify the parties that the adjudicative proceeding is to be conducted formally according to the provisions of this rule and Sections 63G-4-204 to -209;

(ii) the case shall proceed without requiring the issuance of a new or amended notice of agency action;

(iii) the respondent shall be required to file a written response to the original notice of agency action within 30 days of the notice of the conversion of the adjudicative proceeding to a formal proceeding, unless this requirement is waived by the department. Extensions of time to file a response are not favored, but may be granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown. Failure to file a timely response shall waive the respondent's right to contest the matters stated in the notice of agency action, and the presiding officer may enter an order of default and proceed to prepare and serve his final order pursuant to R81-1-7(4)(e). The response shall be signed by the respondent, or by an authorized agent or attorney of the respondent, and shall set forth in clear and concise terms:

(A) the case number assigned to the action;

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

(C) the name of the respondent;

(D) whether the respondent admits, denies, or lacks sufficient knowledge to admit or deny each allegation stated in the notice of agency action, in which event the allegation shall be deemed denied;

(E) any facts in defense or mitigation of the alleged violation or possible penalty;

(F) a brief summary of any attached evidence. Any supporting documents, exhibits, signed statements, transcripts, etc., to be considered as evidence shall accompany the response;

(G) a statement of the relief the respondent seeks;

(H) a statement summarizing the reasons that the relief requested should be granted.

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

(v) the presiding officer may, upon motion of the responsible party made at or before the hearing, allow any pleading to be amended or corrected. Defects which do not substantially prejudice any of the parties shall be disregarded;

(vi) Pleadings shall be signed by the party or the party's attorney and shall show the signer's address and telephone number. The signature shall be deemed to be a certification by the signer that he has read the pleading and that he has taken reasonable measures to assure its truth;

(b) Intervention.

(i) Any person not a party may file a signed, written petition to intervene in a formal adjudicative proceeding with the presiding officer. The person who wishes to intervene shall mail a copy of the petition to each party. The petition shall include:

(A) the agency's case number;

(B) a statement of facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights or interests are substantially affected by the formal adjudicative proceedings or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and

(C) a statement of the relief that the petitioner seeks from the agency;

(ii) Response to Petition. Any party to a proceeding into which intervention is sought may make an oral or written response to the petition for intervention. The response shall state the basis for opposition to intervention and may suggest limitations to be placed upon the intervenor if intervention is granted. The response must be presented or filed at or before the hearing.

(iii) Granting of Petition. The presiding officer shall grant a petition for intervention if the presiding officer determines that:

(A) the petitioner's legal interests may be substantially affected by the formal adjudicative proceeding; and

(B) the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the adjudicative proceedings will not be materially impaired by allowing the intervention.

(iv) Order Requirements.

(A) Any order granting or denying a petition to intervene shall be in writing and sent by mail to the petitioner and each party.

(B) An order permitting intervention may impose conditions on the intervenor's participation in the adjudicative proceeding that are necessary for a just, orderly, and prompt conduct of the adjudicative proceeding.

(C) The presiding officer may impose conditions at any time after the intervention.

(D) If it appears during the course of the proceeding that an intervenor has no direct or substantial interest in the proceeding and that the public interest does not require the intervenor's participation, the presiding officer may dismiss the intervenor from the proceeding.

(E) In the interest of expediting a hearing, the presiding officer may limit the extent of participation of an intervenor. Where two or more intervenors have substantially like interests and positions, the presiding officer may at any time during the hearing limit the number of intervenors who will be permitted to testify, cross-examine witnesses or make and argue motions and objections.

(c) Discovery and Subpoenas.

(i) Discovery. Upon the motion of a party and for good cause shown that it is to obtain relevant information necessary to support a claim or defense, the presiding officer may authorize the manner of discovery against another party or person, including the staff, as may be allowed by the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(ii) Subpoenas. Subpoenas and orders to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of evidence in formal adjudicative proceedings shall be issued by the presiding officer when requested by any party, or may be issued by the presiding officer on his own motion.

(d) The Formal Hearing.

(i) Notice. The presiding officer shall notify the parties in writing of the date, time, and place of the hearing at least ten days in advance of the hearing. The presiding officer's name, title, mailing address, and telephone number shall be provided to the parties. Continuances of scheduled hearings are not favored, but may be granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown. Failure to appear at the hearing after notice has been given shall be grounds for default and shall waive both the respondent's right to contest the allegations, and the respondent's right to the hearing. The presiding officer shall proceed to prepare and serve on respondent his order pursuant to R81-1-7(4)(e).

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

(iii) Rights of Parties. The presiding officer shall regulate the course of the hearings to obtain full disclosure of relevant facts and to afford all the parties reasonable opportunity to present their positions, present evidence, argue, respond,

conduct cross-examinations, and submit rebuttal evidence.

(iv) Public Participation. The presiding officer may give persons not a party to the adjudicative proceeding the opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

(v) Rules of Evidence. Technical rules of evidence shall not apply. Any reliable evidence may be admitted subject to the following guidelines. The presiding officer:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(vi) Oath. All testimony presented at the hearing, if offered as evidence to be considered in reaching a decision on the merits, shall be given under oath.

(vii) Order of presentation. Unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer at the hearing, the order of procedure and presentation of evidence will be as follows: (1) agency; (2) respondent; (3) intervenors (if any); (4) rebuttal by agency.

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

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

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

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

(A) The record may be made by means of an audio or video recorder or other recording device at the department's expense.

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

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

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

(xii) Failure to appear. Inexcusable failure of the respondent to appear at a scheduled evidentiary hearing after receiving proper notice constitutes an admission of the charged violation. The validity of any hearing is not affected by the failure of any person to attend or remain in attendance pursuant to Section 32B-3-203(3)(b) and (c).

(e) Disposition.

(i) Presiding Officer's Order; Objections.

(A) Within a reasonable time of the close of the hearing, or after the filing of any post-hearing papers permitted by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall sign and issue a written order that includes the following:

(I) the findings of fact based exclusively on evidence found in the record of the adjudicative proceedings, or facts officially noted. No finding of fact that was contested may be based solely on hearsay evidence. The findings of fact shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence, except if the respondent fails to respond as per R81-1-7(4)(a)(iii), then the findings of fact shall adopt the allegations in the notice of agency action;

(II) conclusions of law;

(III) the decision;

(IV) the reasons for the decision;

(V) recommendations for final commission action. The order shall not recommend a penalty more severe than that sought in the notice of agency action;

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

(B) A copy of the presiding officer's order shall be promptly mailed to the parties.

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

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

(ii) Commission Action.

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

(B) The commission shall be deemed a substitute presiding officer for this final stage of the formal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Sections 63G-4-103(1)(h)(ii) and (iii). This stage is not considered a "review of an order by an agency or a superior agency" under Sections 63G-4-301 and -302.

(C) No additional evidence shall be presented to the commission. The commission may, in its discretion, permit the parties to present oral presentations.

(D) After the commission has reached a final decision, it shall issue or cause to be issued a signed, written order pursuant to Section 32B-3-204(4) and 63G-4-208(1) that includes:

(I) findings of fact based exclusively on evidence found in the record of the adjudicative proceedings, or facts officially noted. No finding of fact that was contested may be based solely on hearsay evidence. The findings of fact shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence, except if the respondent fails to respond as per R81-1-7(4)(a)(iii), then the findings of

fact shall adopt the allegations in the notice of agency action and the respondent is considered in default;

(II) conclusions of law;

(III) the decision;

(IV) the reasons for the decision;

(V) action ordered by the commission and effective date of the action taken. The order shall not impose a penalty more severe than that sought in the notice of agency action;

(VI) notice of the right to file a written request for reconsideration within ten days of the service of the order;

(VII) notice of the right to seek judicial review of the order within thirty days of the date of its issuance in the court of appeals in accordance with Sections 32B-3-207 and 63G-4-403, -404, -405.

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

(F) The commission may use its experience, technical competence and specialized knowledge to evaluate the evidence.

(G) The commission, after it has rendered its final decision and order, may direct the department director to prepare, issue, and cause to be served on the parties the final written order on behalf of the commission.

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

(I) A respondent having objections to the order of the commission may file, within ten days of service of the order, a request for reconsideration with the commission, setting forth the particulars in which the order is unfair, unreasonable, unlawful, or not supported by the evidence. If the request is based upon newly discovered evidence, the petition shall be accompanied by a summary of the new evidence, with a statement of reasons why the respondent could not with reasonable diligence have discovered the evidence prior to the formal hearing, and why the evidence would affect the commission's order.

(J) The filing of a request for reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review of the commission's order.

(K) Within twenty days of the filing of a request for reconsideration, the commission may issue or cause to be issued a written order granting the request or denying the request in whole or in part. If the request is granted, it shall be limited to the matter specified in the order. Upon reconsideration, the commission may confirm its former order or vacate, change or modify the same in any particular, or may remand for further action. The final order shall have the same force and effect as the original order.

(L) If the commission does not issue an order within twenty days after the filing of the request, the request for reconsideration shall be considered denied.

(f) Judicial Review.

(i) Respondent may file a petition for judicial review of the commission's final order within 30 days from the date the order is issued.

(ii) Appeals from formal adjudicative proceedings shall be to the Utah Court of Appeals in accordance with Sections 63G-4-403, -404, and 405, and Section 32B-3-207.

R81-1-8. Consent Calendar Procedures.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to the commission's authority to establish procedures for suspending or revoking permits, licenses, and package agencies under 32B-2-202(1)(c) and (e), and the commission's authority to adjudicate violations of Title 32B.

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

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

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

(3) Application of the Rule.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R81-1-9. Liquor Dispensing Systems.

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

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

(a) dispenses spirituous liquor in calibrated quantities not to exceed 1.5 ounces; and

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

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

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

(3) Method of approval.

(a) Suppliers. Companies which manufacture, distribute, sell, or supply dispensing systems must first have their product approved by the department prior to use by any liquor licensee in the state. They shall complete the "Supplier Application for Dispensing System Approval" form provided by the department, which includes: the name, model number, manufacturer and

supplier of the product; the type and method of dispensing, calibrating, and metering; the degree or tolerance of error, and a verification of compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

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

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

(4) Operational restrictions.

(a) The system must be calibrated to pour a quantity of spirituous liquor not to exceed 1.5 ounces.

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

(c) Spirituous liquor bottles in use with a dispensing system at the dispensing location must be affixed to the dispensing system by the licensee. Spirituous liquor bottles in use with a remote dispensing system must be in a locked storage area. Any other primary spirituous liquor not in service must remain unopened. There shall be no opened primary spirituous liquor bottles at a dispensing location that are not affixed to an approved dispensing device.

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

(e) All dispensing systems and devices must

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

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

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

(f) Pursuant to federal law, all liquor dispensed through a dispensing system shall be from its original container, and there shall be no re-use or refilling of liquor bottles with any substance whatsoever. The commission adopts federal regulations 27 CFR 31.261-31.262 and 26 USC Section 5301 and incorporates them by reference.

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

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

(ii) the number of portions of liquor dispensed through the dispensing system determined by the calculated difference between the beginning and ending meter readings and/or as electronically generated by the recording software of the dispensing system;

(iii) number of portions of liquor sold; and

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

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

(h) This rule does not prohibit the sale of pitchers of mixed drinks as long as the pitcher contains no more than 1.5 ounces of primary spirituous liquor and no more than a total of 2.5 ounces of spirituous liquor per person to which the pitcher is served.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) For the purposes of this rule:

(a) "premises" as defined in Section 32B-1-102(75) shall include the location of any licensed restaurant, limited restaurant, beer-only restaurant, club, or recreational amenity on-premise beer retailer facility or facilities operated or managed by the same person or entity that are located within the same building or complex, and any similar sublicense located within the same building of a resort license under 32B-8. Multiple licensed facilities shall be termed "qualified premises" as used in this rule.

(b) the terms "sell", "sale", "to sell" as defined in Section 32B-1-102(92) shall not apply to a cost allocation of alcoholic beverages as used in this rule.

(c) "cost allocation" means an apportionment of the as purchased cost of the alcoholic beverage product based on the amount sold in each outlet.

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

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

(a) point of sale control systems must be implemented that will record the amounts of each alcoholic beverage product sold in each location;

(b) cost allocation of the alcoholic beverage product cost must be made for each location on at least a monthly or quarterly basis pursuant to the record keeping requirements of Section 32B-5-302;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) each licensee must be able to account for its ownership of the alcoholic beverages stored in the common storage location by keeping records, balanced monthly, of expenditures for alcoholic beverages supported by items such as delivery tickets, invoices, receipted bills, canceled checks, petty cash vouchers; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) date of hire, and

(b) date of completion of training.

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

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

(b) recognizing the problem drinker;

(c) an overview of state alcohol laws;

(d) dealing with problem customers; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Authority. The authority for this rule is Sections 63G-2-204 and 63A-12-104 of the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA).

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

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

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

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

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

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

R81-1-14. Americans With Disabilities Act Grievance Procedures.

(1) Authority and Purpose.

(a) This rule is made under authority of Section 32B-2-202 and 63G-3-201(3). As required by 28 CFR 35.107, the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, as a public entity that employs more than 50 persons, adopts and publishes the grievance procedures within this rule for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.

(b) The purpose of this rule is to implement the provisions of 28 CFR 35 which in turn implements Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provides that no individual shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by the department because of a disability.

(2) Definitions.

(a) "ADA Coordinator" means the employee assigned by the executive director to investigate and facilitate the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints filed by qualified persons with disabilities. The ADA Coordinator may be a representative of the Department of Human Resource Management assigned to the Department.

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

(c) "Designee" means an individual appointed by the executive director or a director to investigate allegations of

ADA non-compliance in the event the ADA Coordinator is unable or unwilling to conduct an investigation for any reason, including a conflict of interest. A designee does not have to be an employee of the department; however, the designee must have a working knowledge of the responsibilities and obligations required of employers and employees by the ADA.

(d) "Director" means the head of the division of the Department affected by a complaint filed under this rule.

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

(f) "Executive Director" means the executive director of the department.

(g) "Major life activities" include caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, and working. A major life activity also includes the operation of a major bodily function, such as functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

(h) "Qualified Individual" means an individual who meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by the Department. A "qualified individual" is also an individual who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the employment position that individual holds or desires.

(3) Filing of Complaints.

(a) Any qualified individual may file a complaint alleging noncompliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, or the federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

(b) Qualified individuals shall file their complaints with the Department's ADA Coordinator, unless the complaint alleges that the ADA Coordinator was non-compliant, in which case qualified individuals shall file their complaints with the Department's designee.

(c) Qualified individuals shall file their complaints within 90 days after the date of the alleged noncompliance to facilitate the prompt and effective consideration of pertinent facts and appropriate remedies; however, the Executive Director has the discretion to direct that the grievance process be utilized to address legitimate complaints filed more than 90 days after alleged noncompliance.

(d) Each complaint shall:

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

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

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

(iv) describe the action and accommodation desired; and

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

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

(f) If the complaint is not in writing, the ADA coordinator or designee shall transcribe or otherwise reduce the complaint to writing upon receipt of the complaint.

(g) By the filing of a complaint or a subsequent appeal, the complainant authorizes necessary parties to conduct a confidential review all relevant information, including records classified as private or controlled under the Government Records Access and Management Act, Utah Code, Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b) and Section 63G-2-304,consistent with 42 U.S.C. 12112(d)(4)(A), (B), and (C) and 42 U.S.C. Section 12112(d)(3)(B) and (C), and relevant information otherwise protected by statute, rule, regulation, or other law.

(4) Investigation of Complaints.

(a) The ADA coordinator or designee shall investigate complaints to the extent necessary to assure all relevant facts are collected and documented. This may include gathering all information listed in Subsection R81-1-14(3)(d) and (g) of this rule if it is not made available by the complainant.

(b) The ADA coordinator or designee may seek assistance from the Attorney General's staff, and the department's human resource and budget staff in determining what action, if any, should be taken on the complaint. The ADA coordinator or designee may also consult with the director of the affected division in making a recommendation.

(c) The ADA coordinator or designee shall consult with representatives from other state agencies that may be affected by the decision, including the Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Human Resource Management, the Division of Risk Management, the Division of Facilities Construction Management, and the Office of the Attorney General before making any recommendation that would:

(i) involve an expenditure of funds beyond what is reasonably able to be accommodated within the applicable line item so that it would require a separate appropriation;

(ii) require facility modifications; or

(iii) require reassignment to a different position.

(5) Recommendation and Decision.

(a) Within 15 working days after receiving the complaint, the ADA coordinator or designee shall recommend to the director what action, if any, should be taken on the complaint. The recommendation shall be in writing or in another accessible format suitable to the complainant.

(b) If the ADA coordinator or designee is unable to make a recommendation within the 15 working day period, the complainant shall be notified in writing, or in another accessible format suitable to the complainant, stating why the recommendation is delayed and what additional time is needed.

(c) The director may confer with the ADA coordinator or designee and the complainant and may accept or modify the recommendation to resolve the complaint. The director shall render a decision within 15 working days after the director's receipt of the recommendation from the ADA coordinator or designee. The director shall take all reasonable steps to implement the decision. The director's decision shall be in writing, or in another accessible format suitable to the complainant, and shall be promptly delivered to the complainant.

(6) Appeals.

(a) The complainant may appeal the director's decision to the executive director within ten working days after the complainant's receipt of the director's decision.

(b) The appeal shall be in writing or in another accessible format reasonably suited to the complainant's ability.

(c) The executive director may name a designee to assist on the appeal. The ADA coordinator and the director's designee may not also be the executive director's designee for the appeal.

(d) In the appeal the complainant shall describe in sufficient detail why the decision does not effectively address the complainant's needs.

(e) The executive director or designee shall review the ADA coordinator's recommendation, the director's decision, and the points raised on appeal prior to reaching a decision. The executive director may direct additional investigation as necessary. The executive director shall consult with representatives from other state agencies that would be affected by the decision, including the Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Human Resource Management, the Division of Risk Management, the Division of Facilities Construction

Management, and the Office of the Attorney General before making any decision that would:

(i) involve an expenditure of funds beyond what is reasonably able to be accommodated within the applicable line item so that it would require a separate appropriation;

(ii) require facility modifications; or

(iii) require reassignment to a different position.

(f) The executive director shall issue a final decision within 15 working days after receiving the complainant's appeal. The decision shall be in writing, or in another accessible format suitable to the complainant, and shall be promptly delivered to the complainant.

(g) If the executive director or designee is unable to reach a final decision within the 15 working day period, the complainant shall be notified in writing, or by another accessible format suitable to the complainant, why the final decision is being delayed and the additional time needed to reach a final decision.

(7) Record Classification.

(a) Records created in administering this rule are classified as "protected" under Subsections 63G-2-305(9), (22), (24), and (25).

(b) After issuing a decision under Section R81-1-14(5)or a final decision upon appeal under Section R81-1-14(6), portions of the record pertaining to the complainant's medical condition shall be classified as "private" under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(b) or "controlled" under Section 63G-2-304, consistent with 42 U.S.C. 12112(d)(4)(A), (B), and (C) and 42 U.S.C. 12112(d)(3)(B) and (C), at the option of the ADA coordinator.

(a) The written decision of the division director or executive director shall be classified as "public," and all other records, except controlled records under Subsection R81-1-14(7)(b), classified as "private."

(8) Relationship to Other Laws. This rule does not prohibit or limit the use of remedies available to individuals under:

(a) the state Anti-Discrimination Complaint Procedures, Section 34A-5-107, and Section 67-19-32;

(b) the Federal ADA Complaint Procedures, 28 CFR 35.170 through 28 CFR 35.178; or

(c) any other Utah State or federal law that provides equal or greater protection for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

R81-1-15. Commission Declaratory Orders.

(1) Authority. As required by Section 63G-4-503, and as authorized by Section 32B-2-202, this rule provides the procedures for the submission, review, and disposition of petitions for commission declaratory orders on the applicability of statutes administered by the commission and department, rules promulgated by the commission, and orders issued by the commission.

(2) Petition Procedure.

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

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

(3) Petition Form. The petition shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) be signed by the petitioner.

(4) Petition Review and Disposition.

(a) The commission shall:

(i) review and consider the petition;

(ii) prepare a declaratory order stating:

(A) the applicability or non-applicability of the statute, rule, or order at issue;

(B) the reasons for the applicability or non-applicability of the statute, rule, or order; and

(C) any requirements imposed on the department, the petitioner, or any person as a result of the declaratory order;

(iii) serve the petitioner with a copy of the order.

(b) The commission may:

(i) interview the petitioner;

(ii) hold an informal adjudicative hearing to gather information prior to making its determination;

(iii) hold a public information-gathering hearing on the petition;

(iv) consult with department staff, the Attorney General's Office, other government agencies, or the public; and

(v) take any other action necessary to provide the petition adequate review and due consideration.

R81-1-16. Disqualification Based Upon Conviction of Crime.

(1) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act generally disqualifies persons from being employees of the department, operating a package agency, holding a license or permit, or being employed in a managerial or supervisory capacity with a package agency, licensee or permittee if they have been convicted of:

(a) a felony under any federal or state law;

(b) any violation of any federal or state law or local ordinance concerning the sale, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, adulteration, or transportation of alcoholic beverages;

(c) any crime involving moral turpitude; or

(d) driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs on two or more occasions within the last five years.

(2) In the case of a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company the proscription under Subsection (1) applies if any of the following has been convicted of any offense described in Subsection (1):

(a) a partner;

(b) a managing agent;

(c) a manager;

(d) an officer;

(e) a director;

(f) a stockholder who holds at least 20% of the total issued and outstanding stock of the corporation; or

(g) a member who owns at least 20% of the limited liability company.

(3) As used in the Act and these rules:

(a) "convicted" or "conviction" means a determination of guilt by a judge or a jury, upon either a trial or entry of a plea, in any court, including a court not of record, that has not been reversed on appeal;

(b) "felony" means any crime punishable by a term of imprisonment in excess of one year; and

(c) a "crime involving moral turpitude" means a crime that involves actions done knowingly contrary to justice, honesty, or good morals. It is also described as a crime that is "malum in se" as opposed to "malum prohibitum" - actions that are immoral in themselves regardless of being punishable by law as opposed to actions that are wrong only since they are prohibited by statute. A crime of moral turpitude ordinarily involves an element of falsification or fraud or of harm or injury directed to another person or another's property. For purposes of this rule,

crimes of moral turpitude may include crimes involving controlled substances, illegal drugs, and narcotics.

R81-1-17. Advertising.

(1) Authority and General Purpose. This rule is pursuant to Section 32B-4-510(4) which authorizes the commission to establish guidelines for the advertising of alcoholic beverages in this state except to the extent prohibited by Title 32B.

(2) Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this rule, "advertisement" or "advertising" includes any written or verbal statement, illustration, or depiction which is calculated to induce alcoholic beverage sales, whether it appears in a newspaper, magazine, trade booklet, menu, wine card, leaflet, circular, mailer, book insert, catalog, promotional material, sales pamphlet, or any written, printed, graphic, or other matter accompanying the container, representations made on cases, billboard, sign, or other public display, public transit card, other periodical literature, publication or in a radio or television broadcast, or in any other media; except that such term shall not include:

(i) labels on products; or

(ii) any editorial or other reading material (i.e., news release) in any periodical or publication or newspaper for the publication of which no money or valuable consideration is paid or promised, directly or indirectly, by any alcoholic beverage industry member or retailer, and which is not written by or at the direction of the industry member or retailer.

(b) For purposes of this rule, "minor" or "minors" shall mean persons under the age of 21 years.

(3) Application.

(a) This rule shall govern the regulation of advertising of alcoholic beverages sold within the state, except where the regulation of interstate electronic media advertising is preempted by federal law. This rule incorporates by reference the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 U.S.C. 205(f), and Subchapter A, Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, United States Department of the Treasury in 27 CFR 4, 5, 6 and 7 (1993 Edition). These provisions shall regulate the labeling and advertising of alcoholic beverages sold within this state, except where federal statutes and regulations are found to be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the statutes and rules of this state.

(b) 27 CFR Section 7.50 provides that federal laws apply only to the extent that the laws of a state impose similar requirements with respect to advertisements of malt beverages manufactured and sold or otherwise disposed of in the state. This rule, therefore, adopts and incorporates by reference federal laws, previously referenced in subparagraph (a), relating to the advertising of malt beverage products.

(4) Current statutes and rules restricting the advertising, display, or display of price lists of liquor products, as defined in 32B-1-102(55), by the department, state stores, or type 1, 2 or 3 package agencies as defined in R81-3-1, are applicable.

(5) All advertising of liquor and beer by manufacturers, suppliers, importers, local industry representatives, wholesalers, permittees, and licensed retailers of such products, and type 4 and 5 package agencies as defined in R81-3-1 shall comply with the advertising requirements listed in Section (6) of this rule.

(6) Advertising Requirements. Any advertising or advertisement authorized by this rule:

(a) May not violate any federal laws referenced in Subparagraph (3);

(b) May not contain any statement, design, device, or representation that is false or misleading;

(c) May not contain any statement, design, device, or representation that is obscene or indecent;

(d) May not refer to, portray or imply illegal conduct, illegal activity, abusive or violent relationships or situations, or anti-social behavior, except in the context of public service advertisements or announcements to educate and inform people of the dangers, hazards and risks associated with irresponsible drinking or drinking by persons under the age of 21 years;

(e) May not encourage over-consumption or intoxication, promote the intoxicating effects of alcohol consumption, or overtly promote increased consumption of alcoholic products;

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

(g) May not encourage or condone drunk driving;

(h) May not depict the act of drinking;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(m) May not offer alcoholic beverages without charge;

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

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

(7) Violations. Any violation of this rule may result in the imposition of any administrative penalties authorized by 32B-3-205, and may result in the imposition of the criminal penalty of a class B misdemeanor pursuant to 32B-4-304 and -510.

R81-1-19. Emergency Meetings.

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

notice requirements need not be followed but rather the "best notice practicable" shall be given.

(2) Authority. This rule is enacted under the authority of Sections 63G-3-201 and 32B-2-202.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R81-1-20. Electronic Meetings.

(1) Purpose. Utah Code Section 52-4-207 requires any public body that convenes or conducts an electronic meeting to establish written procedures for such meetings. This rule establishes procedures for conducting commission meetings by electronic means.

(2) Authority. This rule is enacted under the authority of Sections 52-4-207, 63G-3-201 and 32B-2-202.

(3) Procedure. The following provisions govern any meeting at which one or more commissioners appear telephonically or electronically pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-207:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to the commission's powers and duties as the plenary policymaking body on the subject of alcoholic beverage control under 32B-2-202, and its authority to establish guidelines for the advertising of alcoholic beverages under 32B-4-510.

(2) Purpose.

(a) This rule establishes a "safe harbor" from administrative action being taken against beer manufacturers and retailers under the circumstances and conditions below. This rule is necessary to allow certain advertising relations to occur even though they have the appearance of violating the "tied-house" provisions of 32B-4-703 to -705, but where the reasons and purposes for the "tied-house" provisions do not apply.

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

(c) Utah's "tied-house" and trade practice laws prohibit a beer industry member, directly or indirectly or through an affiliate, from inducing any beer retailer to purchase alcoholic beverages from the industry member to the exclusion in whole or in part of any of those products sold or offered for sale by other persons by furnishing the retailer signs, money or other things of value except to the extent allowed under 32B-4-703 to -705. The laws prohibit a beer industry member, directly or indirectly or through an affiliate, from paying or crediting a beer retailer for any advertising, display, or distribution service. 32B-4-704(4). This includes the purchase, by an industry member, of advertising on signs, scoreboards, programs, scorecards, and the like at ballparks, racetracks or stadiums, from the retail concessionaire. See 27 C.F.R. Sec. 6.53 as referenced in 32B-4-704(4)(a). The laws also prohibit an industry member from making payments for advertising to a retailer association or a display company where the resulting benefits flow to the individual retailers. 32B-4-704(3)(b)(i)(B).

(d) Throughout the state, there are a number of large facilities which put on or allow events to occur on their

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

(3) Application of the Rule. If the conditions listed below are met, the reasons and purposes behind the "tied-house" provisions restricting relations between manufacturers and retailers do not apply or are not significantly impacted. In addition, an event facility may be unduly restricted in its ability to sell advertising and be competitive. This is based upon the facility's primary purpose being other than the sale of food and beverages, that advertising is a normal and accepted part of the business of the facility and the events that occur at the facility, that beer advertisers would be on equal footing with other advertisers, and that there is little, if any, likelihood of the purchasing of advertising space or time either having an impact on the beer retailing decisions of the retailer or of allowing the manufacturer to obtain or assert control over the retailer. Therefore, if the following conditions are met, the sale of advertising space or time to a beer manufacturer for display at the facility does not constitute the payment to a retailer for advertising, display or distribution service, and does not otherwise constitute the furnishing of any signs, money, or other things of value to a retailer in violation of the "tied-house" provisions of 32B-4-704:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Application of Rule.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Purchases.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) Presently Available Merchandise. An accredited foreign diplomatic mission that establishes an embassy presence

in Utah may purchase alcoholic beverages that are presently sold in the state of Utah under the following procedures:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Application of Rule.

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

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

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

R81-1-24. Responsible Alcohol Service Plan.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to the commission's powers and duties under 32B-2-202 to act as a general policymaking body on the subject of alcoholic beverage control; set policy by written rules that establish criteria and procedures for suspending or revoking licenses; and prescribe the conduct and management of any premises upon which alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, served, or stored.

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

(3) Definitions.

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

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

(c) "Intoxication" and "intoxicated" are as defined in 32B-1-102(48).

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

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

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

(i) over-serving alcoholic beverages to customers;

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

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

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

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

(4) Application of Rule.

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

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

(b) Any Plan at a minimum shall:

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

(A) prevent over-service of alcohol;

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

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

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

(E) deal with hostile customers;

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

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

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

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

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

(B) identifying persons under the age of 21;

(C) discussing the legal definition of intoxication;

(D) identifying behavioral signs of intoxication;

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

(1) drink counting;

(2) slowing down alcohol service;

(3) offering food or nonalcoholic beverages; and

(4) cutting off alcohol service;

(F) discussing third party or "dram shop" liability for the unlawful service of alcohol to intoxicated persons and persons under the age of 21 as outlined in 32B-15; and

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

intoxicated, or to persons who are under the age of 21.

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

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

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

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

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

R81-1-25. Sexually-Oriented Entertainers and Stage Approvals.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to:

(a) the police powers of the state under 32B-1-104 to regulate the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a manner that protects the public health, peace, safety, welfare, and morals;

(b) the commission's powers and duties under 32B-2-202 to prescribe the conduct and management of any premises upon which alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, served, or stored; and

(c) 32B-1-501 to -506 that prescribe the attire and conduct of sexually-oriented entertainers in premises regulated by the commission and require them to appear or perform only in a tavern or social club and only upon a stage or in a designated area approved by the commission in accordance with commission rule.

(2) Purpose. This rule establishes guidelines used by the commission to approve stages and designated performance areas in a tavern or social club where sexually-oriented entertainers may appear or perform in a state of seminudity.

(3) Definitions.

(a) "Seminude", "seminudity, or "state of seminudity"means a state of dress as defined in 32B-1-102(102).

(b) "Sexually-oriented entertainer" means a person defined in 32B-1-102(93).

(4) Application of Rule.

(a) A sexually-oriented entertainer may appear or perform seminude only on the premises of a tavern or social club.

(b) A tavern or social club licensee, or an employee, independent contractor, or agent of the licensee shall not allow:

(i) a sexually-oriented entertainer to appear or perform seminude except in compliance with the conditions and attire and conduct restrictions of 32B-1-502 to -506;

(ii) a patron to be on the stage or in the performance area while a sexually-oriented entertainer is appearing or performing on the stage or in the performance area; and

(iii) a sexually-oriented entertainer to appear or perform seminude except on a stage or in a designated performance area that has been approved by the commission.

(c) Stage and designated performance area requirements.

(i) The following shall submit for commission approval a floor-plan containing the location of any stage or designated performance area where sexually-oriented entertainers appear or perform:

(A) an applicant for a tavern or social club license from the commission who intends to have sexually-oriented entertainment on the premises;

(B) a current tavern or social club licensee of the commission that did not have sexually-oriented entertainment on the premises when application was made for the license or permit, but now intends to have such entertainment on the premises; or

(C) a current tavern or social club licensee of the commission that has sexually-oriented entertainment on the premises, but has not previously had the stage or performance area approved by the commission.

(ii) The commission may approve a stage or performance area where sexually-oriented entertainers may perform in a state of seminudity only if the stage or performance area:

(A) is horizontally separated from the portion of the premises on which patrons are allowed by a minimum of three (3) feet, which separation shall be delineated by a physical barrier or railing that is at least three (3) feet high from the floor;

(B) is configured so as to preclude a patron from:

(I) touching the sexually-oriented entertainer;

(II) placing any money or object on or within the costume or the person of any sexually-oriented entertainer;

(III) is configured so as to preclude a sexually-oriented entertainer from touching a patron; and

(IV) conforms to the requirements of any local ordinance of the jurisdiction where the premise is located relating to distance separation requirements between sexually-oriented entertainers and patrons that may be more restrictive than the requirements of Sections (4)(c)(i) and (ii) of this rule.

(iii) The person applying for approval of a stage or performance area shall submit with their application:

(A) a diagram, drawn to scale, of the premises of the business including the location of any stage or performance area where sexually-oriented entertainers will appear or perform;

(B) a copy of any applicable local ordinance relating to distance separation requirements between sexually-oriented entertainers and patrons; and

(C) evidence of compliance with any such applicable local ordinance.

R81-1-26. Criminal History Background Checks.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to:

(a) the commission's powers and duties under 32B-2-202 to set policy by written rules that establish criteria and procedures for granting, denying, suspending, or revoking permits, licenses, and package agencies;

(b) 32B-1-301 to -307 that prohibit certain persons who have been convicted of certain criminal offenses from being employed by the department or from holding or being employed by the holder of an alcoholic beverage license, permit, or package agency; and

(c) 32B-1-301 to -307 that allow for the department to require criminal history background check reports on certain individuals.

(2) Purpose. This rule:

(a) establishes the circumstances under which a person identified in the statutory sections enumerated in Subparagraph (1)(b), must provide the department with a criminal history background report that shows the person meets the qualifications of those statutory sections as a condition of employment with the department, or as a condition of the commission granting a license, permit, or package agency to an applicant for a license, permit, or package agency; and

(b) establishes the procedures for the filing and processing of criminal history background reports.

(3) Application of Rule.

(a)(i) Except to the extent provided in Subparagraphs (3)(a)(iv), (v), (vi), and (vii) a person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) who has been a resident of the state of Utah for at least two years, shall submit a fingerprint card to the department, and consent to a fingerprint criminal background check by Utah

Bureau of Criminal Identification, Department of Public Safety (hereafter "B.C.I.").

(ii) Except to the extent provided in Subparagraphs (3)(a)(iv), (v), (vi), and (vii), and (3)(b) through (h), a person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) who has been a resident of the state of Utah for less than two years, shall submit a fingerprint card to the department, and consent to a fingerprint criminal background check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereafter "F.B.I.").

(iii) Except to the extent provided in Subparagraphs (3)(a)(iv), (v), and (vi), and (vii), (3)(b) through (h), a person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) who currently resides outside the state of Utah shall submit a fingerprint card to the department, and consent to a fingerprint criminal background check by the F.B.I.

(iv) A person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) who previously submitted a criminal background check as part of the application process for a different license, permit, or package agency that was issued by the commission shall not be required to submit a fingerprint card with the department or provide a new criminal history background report as part of the application process for a new license, permit, or package agency if the person attests that he or she has not been convicted of any disqualifying criminal offense identified in Subparagraph (1)(b).

(v) An applicant for a single event permit under 32B-9 shall not be required to submit a fingerprint card or provide a criminal history background report if the applicant attests that the persons identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) have not been convicted of any disqualifying criminal offense.

(vi) An applicant for a temporary special event beer permit under 32B-9 shall not be required to submit a fingerprint card or provide a criminal history background report if the applicant attests that the persons identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) have not been convicted of any disqualifying criminal offense identified in Subparagraph (1)(b).

(vii) An applicant for employment with benefits with the department shall be required to submit a fingerprint card and consent to a fingerprint criminal background check only if the department has made the decision to offer the applicant employment with the department.

(b) An application that requires B.C.I. or F.B.I. criminal history background report(s) may be included on a commission meeting agenda, and may be considered by the commission for issuance of a license, permit, or package agency if:

(i) the applicant has completed all requirements to apply for the license, permit, or package agency other than the department receiving the required B.C.I. or F.B.I. criminal history background report(s);

(ii) the applicant attests in writing that he or she is not aware of any criminal conviction of any person identified in Subparagraph (1)(b) that would disqualify the applicant from applying for and holding the license, permit, or package agency;

(iii) the applicant has submitted to the department the necessary fingerprint card(s) required for the application, and consented to the fingerprint criminal background check(s) by the B.C.I. or F.B.I.;

(iv) the applicant at the time of application supplies the department with a current criminal history background report conducted by a third-party background check reporting service on any person for which a B.C.I. or an F.B.I. background check is required; and

(v) the applicant stipulates in writing that if a B.C.I. or an F.B.I. report shows a criminal conviction that would disqualify the applicant from holding the license, permit, or package agency, the applicant shall immediately surrender the license, permit, or package agency to the department.

(c) The commission may issue a license, permit, or package agency to an applicant that has met the requirements of Subparagraph (3)(b), and the license, permit, or package agency shall be valid during the period the B.C.I. or F.B.I. is processing the criminal history report(s).

(d) The department shall use a unique file tracking system for such licenses, permits, and package agencies.

(e) If the required B.C.I. or F.B.I. report(s) are not received by the department within six (6) months of the date the license, permit, or package agency is issued by the commission, the licensee, permittee, or package agent shall appear at the next regular meeting of the commission for a status report, and the commission may either order the surrender of the license, permit, or package agency, or may extend the reporting period.

(f) Upon the department's receipt of the B.C.I. or F.B.I. report(s):

(i) if there is no disqualifying criminal history, the license, permit, or package agency shall continue for the balance the license or permit period, or the package agency contract period; or

(ii) if there is a disqualifying criminal history, the license, permit, or package agency shall be immediately surrendered, and the commission may enter an order accepting the surrender, or an order revoking the license, permit, or package agency depending on the circumstances.

(g) In the case of a license or permit, if the statutory deadline for renewing the license or permit occurs before receipt of the B.C.I. or F.B.I. report(s), the licensee or permittee may file for renewal of the license or permit subject to meeting all of the requirements in Subparagraphs (3)(b) through (f).

(h) An applicant for employment with benefits with the department that requires a B.C.I. or an F.B.I. criminal history background report may be conditionally hired by the department prior to receipt of the report if:

(i) the applicant attests in writing that he or she is not aware of any criminal conviction that would disqualify the applicant from employment with the department;

(ii) the applicant has submitted to the department the necessary fingerprint card(s) required for the application, and consented to the fingerprint criminal background check(s) by the B.C.I. or F.B.I.;

(iii) the applicant stipulates in writing that if a B.C.I. or an F.B.I. report shows a criminal conviction that would disqualify the applicant from employment with the department, the applicant shall terminate his or her employment with the department.

R81-1-27. Label Approvals.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to 32B-1-606(2)(c) and (d) and 32B-1-607 which give the commission the authority to adopt rules necessary to fully implement certain aspects of the Malted Beverages Act, 32A-1-801 to -809.

(2) Purpose.

(a) Pursuant to 32B-1-604, a manufacturer may not distribute or sell in this state any malted beverage including beer, heavy beer, and flavored malt beverage unless the label and packaging of the beverage has been first approved by the department.

(b) The requirements and procedures for applying for label and packaging approval are set forth in 32B-1-604 to -606.

(c) This rule:

(i) establishes administrative fees that may be assessed by the department to process applications for the approval of malt beverage labels and packaging;

(ii) provides supplemental procedures for applying for and processing label and package approvals;

(iii) defines the meaning of certain terms in the Malted Beverages Act; and

(iv) establishes the format of certain words and phrases required on the containers and packaging of certain flavored malt beverages.

(3) Application of Rule.

(a) The department shall assess a fee of $30.00 made payable to the "Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control" for each application submitted for label and packaging approval.

(b) A complete set of original labels for each size of container must accompany each application for label and packaging approval.

(i) This includes all band, strip, front and back labels appearing on any individual container.

(ii) Original containers will not be accepted.

(iii) If original labels cannot be obtained, the following will be accepted:

(A) color reproductions that are exact size; or

(B) a copy of the federal certificate of label approval (COLA) from the Department of Treasury, Tax and Trade Bureau (Form TTB F5100.31) with the exact size label if printed in color.

(c) Because a heavy beer and flavored malt beverage product may be sold only by the department to consumers and on-premise retailers in this state, label approval for a heavy beer or flavored malt beverage need not be applied for until the department has decided to list the product for sale in this state. Any listing will be contingent on label and packaging approval.

(d) An application for approval is required for any revision of a previously approved label.

(e) An application for approval is required for any revision to packaging that significantly modifies the notice that the product is an alcoholic beverage.

(f) An application for approval is not required for any revision to packaging that relates to subject matter other than the required notice that the product is an alcoholic beverage such as temporary seasonal or promotional themes.

(g) Pursuant to 32B-1-605(6):

(i) the department may revoke any label and packaging that does not comply with the label and packaging requirements of the Malted Beverage Act;

(ii) the department may delist any heavy beer or flavored malt beverage product listed by the department prior to October 1, 2008, that does not meet the label and packaging requirements of the Malted Beverage Act;

(iii) any heavy beer or flavored malt beverage product listed by the department prior to October 1, 2008, that did not receive prior label and packaging approval need not submit an application for label and packaging approval if the label and packaging meet the requirements of the Malted Beverage Act.

(h) Pursuant to 32B-1-606, a flavored malt beverage that is packaged in a manner that is similar to a label or package used for a nonalcoholic beverage must bear a prominently displayed label or a firmly affixed sticker on the container that includes the statement "alcoholic beverage" or "contains alcohol". Any packaging of a flavored malt beverage must also prominently include, either imprinted on the packaging or imprinted on a sticker firmly affixed to the packaging the statement "alcoholic beverage" or "contains alcohol". The words in the statement must appear:

(i) in capital letters and bold type;

(ii) in a solid contrasting background;

(iii) on the front of the container and packaging;

(iv) in a format that is readily legible;

(v) separate and apart from any descriptive or explanatory information; and

(vi) in a type size no smaller than 3 millimeters wide and 3 millimeters high.

(i) Pursuant to 32B-1-606, the label on a flavored malt beverage container shall state the alcohol content as a percentage of alcohol by volume or by weight. The alcohol content statement may not be abbreviated, but shall use the complete words "alcohol," "volume," or "weight". The words in the alcohol content statement must appear:

(i) in capital letters and bold type;

(ii) in a solid contrasting background;

(iii) in a format that is readily legible; and

(iv) separate and apart from any descriptive or explanatory information.

R81-1-28. Special Commission Meetings - Fees.

(1) Authority. This rule is pursuant to 32B-2-201(10) that gives the commission authority to hold special commission meetings; and 32B-2-202(1)that gives the commission authority to establish procedures for granting and denying permits and to prescribe fees payable for permits.

(2) Purpose. This rule authorizes the commission to assess an administrative fee in addition to the regular permit fee to cover the additional administrative costs of convening a special commission meeting to consider the application of an applicant for a single event permit or temporary special event beer permit who failed to timely submit the permit application to be considered at the commission's regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

(3) Application of Rule.

(a) If the commission agrees to convene a special commission meeting to accommodate an applicant described in Section (2), the commission shall assess an administrative fee of $350 in addition to the regular permit fee.

(b) The administrative fee in Section (3)(a) shall be used to offset the costs of convening the special meeting including, but not limited to:

(i) department costs associated with scheduling, arranging, and providing notice of the special meeting;

(ii) department costs associated with any emergency or electronic meeting held pursuant to R81-1-19 and -20;

(iii) payment of per diem and expenses to commissioners; and

(iv) any other costs incurred.

(c) The administrative fee in Section (3)(a) shall be paid prior to the convening of the special commission meeting.

(d) The administrative fee in Section (3)(a) is a non-refundable fee.

R81-1-29. Factors for Granting Licenses.

(1) Definition. For purposes of this rule, "license" includes a license, permit, certificate of approval, and package agency.

(2) Authority. This rule is pursuant to 32B-2-202(1)(c)which gives the commission the authority to set policy by written rules that establish criteria and procedures for granting a license. It is also based on 32B-5-203(2)(f) that gives the commission the authority to consider non-statutory factors or circumstances the commission considers necessary in granting a license.

(3) Purpose. This rule provides a list of non-statutory factors the commission considers in granting a license.

(4) Application of Rule. In addition to any statutory factor for granting a license, the commission also may consider the following non-statutory factors:

(a) availability of retail licenses under a quota;

(b) length of time the applicant has waited for a retail license;

(c) the scheduled opening date;

(d) whether the applicant is a seasonal business;

(e) whether the location has been previously licensed or is a new location;

(f) whether the application involves a change of ownership of an existing location;

(g) whether the applicant holds other alcohol licenses at this or other locations;

(h) whether the applicant has a violation history or a pending violation;

(i) projected alcohol sales as it relates to the extent to

which the retail alcohol license will be utilized;

(j) whether the applicant is a small or entrepreneurial business that would benefit the community in which it would be located;

(k) nature of entertainment the applicant proposes; and

(l) public input in support or opposition to granting the retail license.

R81-1-30. Draft Beer Sales/Minors on Premises.

A state license that authorizes the sale of beer on the premises also authorizes the licensee to sell beer on draft regardless of the nature of the business (e.g. cafe, restaurant, pizza parlor, bowling alley, golf course clubhouse, club, tavern, etc.). Minors may not be precluded from establishments based upon whether draft beer is sold. However, minors may not be employed by or be on the premises of any establishment or portion of an establishment which is a "tavern" as defined in Section 32B-1-102(112). This does not preclude local authorities and licensees from excluding minors from premises or portions of premises which have the atmosphere or appearance of a "tavern" as so defined.

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32B-6-805(3)
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R81. Alcoholic Beverage Control, Administration.
R81-3. Package Agencies.
R81-3-1. Definition.

Package agencies are retail liquor outlets operated by private persons under contract with the department for the purpose of selling packaged liquor from facilities other than state liquor stores for off premise consumption. Package agencies are classified into five types:

Type 1 - A package agency under contract with the department which is operated in conjunction with a resort environment (e.g., hotel, ski lodge, summer recreation area).

Type 2 - A package agency under contract with the department which is in conjunction with another business where the primary source of income to the operator is not from the sale of liquor.

Type 3 - A package agency under contract with the department which is not in conjunction with another business, but is in existence for the main purpose of selling liquor.

Type 4 - A package agency under contract with the department which is located within a facility approved by the commission for the purpose of selling and delivering liquor to tenants or occupants of specific rooms which have been leased, rented, or licensed within the same facility. A type 4 package agency shall not be open to the general public. A type 4 package agency may also sell liquor other than in a sealed container (i.e. by the drink) as part of room service.

Type 5 - A package agency under contract with the department which is located within a winery, distillery, or brewery that has been granted a manufacturing license by the commission.

The commission may grant type 4 package agency privileges to a type 1 package agency.

R81-3-2. Change of Location.

Any change of package agency location must be requested in writing and approved in advance by the commission.

R81-3-3. Bonds.

(1) No part of any surety bond required in Section 32B-2-604, may be withdrawn during the time the package agency contract is in effect. If the package agent fails to maintain a valid surety bond, the package agency contract shall be immediately suspended until a valid bond is obtained. Failure to obtain a bond within 30 days of notification by the department of the delinquency shall result in an automatic rescission of the package agency contract.

(2) A bond will be issued through the department for type 2 and 3 agencies.

R81-3-4. Change of Package Agent.

Pursuant to Section 32B-2-605(2), any change of the package agent designated in the department's package agency agreement is a violation of these rules and shall result in the immediate termination of the package agency contract.

R81-3-5. Special Orders of Liquor by Public.

(1) Purpose. A special order product is any product not listed on the department's product/price list. This rule outlines the procedures for accepting, processing, ordering and disbursing special orders.

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) Only type 2 and 3 package agencies may process special order requests.

(b) Any individual may place a special order at any type 2 or 3 package agency. Special orders may be placed by groups of individuals, organizations, or retail licensees either at a type 2 or 3 package agency or with the purchasing division of the department. A special order shall be processed as follows:

(i) A special order form must be filled out and signed by the customer for each special order product purchased. The package agency shall forward the form to the department's purchasing division.

(ii) Special orders may be ordered only by the case, not by the bottle. There is no handling fee on special orders.

(iii) Customers should be advised to allow at least two months between processing and delivery of a special order.

(iv) Special orders for beer will be subject to availability and according to the distributor's shipping criteria.

(v) If a group, organization, or retail licensee places a special order, they may designate a particular package agency or state store to which they want the special order items to be sent. They shall include the name and telephone number of the individual who will pick up and pay for the special order product at that location.

(vi) A special order must include the product name and distributor or shipper.

(vii) The department's special order buyer shall obtain a retail bottle price and call the customer and/or package agent for clearance to proceed with the order.

(viii) When the special order arrives, the package agency or state store to which the special order has been sent shall immediately notify the customer, and the customer shall pick up the order as soon as possible after notification. The customer shall pay for and pick up the entire special order. The package agency or state store is not allowed to warehouse special ordered products. All merchandise must be cleared from the system before a reorder on that special order item is allowed.

(ix) Special orders may only be placed by customers. Package agencies may not place a special order unrelated to a particular customer as a means to sell unlisted products to the general public.

(x) Special orders of beer, wine or spirits with lower prices than quoted to the department on products handled by or similar to products handled by the department will be allowed only on two conditions:

(A) the department has the opportunity to purchase the same product at the same price; or

(B) the individual, group of individuals, organization, or retail licensee name is part of the design of the front label found on the product.

R81-3-6. Liquor Returns, Refunds and Exchanges.

(1) Purpose. This rule establishes guidelines for accepting liquor returns, refunds and exchanges.

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) Unsaleable Product. Unsaleable product includes product that is spoiled, leaking, contains foreign matter, or is otherwise defective. The department will accept for refund or exchange, liquor merchandise that is unsaleable subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(i) Returns of unsaleable merchandise are subject to approval by the package agent to verify that the product is indeed defective.

(ii) The product must be returned within a reasonable time of the date of purchase. Discontinued products may not be returned. Vintages of wine that are not currently being retailed by the department may not be returned.

(iii) No refunds shall be given for wines returned due to spoilage such as corkiness, oxidation, and secondary fermentation, or due to the customer's unfamiliarity with the characteristics of the product. Such wines may only be exchanged for another bottle of the same product. Wine will not be accepted for refund or exchange if the return is a result of improper extraction of the cork.

(v) Unsaleable product shall be held at the package agency and accounted for in the same manner as breakage.

(b) Saleable Product. Package agents are authorized to accept saleable returned merchandise from licensees, single

event permit holders, convention groups, and individual customers, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(i) Returns of saleable merchandise are subject to approval by the package agent. The customer may receive a refund or exchange of product for the return. Large returns will be accepted from licensees, single event permittees, convention groups and other organizations only if prior arrangements have been made with the package agent.

(ii) Returns should be made within a reasonable amount of time from the date of purchase, and all returned merchandise must be in good condition. Returns of $50.00 or more shall not be accepted without a receipt. Therefore, it is necessary for cashiers to print a receipt for all purchases of $50.00 or more. Signs should be posted at each cash register informing customers of this requirement. Merchandise shall be refunded at the price paid by the customer, or the current price, whichever is lower.

(iii) Wine and beer, due to their perishable nature and susceptibility to temperature changes, should be accepted back with caution. These products can only be returned if the package agent has personal knowledge of how they have been handled and stored.

(iv) If the total amount of the return is more than $500 the package agent shall fill out a "Returned Merchandise Acknowledgment Receipt" (LQ-45), and submit a copy to the office. A refund check will be processed at the office and mailed to the customer. Customers need to be informed that it generally takes three to six weeks to process payment.

(v) If the total value of the returned merchandise is more than $1,000, a 10% restocking fee shall be charged on the total amount.

(c) Unreturnable Products. The following items may not be returned:

(i) All limited item wines - wines that are available in very limited quantities.

(ii) Any products that have been chilled, over-heated, or label-damaged.

(iii) Outdated (not listed on the department's product/price list) and discontinued products.

(iv) Merchandise purchased by catering services.

(v) Unsaleable product shall be held at the package agency and accounted for in the same manner as breakage.

(d) A cash register return receipt shall be completed for each product return. The following information must be on the receipt: the customer's name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, and signature. The cashier must attach the receipt to the cash register closing report.

R81-3-7. Warning Sign.

All package agencies shall display in a prominent place a "warning sign" as defined in R81-1-2.

R81-3-8. Identification Guidelines to Purchase Liquor.

All package agencies shall accept only four forms of identification to establish proof of age for the purchase of liquor by customers:

(1) A current valid driver's license that includes date of birth and has a picture affixed and is issued in this state under Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act or in accordance with the laws of another state;

(2) A current valid identification card that includes date of birth and has a picture affixed issued by this state under Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 8, Identification Card Act, or issued by another state that is substantially similar to this state's identification card;

(3) A current valid military identification card that includes date of birth and has a picture affixed; or

(4) A current valid passport.

If a person's age is still in question after presenting proof of age, the package agency may require the person to also sign a "statement of age" form as provided in 32B-1-405. The form shall be filed alphabetically by the close of business day, and shall be maintained on file for a period of three years.

R81-3-9. Promotion and Listing of Products.

(1) An operator or employee of a Type 1, 2, or 3 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may not promote a particular brand or type of liquor product while on duty at the package agency. An operator or employee may inform a customer as to the characteristics of a particular brand or type of liquor, provided the information is linked to a comparison with other brands or types.

(2) A package agency may not advertise alcoholic beverages on billboards except:

(a) a Type 1 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may provide informational signs on the premises of the hotel or resort directing persons to the location of the hotel's or resort's Type 1 package agency;

(b) a Type 2 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may provide informational signs on the premises of its business directing persons to the location of the Type 2 package agency within the business; and

(c) a Type 5 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may advertise the location of the winery, distillery, or brewery and the Type 5 package agency, and may advertise the alcoholic beverage products produced by the winery, distillery, or brewery and sold at the Type 5 package agency under the guidelines of R81-1-17 for advertising alcoholic beverages.

(3) A package agency may not display price lists in windows or showcases visible to passersby except:

(a) a Type 1 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may provide a price list in each guest room of the hotel or resort containing the code, number, brand, size and price of each item it carries for sale at the Type 1 package agency;

(b) a Type 4 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may provide a price list of the code number, brand, size, and price of each item it carries for sale to the tenants or occupants of the specific leased, rented, or licensed rooms within the facility; and

(c) a Type 5 package agency, as defined in R81-3-1, may provide a price list on the premises of the winery, distillery, or brewery, authorized tasting room, and at the entrance of the Type 5 package agency of the code, number, brand, size, and price of each liquor item it carries for sale at the Type 5 package agency.

R81-3-10. Non-Consignment Inventory.

Type 1, 4 and 5 package agencies shall be on a non-consignment inventory status where the agency owns the inventory.

R81-3-11. Application.

(1) No application for a package agency will be included on the agenda of a monthly commission meeting for consideration for issuance of a package agency contract until:

(a) The applicant has first met all requirements of Sections 32B-1-304 to 307 (qualifications to be a package agent), and 32B-2-602 and -604 and 32B-6-204 have been met (submission of a completed application, payment of application fee, written consent of local authority, evidence of proximity to certain community locations, a bond, a floor plan, and public liability insurance); and

(b) the department has inspected the package agency premise.

(2)(a) All application requirements of Subsection (1)(a) must be filed with the department no later than the 10th day of the month in order for the application to be included on that month's commission meeting agenda.

(b) An incomplete application will be returned to the

applicant.

(c) A completed application filed after the 10th day of the month will not be considered by the commission that month, but will be included on the agenda of the commission meeting the following month.

R81-3-12. Evaluation Guidelines of Package Agencies.

(1) The commission, after considering information from the applicant for the package agency and from the department, shall determine whether the package agency shall be classified and operated as a Type 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 package agency,

(2) After a package agency has been classified and issued, a package agent or the department may request that the commission approve a change in the classification of the package agency. Information shall be forwarded to aid in its determination. If the commission determines that the package agency should be reclassified, it shall approve the request.

(3) Type 2 and 3 package agencies shall:

(a) serve a population of at least 6,000 people comprised of both permanent residents and tourists; and

(b) not be established or maintained within a one mile radius of another type 2 or 3 package agency unless it can be clearly demonstrated that it is in the best interest of the state to establish and maintain the outlet at that location.

(4) The department shall report to the commission on package agency operations as a regular agenda item at each monthly commission meeting. Any significant issues with respect to the operations of a particular package agency shall also be reported to the commission. Recommended closure by the department of a package agency due to payment delinquencies over 30 working days, significant inventory shortages, or any other significant operational deficiencies shall be calendared for the commission's consideration at its next regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting.

R81-3-13. Operational Restrictions.

(1) Hours of Operation.

(a) Type 1, 2, and 5 package agencies may operate from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight, Monday through Saturday. However, the actual operating hours may be less in the discretion of the package agent with the approval of the department. Type 2 agencies shall be open for business at least seven hours a day, five days a week, except where closure is otherwise required by law. Type 5 package agencies may, in the discretion of the package agent, be open as early as 8:00 a.m. for sales to licensees with the approval of the department. Type 5 package agencies may also be open on Sundays and state and federal holidays if the package agency is located at a manufacturing facility licensed by the commission and the manufacturing facility holds a full-service restaurant license, a limited-service restaurant license, a beer-only restaurant license, or a dining club license.

(b) Type 3 package agencies may operate from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, but may remain closed on Mondays in the discretion of the package agent. However, the actual operating hours may be less in the discretion of the package agent with the approval of the department, provided the agency operates at least seven hours a day.

(c) Type 4 package agencies may operate from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight on Saturday. However, the actual operating hours may be less in the discretion of the package agent with the approval of the department. A Type 4 package agency in a resort that is licensed under 32B-8, may operate 24 hours a day, Monday through Sunday to provide room service to guests of the resort.

(d) Any change in the hours of operation of any package agency requires prior department approval, and shall be submitted in writing by the package agent to the department.

(e)(i) A package agency shall not operate on a Sunday or legal holiday except to the extent authorized by 32B-2-605(13) which allows the following to operate on a Sunday or legal holiday:

(A) a package agency located in certain licensed wineries, breweries, and distilleries; and

(B) a package agency held by a resort that is licensed under 32B-8 that does not sell liquor in a manner similar to a state store which is limited to a Type 4 package agency.

(ii) If a legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as the holiday by a Type 2 and 3 package agency.

(2) Size of Outlet. The retail selling space devoted to liquor sales in a type 2 or 3 package agency must be at least one hundred square feet.

(3) Inventory Size. Type 2 and 3 package agencies must maintain at least fifty code numbers of inventory at a retail value of at least five thousand dollars and must maintain a representative inventory by brand, code, and size.

(4) Access to General Public. Type 1, 2, and 3 package agencies must be easily accessible to the general consuming public.

(5) Purchase of Inventory. All new package agencies, at the discretion of the department, will purchase and maintain their inventory of liquor.

R81-3-14. Type 5 Package Agencies.

(1) Purpose. A type 5 package agency is for the limited purpose of allowing a winery, distillery, or brewery to sell at its manufacturing location the packaged liquor product it actually produces to the general public for off-premise consumption. This rule establishes guidelines and procedures for type 5 package agencies.

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) The package agency must be located on the winery, distillery, or brewery premises at a location approved by the commission.

(b) The package agency may only sell products produced at the winery, distillery, or brewery, and may not carry the products of other alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(c) The product produced by the winery, distillery, or brewery and sold in the type 5 package agency need not be shipped from the winery, distillery, or brewery to the department warehouse and then back to the package agency. The bottles for sale may be moved directly from the manufacturer's storage area to the package agency provided that proper record-keeping is maintained on forms provided by the department. Records required by the department shall be kept current and available to the department for auditing purposes. Records must be maintained for at least three years. The package agency shall submit to the department a completed monthly sales report form which specifies the variety and number of bottles sold from the package agency. This report must be submitted to the department within the first five working days of the month. A club or restaurant purchases form must be filled out for every licensee purchase.

(d) Direct deliveries to licensees are prohibited. Products must be purchased and picked up by the licensees or their designated agents at the Type 5 package agency.

(e) The type 5 package agency shall follow the same laws, rules, policies, and procedures applicable to other package agencies as to the retail price of products.

(f) The days and hours of sale of the type 5 package agency shall be in accordance with 32B-2-605(13) and R81-3-13.

R81-3-15. Refusal of Service.

An employee of the package agency may refuse to sell

liquor to any person whom the employee has reason to believe is purchasing or attempting to purchase liquor in violation of the Utah Alcoholic Beverage Control laws. The employee may also detain the person and hold the person's form of identification in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable length of time for the purpose of informing a peace officer of a suspected violation.

R81-3-16. Minors on Premises.

No person under the age of 21 years may enter a package agency unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or spouse that is 21 years of age or older. Signs notifying the public of this rule shall be posted in a prominent place on the doors or windows of the package agency.

R81-3-17. Consignment Inventory Package Agencies.

(1) Purpose. At the discretion of the department, liquor may be provided by the department to a Type 2 and Type 3 package agency for sale on consignment pursuant to 32B-2-605(5). This rule provides the procedures for such consignment sales.

(2) Application of the Rule.

(a) Consignment Inventory.

(i) The initial amount of consignment inventory furnished to the package agency shall be established by the department's audit manager.

(ii) The consignment inventory amount shall be posted to the department's accounting system as "Consignment Inventory Account."

(iii) The consignment inventory amount shall be stated in the department's contract with the package agency.

(iv) Any adjustment to the consignment inventory amount shall be done through the use of a transfer, shipment, or payment of money. A copy of the transfer, adjusting shipment, or evidence of payment shall be included in the package agency's file.

(v) The consignment inventory amount may be adjusted from time to time based on the package agency's monthly average sales. Any adjustment shall be made by a properly executed amendment to the department's contract with the package agency.

(b) Payments.

(i) All agencies receiving shipments or transfers are required to have an ACH (Automated Clearing House) payment system set up with the department.

(ii) Statements showing all unpaid debts and unapplied credits will be generated and mailed to the agencies on the 20th or the next available working day of each month. It is the agent's responsibility to review the statement and contact the department with any discrepancies prior to due date of payment.

(iii) Agents will remit payment to the department on the 19th or next available working day of the following month after the last statement was generated. Payment will be for the statement total. Payment will be automatically drawn through the ACH process on the due date unless prior arrangements have been made between the agent and the department.

(iv) Insufficient funds, returned checks, and unpaid balances from a previous statement are all past due. The department may assess the legal rate of interest on the amount owed. Also, the package agency may be referred to the commission for possible termination of the contract and closure.

(v) All delivery discrepancies shall be resolved through the use of the LQ9 form. Debits or credits shall be issued based on proper completion and submission of the LQ9 form to the department. Payment shall be made in accordance with the agency's statement by the due date whether or not any discrepancies have been resolved.

(c) Transfers.

(i) Transfers (+ or -) shall be adjusted to the package agency's next payment due the department.

(ii) Transfer in will add to the amount owed to the department on the next check due to the department.

(iii) Transfer out will subtract from the amount owed to the department on the next check due to the department.

(d) Credit and Debit Card Credits.

(i) Credit for credit and debit cards processed at the agency will be posted to the agency's statement.

(ii) It is the agent's responsibility to mail in their settlement report and individual receipts to the department in order to receive credit.

(e) Audits.

(i) Any package agency that is on a consignment contract shall keep a daily log of sales.

(ii) The auditing division shall audit the package agency at least twice each fiscal year.

(iii) The package agency is subject to a department audit at any time.

R81-3-18. Type 4 Package Agency Room Service - Mini-Bottle/187 ml Wine Sales.

(1) Purpose. Pursuant to 32B-2-303, the department may not purchase or stock alcoholic beverages in containers smaller than 200 milliliters. except as otherwise allowed by the commission. The commission hereby allows the limited use of 50 milliliter "mini-bottles" of distilled spirits and 187 milliliter bottles of wine as one form of room service sales by Type 4 package agencies located in hotels and resorts. The following conditions are imposed to ensure that these smaller bottle sales are limited to patrons of sleeping rooms, and are not offered to the general public.

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) The department will not maintain a regular inventory of distilled spirits and wine in the smaller bottle sizes, but will accept special orders for these products from a Type 4 package agency. Special orders may be placed with the department's purchasing division, any state store, or any Type 2 or 3 package agency.

(b) The Type 4 package agency must order in full case lots, and all sales are final.

(c) If the hotel/resort has a Type 1 package agency with Type 4 privileges, the smaller bottle sized products must be stored in a secure area separate from the Type 1 agency inventory.

(d) Sale and use of alcohol in the smaller bottle sizes is restricted to providing one form of room service to guests in sleeping rooms in the hotel/resort, and may not be used for other purposes, or be sold to the general public.

(e) Failure of the Type 4 package agency to strictly adhere to the provisions of this rule is grounds for the department to terminate its contract with the Type 4 package agency.

R81-3-19. Credit Cards.

(1) Purpose. This rule explains the procedures to be followed by consignment package agents in accepting credit cards for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

(2) Application of Rule.

(a) Licensee purchases may not be paid by credit card. The department will accept only checks and cash from licensees.

(b) Refunds, or exchanges of products of unequal value, will be handled by crediting the customer's credit card account. The cash register must be balanced by doing a return at the register.

(c) The cashier, when applicable, shall examine the security features of the card such as signatures, account numbers, expiration date, hologram, etc., before accepting any card.

(d) No sale may be made without the credit card. Merely having the credit card number available is not acceptable.

(e) All credit cards must be signed by the card holder.

(f) Customers may not use another person's credit card, including their spouse's card.

(g) Credit card receipts contain confidential information that needs to be safeguarded. Cashiers should not throw them in the trash. Consignment package agents and their employees should consult their audit manager concerning proper storage and disposal of such receipts. Package agents will mail all receipts to the department on a weekly basis for long term storage.

(h) If for any reason the credit card cannot be scanned, the credit card number should be hand keyed into the credit card machine keyboard. Validate the card with an ID and have the customer sign the printout or electronic pad.

R81-3-20. Type 4 Package Agency Room Service - Dispensing.

(1) A Type 4 package agency that sells liquor other than in a sealed container (i.e. by the drink) as part of room service, shall dispense liquor in accordance with Section 32B-5-304 and Section R81-1-9 (Liquor Dispensing Systems).

(2) A Type 4 package agency located in a hotel or resort facility that has a retail license or sublicense may provide room service of liquor in other than a sealed container through the dispensing outlet of the retail license or sublicense under the following conditions:

(a) point of sale control systems must be implemented that will record the amounts of alcoholic beverage products sold by the retail license or sublicense on behalf of the Type 4 package agency;

(b) the alcoholic beverage product cost must be allocated to the Type 4 package agency on at least a quarterly basis pursuant to the record keeping requirements of Section 32B-5-302;

(c) dispensing of alcoholic beverages from a retail license or sublicense location may not be made at prohibited hours pertinent to that license or sublicense type;

(d) A Type 4 package agency held by a resort licensee that operates seven days a week, 24 hours per day, must have a separate dispensing outlet for use during the times that a sublicense is not allowed to sell liquor.

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R123. Auditor, Administration.
R123-3. State Auditor Adjudicative Proceedings.
R123-3-1. Definitions.

A. The terms used in this rule are defined in Section 63G-4-103, U.C.A.

B. Agency means the Utah State Auditor's Office.

R123-3-2. Designation.

A. The agency designates all agency action subject to the scope and applicability of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-102 et seq. as informal proceedings.

R123-3-3. Adjudicative Proceedings.

A. The following categories of proceedings are hereby designated as informal proceedings under Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Utah Code Annotated Section 63G-4-202:

1. All agency actions with respect to local government accounting, budgeting and financial reporting procedures.

2. All agency actions with respect to audits or special projects performed by the agency or audits under their jurisdiction.

B. Procedures for all categories of informal adjudicative proceedings shall comply with applicable provisions of U.C.A 63G-4-203.

1. No response need be filed to the notice of agency action or request for agency action.

2. The agency shall hold a hearing only if a hearing is required by statute, or is permitted by statute and a request for hearing is made within ten working days after receipt of the notice of agency action or request for agency action, otherwise, at the discretion of the State Auditor no hearing will be held.

3. Only the parties named in the notice of agency action or request for agency action will be permitted to testify, present evidence, and comment on the issues.

4. A hearing will not be held before ten working days after notice of the hearing has been given.

5. No discovery, either compulsory or voluntary, will be permitted except that all parties to the action shall have access to information contained in the agency's files and investigatory information and materials not restricted by law.

6. Intervention is prohibited unless a federal statute or rule requires that a state permit intervention.

7. Any hearing held under this rule is open to all parties.

8. Within thirty days after the close of any hearing held under this rule, or after the failure of a party to request a hearing, the agency shall issue a written decision and the reasons for the decision, notice of any right of judicial review available to the parties and the time limits for filing an appeal to the appropriate District Court.

9. The State Auditor's decision shall be based on the facts in the agency file and if a hearing is held, the facts based on evidence presented at the hearing.

10. The agency shall notify the parties of the agency's order by promptly mailing copy thereof to each at the address indicated in the file.

11. All hearings recorded, shall be at the agency's expense. Any party, at his own expense, may have a reporter approved by the agency prepare a transcript from the agency's record of the hearing.

12. Nothing in this section restricts or precludes any investigative right or power given to the agency by another statute.

KEY: administrative procedures, appellate procedures, auditing
1990 63G-4
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R123. Auditor, Administration.
R123-4. Public Petitions for Declaratory Orders.
R123-4-1. Authority.

A. As required by Section 63G-4-503, this rule provides the procedures for submission, review and disposition of petitions for agency declaratory orders on the applicability of statutes, rules and orders governing or issued by the agency.

R123-4-2. Definitions.

Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 63G-4-103, except and in addition:

A. Agency means the Utah State Auditor's Office.

B. "Applicability" means a determination if a statute, rule, or order should be applied, and if so, how the law stated should be applied to the facts.

C. "Declaratory Order" means an administrative interpretation or explanation of rights, status, and other legal relations under a statute, rule or order.

R123-4-3. Petition Form and Filing.

A. The petition shall be addressed and delivered to the State Auditor, who shall mark the petition with the date of receipt.

B. The petition shall:

1. be clearly designated as a request for an agency declaratory order;

2. identify the statute, rule or order to be reviewed;

3. describe in detail the situation or circumstances in which applicability is to be reviewed;

4. describe the reason or need for the applicability review, addressing, in particular, why the review should not be considered frivolous;

5. include an address and telephone where the petitioner can be contacted during regular work days; and

6. be signed by the petitioner.

R123-4-4. Reviewability.

A. The agency may not issue a declaratory order if the subject matter is:

1. not within the jurisdiction and expertise of the agency;

2. frivolous, trivial, irrelevant or immaterial;

3. likely to substantially prejudice the rights of a person who would be a necessary party, unless that person consents in writing to the determination of the matter by a declaratory proceeding;

4. one in which the person requesting the declaratory order has participated in a completed or on-going adjudicative proceeding concerning the same issue within the past 12 months; or

5. otherwise excluded by state and federal law.

R123-4-5. Intervention.

A. A person may file a petition for intervention in a declaratory proceeding only if they deliver to the State Auditor a petition complying with all of the requirements of Section 63G-4-207 within 20 days of the director's receipt of the petition for a declaratory order filed under Section 63G-4-503(4).

B. Petitions seeking declaratory orders will be designated as informal adjudicative proceedings.

R123-4-6. Petition Review and Disposition.

A. The agency will be governed by the provisions of Sections 63G-4-503 (6) and (7):

R123-4-7. Administrative Review.

A. A petitioner may seek review or reconsideration of a declaratory order by petitioning the State Auditor under the procedures of Section 63G-4-302.

KEY: declaratory orders
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R123. Auditor, Administration.
R123-5. Audit Requirements for Audits of Political Subdivisions and Nonprofit Organizations.
R123-5-1. Authority.

1. As required by Section 51-2a-301, this rule provides the guidelines, qualifications criteria, and procurement procedures for audits required to be made by Section 51-2a-201.

R123-5-2. Definitions.

1. "Auditor" means a certified public accountant licensed to conduct audits in the state and includes any certified public accounting firm as defined by Section 58-26a-102.

2. "Political subdivision" means all cities, counties, school districts, local districts, interlocal organizations, and any other entity established by a local governmental unit that receives tax exempt status for bonding or taxing purposes.

3. "Nonprofit organization" means any corporation created under Chapter 16-6a.

R123-5-3. Audit Standards and Requirements.

1. The audits of all entities required to have an audit made by Section 51-2a-201 shall be performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards most recently published and issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

2. The State Auditor shall adopt and maintain a legal compliance audit guide containing those fiscal laws and compliance requirements for state funds distributed to, and expended by, political subdivisions and non-profit organizations. This legal compliance audit guide may specify:

a. which grants and programs shall be considered major grants, and the compliance requirements which must be tested by the auditor,

b. the general compliance requirements applicable to all political subdivisions, and the audit requirements applicable to general compliance requirements,

c. the format for the auditor's statement expressing positive assurance with state fiscal laws identified by the State Auditor, and

d. those items related to internal controls and other financial issues which shall be included in the auditor's letter to management that must be filed with the audited financial statements.

3. The audits of all entities required to have an audit made by Section 51-2a-201 shall be performed in accordance with the legal compliance audit guide maintained by the State Auditor.

R123-5-4. Audit Procurement.

The decision to retain an entity's auditor rests with the governing body of the entity. However, the auditor performing the audit must meet the peer review and continuing education requirements of Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. If the governing body rebids the audit of its financial statements, it shall comply with the following audit procurement requirements:

a. Proposals will be obtained from any interested and qualified certified public accountant licensed to perform audits in the state, which may include the auditor currently performing the entity's audit. Notice may be given to potential auditors either through invitation or by notice published in a newspaper of general circulation. To promote competition it is recommended that at least three auditors be invited to participate in bidding for the audit.

b. The entity shall distribute a "request for proposal" to all auditors who meet the qualification criteria set by the procuring organization interested in bidding for the audit. As a minimum, the request for proposal shall contain the following:

(i) the name and address of the entity requesting the audit and its designated contact person,

(ii) the entity to be audited, the scope of services to be provided, and specific reports, etc. to be delivered,

(iii) the period to be audited,

(iv) the format in which the proposals should be prepared,

(v) the date and time proposals are due, and

(vi) the criteria to be used in evaluating the bid.

c. The entity may select the auditor or audit firm that the governing body desires to perform its audit and may reject any bid.

R123-5-5. Responsibility for Audit Quality.

1. The governing body of each political subdivision is responsible to ensure that the political subdivision obtains a quality audit of its financial records.

2. The governing body may appoint an audit committee with the responsibility of making recommendations to the governing body for selection of an auditor, ensuring that the auditor meets qualification requirements, and ensuring that the auditor complies with professional standards.

3. If the governing body appoints a separate audit committee, then the governing body shall review the recommendations of the audit committee and make the selection of the auditor.

4. The audit committee will report its assessment of the auditor's compliance with professional standards to the governing body.

5. The auditor shall report the results of the audit to the governing body.

6. The governing body shall respond to the specific recommendations included in the auditor's letter to management. This response shall be remitted with the audited financial statements to the state auditor.

KEY: auditing, non-profit organizations
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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-3a. Architect Licensing Act Rule.
R156-3a-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Architect Licensing Act Rule".

R156-3a-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 3a, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1, 3a, and 22 or this rule:

(1) "ARE" means the NCARB Architectural Registration Examination.

(2) "Committee" means the IDP Committee created in Section R156-3a-201.

(3) "Complete and final" as used in Subsection 58-3a-603(1) means "complete construction plans" as defined in Subsection 58-3a-102(4).

(4) "EESA" means the Education Evaluation Services for Architects.

(5) "Employee, subordinate, associate, or drafter of an architect" as used in Subsections 58-3a-102(8), 58-3a-603(1)(b) and this rule means one or more individuals not licensed as an architect who are working for, with, or providing architectural services directly to the licensed architect under the supervision of the licensed architect.

(6) "Incidental practice" means "architecture work as is incidental to the practice of engineering" as used in Subsection 58-22-102(9) and "engineering work as is incidental to the practice of architecture" as used in Subsection 58-3a-102(6) which:

(a) can be safely and competently performed by the licensee without jeopardizing the life, health, property and welfare of the public;

(b) is secondary and substantially less in scope and magnitude when compared to the work performed or to be performed by the licensee in the licensed profession;

(c) is work in which the licensee is fully responsible for the incidental practice performed as provided in Subsection 58-3a-603(1) or Subsection 58-22-603(1);

(d) is work that affects not greater than 49 occupants as determined in Section 1004 of the 2009 International Building Code;

(e) is work included on a project with a construction value not greater than 15 percent of the overall construction value for the project including all changes or additions to the contracted or agreed upon work; and

(f) shall not include work on a building or related structure in an occupancy category of III or IV as defined in Section 1604.5 of the 2009 International Building Code.

(7) "Intern Development Program" or "IDP" as used in Subsection R156-3a-302(1) means a NCARB approved training program.

(8) "NAAB" means the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

(9) "NCARB" means the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

(10) "Program of diversified practical experience" as used in Subsection 58-3a-302(1)(e) means:

(a) current licensure in a recognized jurisdiction; or

(b) the training standards and requirements set forth in the Intern Development Program.

(11) "Recognized jurisdiction" as used in Subsections 58-3a-302(2)(d)(i) and (iii), for licensure by endorsement, means any jurisdiction that is a member of NCARB.

(12) "Responsible charge" by a principal, as used in Subsection 58-3a-102(7), means direct control and management by a principal over the practice of architecture by an organization.

(13) "Technical submissions", as used in Section R156-3a-601, means documents which are:

(a) required by public authorities for building permits or regulatory approvals; or

(b) intended for construction purposes, including all addenda and other changes to submissions.

(14) "Under the direction of the architect" as used in Subsection 58-3a-102(8), as part of the definition of "supervision of an employee, subordinate, associate, or drafter of an architect" means that the unlicensed employee, subordinate, associate, or drafter of the architect engages in the practice of architecture only on work initiated by the architect, and only under the administration, charge, control, command, authority, oversight, guidance, jurisdiction, regulation, management, and authorization of the architect.

(15) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 3a, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-3a-502.

R156-3a-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 3a.

R156-3a-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.

R156-3a-201. Advisory Peer Committee Created - Membership - Duties.

(1) There is created in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(f), the IDP Committee as an advisory peer committee to the Architect Licensing Board consisting of one or more members as follows:

(a) a State IDP Coordinator;

(b) an Education Coordinator; or

(c) an Intern IDP Coordinator.

(2) The committee shall be appointed and serve in accordance with Section R156-1-205.

(3) The duties and responsibilities of the committee shall include assisting the Board in its duties, functions, and responsibilities defined in Subsection 58-1-202(1)(e) as follows:

(a) promote an awareness of IDP by holding meetings and seminars on IDP;

(b) establish a network of sponsors and advisors for IDP interns;

(c) encourage firms to support IDP;

(d) act as a resource to respond to questions on IDP received from advisors, sponsors, and interns; and

(e) report to the Board as directed.

R156-3a-301. Qualifications for Licensure - Architecture Program Criteria.

In accordance with Subsection 58-3a-302(1)(d), the architecture program criteria are established as follows.

(1) The architecture program shall be accredited by either the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), or the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), or an architectural program equivalent to a NAAB accredited program.

(2) Equivalency shall be documented by submitting one of the following:

(a) If educated in a foreign country, an applicant shall submit a comprehensive report prepared by EESA stating that the applicant has successfully completed an educational program that is equivalent to the NAAB accredited educational program.

(i) Deficiencies in general education or history, human behavior and environment may be satisfied by successfully completing the deficiencies in course work at a recognized college or university or by passing the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) demonstrating proficiency in the

deficient areas.

(ii) Deficiencies in design, technical systems, or practice course work may be completed at an NAAB accredited educational program.

(b) Alternatively, an applicant may submit verification of a current NCARB Certification.

(c)(i) If an applicant was previously licensed and practicing in Utah under a license that was granted under prior statute or rule but allowed the license to lapse for more than two years, the applicant may reinstate the license by demonstrating that their combined education, supervised experience and licensed practice demonstrate that the applicant's training is equivalent to an NAAB accredited educational program.

(ii) If the combined education and experience is not demonstrated to be equivalent, the Division, in collaboration with the Board, may:

(A) determine whether continuing education can bring the combined education and experience up to equivalency, and if so, specify the type of continuing education required; or

(B) determine that the applicant shall be required to obtain the actual degree under Subsection (1).

R156-3a-302. Qualifications for Licensure - Program of Diversified Practical Experience.

In accordance with Subsection 58-3a-302(1)(e), an applicant shall establish completion of a program of diversified practical experience requirement by submitting documentation of:

(1) IDP;

(2) current licensure in a recognized jurisdiction; or

(3) current NCARB Certification.

R156-3a-303. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-3a-302(1)(f) and 58-3a-302(2)(e), an applicant for licensure as an architect (whether by education and experience or by endorsement) shall submit documentation establishing:

(a) current NCARB Certification; or

(b) passing scores on all divisions of the ARE as established by NCARB.

(2) An applicant for licensure may apply directly to NCARB to sit for any part of the ARE examination anytime after having completed the education requirements specified in Section R156-3a-301.

R156-3a-304. Continuing Education for Architects.

In accordance with Section 58-3a-303.5, the continuing education standards for architects are established as follows:

(1)(a) During each two year period ending on December 31 of each odd numbered year, a licensed architect shall complete not less than 24 hours of continuing education directly related to the licensee's professional practice.

(b) At least 12 hours should be completed each year.

(2) 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.

(3) Continuing education under this section shall:

(a) have an identifiable, clear statement of purpose and defined objective for the educational program directly related to the practice of an architect and directly related to topics involving the public health, safety, and welfare of architectural practice and the ethical standards of architectural practice;

(i) health, safety, welfare and ethical standards as used in this subsection are defined to include the following:

(A) The definition of "health" shall include, but not be limited to, aspects of architecture that have salutary effects among users of buildings or sites and that address environmental issues. Examples include all aspects of air quality, provisions of personal hygiene, and use of non-toxic materials and finishes.

(B) The definition of "safety" shall include, but not be limited to, aspects of architecture intended to limit or prevent accidental injury or death among users of buildings or construction sites. Examples include fire-rated egress enclosures, automatic sprinkler systems, stairs with correct rise-to-run proportions, and accommodations for users with disabilities.

(C) The definition of "welfare" shall include, but not be limited to, aspects of architecture that consist of values that may be spiritual, physical, aesthetic and monetary in nature. Examples include spaces that afford natural light or views of nature or whose proportions, color or materials engender positive emotional responses from its users.

(D)(a) The definition of "ethical standards of architectural practice" shall include, but not be limited to the NCARB rules of conduct specified in Subsection R156-3a-502(4).

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

(c) be presented in a competent, well organized and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program;

(d) be prepared and presented by individuals who are qualified by education, training and experience; and

(e) have associated with it a competent method of registration of individuals who actually completed the continuing education program and records of that registration and completion are available for review.

(4) Credit for qualified 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;

(b) a maximum of eight hours per two year period may be recognized for teaching in a college or university or for teaching continuing education courses in the field of architecture, provided it is the first time the material has been taught during the preceding 12 months;

(c) a maximum of three hours per two year period may be recognized for preparation of papers, articles, or books directly related to the practice of architecture and submitted for publication; and

(d) unlimited hours may be recognized for continuing education that is provided via the 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.

(5) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining records of completed continuing education for a period of six years after the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain information with respect to continuing education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

(6) A licensee who is unable to complete the continuing education requirement for reasons such as a medical or related condition, humanitarian or ecclesiastical services, or extended presence in a geographical area where continuing education is not available, may be excused from the requirement for a period of up to three years as provided in Section R156-1-308d.

(7) Any licensee who fails to timely complete the continuing education hours required by this rule shall be required to complete double the number of hours missed to be eligible for renewal or reinstatement of licensure.

(8) Any applicant for reinstatement shall be required to complete 24 hours of continuing education complying with this

rule within two years prior to the date of application for reinstatement of licensure.

R156-3a-305. 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 3a is established by rule in Subsection R156-1-308a(1).

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

R156-3a-306. Inactive Status.

(1) The requirements for inactive licensure specified in Subsection R156-1-305(3) shall also include certification that the licensee shall not engage in the practice of architecture while the license is on inactive status except to identify the individual as an inactive licensee.

(2) A license, prior to being placed on inactive status, shall be active and in good standing.

(3) Inactive status licensees are not required to fulfill the continuing education requirement.

(4) In addition to the requirements in Subsection R156-1-305(6) to reactivate an inactive license, a licensee shall provide documentation that the licensee, within two years prior to the license being reactivated, completed 24 hours of continuing education.

(5) Prior to a license being reactivated, a licensee shall meet the requirements for license renewal.

R156-3a-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) submitting an incomplete final plan, specification, report, or set of construction plans to:

(a) a client, when the licensee represents, or could reasonably expect the client to consider, the plan, specification, report, or set of construction plans to be complete and final; or

(b) a building official for the purpose of obtaining a building permit;

(2) failing as a principal to exercise reasonable charge;

(3) failing as a supervisor to exercise supervision of an employee, subordinate, associate or drafter;

(4) failing to conform to the generally accepted and recognized standards and ethics of the profession including those established in the July 2011 edition of the NCARB "Rules of Conduct", which is hereby incorporated by reference; or

(5) failing as a supervising architect to verify actual work experience when requested by a subordinate, associate or drafter of an architect who is or has been an employee.

R156-3a-503. Administrative Penalties.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-3a-502, the following fine schedule shall apply to citations issued to individuals licensed under Title 58, Chapters 1 and 3a:

TABLE

FINE SCHEDULE

Violation	First Offense	Second Offense
58-1-501(1)(a)	$ 800.00	$1,600.00
58-1-501(1)(b)	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
58-1-501(1)(c)	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
58-1-501(1)(d)	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
58-3a-501(1)	$ 800.00	$1,600.00
58-3a-501(2)	$ 800.00	$1,600.00

(2) Citations shall not be issued for third offenses, except in extraordinary circumstances approved by the investigative supervisor. If a citation is issued for a third offense, the fine is double the second offense amount, with a maximum amount not to exceed the maximum fine allowed under Subsection 58-3a-502(1)(i).

(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) In all cases the presiding officer shall have the discretion, after a review of the aggravating and mitigating circumstances, to increase or decrease the fine amount based upon the evidence reviewed.

R156-3a-601. Architectural Seal - Requirements.

In accordance with Section 58-3a-601, all technical submissions prepared by the licensee or prepared under the supervision of the licensee, shall be signed and dated with the licensee's seal. Electronically generated seals and signatures are acceptable. It is the responsibility of the licensee to provide adequate security when documents with electronic seals and electronic signatures are distributed. Sheets subsequent to the cover of specifications are not required to be sealed, signed and dated.

(1) Each seal shall be a circular seal, 1-1/2 inches minimum diameter and shall include the licensee's name, license number, "State of Utah", and "Licensed Architect".

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	58-1-202(1)(a)

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)(p) 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)(p) and as clarified in R156-55a-102(1).

(3) "Employee", as used in Subsections 58-55-102(12)(a) and 58-55-102(17), 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(39), 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(21) and 58-55-102(32), 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(22).

B100 - General Building Contractor. A General Building contractor is a contractor licensed to perform work as defined in Subsection 58-55-102(21) and pursuant to Subsection 58-55-102(21)(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(15) 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(32) and pursuant to Subsection 58-55-102(32) 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(22).

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(21) or 58-55-102(32).

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 replacement of photovoltaic cell panels and related components. Wiring, connections and wire methods as governed in the National Electrical Code and Subsection R156-55b-102(1) shall only be performed by an S200 General Electrical Contractor or S201 Residential Electrical Contractor. This classification is not required to install stand alone solar systems that do not tie into premises wiring or into the electrical utility, such as signage or street or parking lighting.

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. This classification includes the above work for geo thermal systems.

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 raingutters and drains, roof flashings, gravel stops and metal ridges.

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

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

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

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

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

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

S270 - General Drywall 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 sold wood flooring.

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

S510 - Elevator Contractor. Erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing or maintaining an elevator.

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) The scope of practice for the following primary classifications includes the scope of practice stated in the descriptions for the following subsclassifications:

TABLE I

Primary Classification	Included subclassifications
S200	S201, S202
S210	S211, S212, S213, S214, S215, S216, S217
S220	S221, S222
S230	S231
S260	S261, S262, S263
S270	S272, S273
S290	S291, S292, S293, S294
S320	S321, S322, S323
S350	S351, S325, S353, S354
S420	S421
S440	S441
S490	S491

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

(a) lead removal regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality;

(b) asbestos removal regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality; and

(c) 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) Unless otherwise provided in this rule, all experience shall be lawfully performed under the general supervision of a contractor licensed in the classification applied for or a substantially equivalent classification, and shall be subject to the following:

(i) If the experience was completed in Utah, it shall be:

(A) completed while a W-2 employee of a licensed contractor; or

(B) completed while working as an owner of a licensed contractor, which has for all periods of experience claimed, employed a qualifier who performed the duties and served in the capacities specified in Subsection 58-55-304(4) and in Subsection R156-55a-304.

(ii) If the experience was completed outside of the state of Utah, it shall be:

(A) completed in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the experience is completed; and

(B) completed with supervision that is substantially equivalent to the supervision that is required in Utah.

(iii) Experience may be determined to be substantially equivalent if lawfully obtained in a setting which has supervision of qualified persons and an equivalent scope of work, such as performing construction activities in the military where licensure is not required.

(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 contractors 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.

(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.

(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.

(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 58-55-302.5, 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 that is provided through Internet or home study may be recognized for continuing education if the course verifies registration and participation in the course by means of a test demonstrating that the participant has learned the material presented. Test questions shall be randomized for each participant.

(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 that 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). Alternatively, the licensee may submit the course for approval and pay any course approval fees and attendance recording fees.

(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, plumbers and elevator mechanics as established in Subsections 58-55-302.7 and 58-55-303(6), which is completed by an employee or owner of a contractor, shall satisfy the continuing education requirement for contractors as established in Subsection 58-55-302.5 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) 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 in the format required by the continuing education registry.

(8) 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.

(9) 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 that meet the standards set forth under this Section;

(ii) publish on their website listings of continuing education programs that 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. Contractor License Qualifiers.

(1) The capacity and material authority specified in Subsection 58-55-304(4) is clarified as follows:

(a) Except as allowed in Subsection (b), the qualifier must receive remuneration for work performed for the contractor licensee for not less than 10 hours of work per week;.

(i) If the qualifier is an owner of the business, the remuneration may be in the form of owner's profit distributions or dividends with a minimum ownership of 20 percent of the contractor licensee.

(ii) If the qualifier is an officer or manager of the contractor licensee, the remuneration must be in the form of W-2 wages.

(b) The 10 hour minimum in Subsection (a) may be reduced if the total of all hours worked by all owners and employees is less than 50 hours per week, in which case the minimum may not be less than 20 percent of the total hours of work performed by all owners and employees of the contractor.

(2) Construction Trades Instruction Facility Qualifier. 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 58-55-302(10)(c), 58-55-306(2), 58-55-306(4)(b), and 58-55-102(19), the Division may consider various relevant factors in conducting a financial responsibility audit of an applicant, licensee, or any owner, 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) 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 that 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) an 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 that 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 any owners; and

(h) any history of prior entities owned or operated by the applicant, the licensee, or any owner that 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 contractors license;

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

FINE SCHEDULE

Violation	All Licenses Except Electrical or Plumbing	Electrical or Plumbing
FIRST OFFENSE		
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
58-55-501(24)	$ 500.00	N/A
58-55-501(25)	$ 500.00	N/A
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
58-55-501(24)	$1,000.00	N/A
58-55-501(25)	$1,000.00	N/A
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 presented.

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;

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

(3) a certification issued by the Crane Institute of America.

R156-55a-602. Contractor License Bonds.

(1) Pursuant to the provisions of Subsections 58-55-306(1)(b) and 58-55-306(4)(c) and except as provided in Subsection R156-55a-602(4), a contractor shall provide a license bond issued by a surety acceptable to the Division in the amount of $50,000 for the E100 or B100 classification of licensure, $25,000 for the R100 classification of licensure, or $15,000 for other classifications 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 that may occur as the result of the contractor's violation of the unprofessional or unlawful provisions contained in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 55 and rules R156-1 and R156-55a including the failure to maintain financial responsibility.

(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, licensee or any owner indicates the bond amount specified in R156-55a-602(1) is insufficient to reasonably cover risks to the public health, safety and welfare. The financial history of the applicant, licensee or any owner, as outlined in Section R156-55a-306 may be reviewed in determining the bond amount required.

(4) A contractor may provide a license bond issued by a surety acceptable to the Division in an amount less than the bond amount specified in R156-55a-602(1) if:

(a) the contractor demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that:

(i) the financial history of the applicant, licensee or any owner indicates the bond amount specified in R156-55a-602(1) is in excess of what is reasonably necessary to cover risks to the public health, safety and welfare;

(ii) the contractor's lack of financial responsibility is due to extraordinary circumstances that the contractor could not control as opposed to general financial challenges that all contractors experience; and

(iii) the contractor's scope of practice will be restricted

commensurate with the degree of risk the contract presents to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

(b) the Commission and Division approve the amount.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-60a. Social Worker Licensing Act Rule.
R156-60a-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Social Worker Licensing Act Rule".

R156-60a-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) "ASWB" means the Association of Social Work Boards.

(2) "CSW" means a licensed certified social worker.

(3) "Clinical social work concentration and practicum", "clinical concentration and practicum" "case work", "group work", or "family treatment course sequence with a clinical practicum", "clinical practicum" or "practicum", as used in Subsections 58-60-205(1)(g) and (2)(d)(ii), means a track of professional education which is specifically established to prepare an individual to practice or engage in mental health therapy.

(4) "Human growth and development", as used in Subsection 58-60-205(4)(d)(iii)(A)(II), means a course at an accredited college or university that includes an emphasis on human growth and development across the lifespan, from conception to death.

(5) "LCSW" means a licensed clinical social worker.

(6) "Social welfare policy", as used in Subsection 58-60-205(4)(d)(iii)(A)(I), means a course at an accredited college or university that includes emphasis on the following:

(a) local, state, and federal social policy and how it impacts individuals, families, and communities; and

(b) the diverse needs of social welfare recipients.

(7) "Social work practice methods", as used in Subsection 58-60-205(4)(d)(iii)(A)(III), means a course at a program accredited by the Council for Social Work Education as defined in Subsection 58-60-202(5) that includes emphasis on the following:

(a) generalist social work practice at the individual, family, group, organization, and community levels;

(b) planned client change process and social work roles at various levels;

(c) application of key values and principles of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics and resolution of ethical dilemmas; and

(d) evaluation of programs and direct practice in the social work field.

(8) "SSW" means a licensed social service worker.

(9) "Supervised practice of mental health therapy by a clinical social worker", as used in Subsection 58-60-202(4)(a), means that the CSW is under the general supervision of an LCSW meeting the requirements of Sections R156-60a-302e and R156-60a-601.

R156-60a-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.

R156-60a-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.

R156-60a-302a. Education Requirements for Licensure as an SSW.

In accordance with Subsection 58-60-205(4)(d)(ii), a master's degree qualifying an applicant for licensure as an SSW shall be in a field of social work, psychology, marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling.

R156-60a-302b. Experience Requirements for Licensure as an SSW.

In accordance with Subsection 58-60-205(4)(d)(iii)(B), the 2,000 hours of supervised qualifying experience for licensure as an SSW shall be:

(1) performed as an employee of an agency providing social work services and activities;

(2) performed according to a written social work job description approved by the licensed mental health therapist supervisor; and

(3) completed over a duration of not less than one year.

R156-60a-302c. Training Requirements for Licensure as an LCSW.

In accordance with Subsections 58-60-205(1)(e),(f) and (g), and 58-60-202(4)(a), the 4,000 hours of clinical social work and mental health therapy training qualifying an applicant for licensure as an LCSW shall:

(1) be obtained after completion of the education requirement set forth in Subsections 58-60-205(1)(d) and (g) and shall not include any clinical practicum hours obtained as part of the education program;

(2) be completed over a duration of not less than two years;

(3) be completed while licensed as a CSW;

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

(5) be completed under a program of general supervision by an LCSW meeting the requirements of Sections R156-60a-302e and R156-60a-601; and

(6) include the following training requirements:

(a) individual, family, and group therapy;

(b) crisis intervention;

(c) intermediate treatment; and

(d) long term treatment.

R156-60a-302d. Examination Requirements.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-60-205(1)(h), the examination requirements for licensure as an LCSW include passing the Clinical Examination of the ASWB or the Clinical Social Workers Examination of the State of California.

(2) In accordance with Subsection 58-60-205(2)(e), the examination requirements for licensure as a CSW shall include passing the Masters, Advanced Generalist, or Clinical Examination of the ASWB.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-60-205(4)(e), the examination requirements for licensure as an SSW shall include passing the Bachelors Examination of the ASWB.

(4) Applicants for any ASWB exam must pass the exam within one year from date of the Division's approval for the applicant to take the exam. If the applicant does not pass the required exam within one year, the pending license application shall be denied.

(5) Applicants requesting additional time to complete any ASWB exam in accordance with Subsection 58-60-205(5) shall complete an ASWB application for special arrangements approved by the Division.

R156-60a-302e. Requirements to Become an LCSW Supervisor.

In accordance with Subsections 58-60-202(3)(c) and 58-60-205(1)(e) and (f), in order for an LCSW to supervise a CSW, the LCSW shall:

(1) be currently licensed in good standing as an LCSW; and

(2) have engaged in active practice as an LCSW, including mental health therapy, for a period of not less than two years prior to supervising a CSW.

R156-60a-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.

R156-60a-304. Continuing Education.

(1) Required Hours. In accordance with Subsection 58-60-105(1) and Section 58-60-205.5, during each two year renewal cycle commencing on October 1 of each even numbered year:

(a) An LCSW shall be required to complete not fewer than 40 hours of continuing education. A minimum of three of the 40 hours shall be completed in ethics and/or law.

(b) An SSW shall be required to complete not fewer than 20 hours of continuing education of which a minimum of three contact hours shall be completed in ethics and/or law.

(c) The required number of hours of continuing education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two year renewal cycle shall be decreased in a pro-rata amount.

(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 not fewer than 50 minutes of education. Licensees shall only receive credit for lecturing or instructing the same course up to two times. Licensees shall receive one hour of continuing education for every one hour of time spent lecturing or instructing a continuing education course;

(b) Course Content and Type. A course shall be presented in a competent, well organized and sequential manner consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the course;

(i) The content of the course shall be relevant to the practice of social work and shall be completed in the form of any of the following course types:

(A) seminar;
(B) lecture;
(C) conference;
(D) training session;
(E) webinar;
(F) internet course;
(G) distance learning course;
(H) specialty certification; or
(I) lecturing or instructing of a continuing education course;

(ii) The following limits apply to the number of hours recognized in the following course types during a two year license renewal cycle:

(A) a maximum of ten hours for lecturing or instructing of continuing education courses meeting these requirements; and

(B) a maximum of 15 hours for online, distance learning, or home study courses that include examination and issuance of a completion certificate;

(c) Course Provider or Sponsor. The course shall be approved by, conducted by, or under the sponsorship of one of the following:

(i) a recognized accredited college or university;

(ii) a community mental health agency or a public agency that provides mental health services;

(iii) a professional association or society involved in the practice of social work; or

(iv) the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing;

(d) Objectives. The learning objectives of the course shall be clearly stated in course material;

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

(f) Documentation. Each licensee shall maintain adequate documentation as proof of compliance with this Section, such as a certificate of completion, school transcript, course description, or other course materials. The licensee shall retain this proof for a period of three years after the end of the renewal cycle for which the continuing education is due; and

(i) At a minimum, the documentation shall contain the following:

(A) date of the course;
(B) name of the course provider;
(C) name of the instructor;
(D) course title;
(E) number of hours of continuing education credit; and
(F) course objectives.

(3) Extra Hours of Continuing Education. If a licensee completes more than the required number of hours of continuing education during a two year renewal cycle specified in Subsection (1), up to ten hours of the excess over the required number may be carried over to the next two year renewal cycle. No education received prior to a license being granted may be carried forward to apply towards the continuing education required after the license is granted.

R156-60a-308. Reinstatement of an LCSW License which has Expired Beyond Two Years.

In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(6) and Section R156-1-308g, an applicant for reinstatement for licensure as an LCSW, whose license expired after two years following the expiration of that license, shall:

(1) upon request, meet with the Board to evaluate the applicant's ability to safely and competently practice clinical social work and mental health therapy;

(2) upon recommendation of the Board, establish a plan of supervision under an approved supervisor which may include up to 4,000 hours of clinical social work and mental health therapy training as a CSW before qualifying for reinstatement of the LCSW license;

(3) pass the Clinical Examination of the ASWB if it is determined by the Board that examination or reexamination is necessary to demonstrate the applicant's ability to safely and competently practice clinical social work and mental health therapy; and

(4) complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education in subjects determined by the Board as necessary to ensure the applicant's ability to safely and competently practice clinical social work and mental health therapy.

R156-60a-309. Exemption from Licensure Clarified.

The exemption specified in Subsection 58-60-107(5) does not permit an individual to engage in the 4,000 hours of clinical social work and mental health therapy training without first becoming licensed as a CSW.

R156-60a-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) using the abbreviated title of LCSW unless licensed as an LCSW;

(2) using the abbreviated title of CSW unless licensed as a CSW;

(3) using the abbreviated title of SSW unless licensed as an SSW;

(4) acting as a supervisor or accepting supervision of a supervisor without complying with or ensuring the compliance with the requirements of Sections R156-60a-302c and R156-60a-601.

(5) engaging in the supervised practice of mental health therapy as a licensed CSW unless:

(a) the licensee has completed a clinical practicum as part of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited master's degree program; and

(b) the scope of practice is otherwise within the licensee's competency, abilities and education;

(6) engaging in the supervised practice of mental health therapy when not in compliance with Section R156-60a-302c and Subsection R156-60a-601(7);

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

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

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

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

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

(12) engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact with a former client within two years of documented termination of services even when there is no risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client;

(13) engaging in sexual activities or sexual contact with client's relatives or other individuals with whom the client maintains a personal relationship when there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client;

(14) embracing, massaging, cuddling, caressing, or performing any other act of physical contact with a client when there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client resulting from the contact;

(15) 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;

(16) failing to exercise professional discretion and impartial judgement required for the performance of professional activities, duties and functions;

(17) 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;

(18) exploiting a client or former client for personal gain;

(19) exploiting a person who has a personal relationship with a client for personal gain;

(20) failing to maintain client records including records of assessment, treatment, progress notes and billing information for a period of not less than ten years from the documented termination of services to the client;

(21) failing to provide client records in a reasonable time upon written request of the client, or legal guardian;

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

(23) failing to protect the confidences of other persons named or contained in the client records; and

(24) failing to abide by the provisions of the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as approved by the NASW 1996 Delegate Assembly and revised by the 2008 NASW Delegate Assembly, which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R156-60a-601. Duties and Responsibilities of an LCSW Supervisor.

The duties and responsibilities of an LCSW supervisor are further established as follows:

(1) be professionally responsible for the acts and practices of the supervisee;

(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 or is not compromised;

(3) be available for advice, consultation, and direction consistent with the standards and ethics of the profession;

(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, rules, standards and ethics applicable to the practice of social work;

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

(8) supervise not more than three individuals who are lawfully engaged in mental health therapy training, unless otherwise approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board;

(9) not begin supervision of a CSW until having met the requirements of Section R156-60a-302e; and

(10) in accordance with Subsections 58-60-205(1)(e) and (f), submit to the Division on forms made available by the Division:

(a) documentation of the training hours completed by the CSW; and

(b) an evaluation of the CSW, with respect to the quality of the work performed and the competency of the CSW to practice clinical social work and mental health therapy.

R156-60a-602. Supervision - Scope of Practice - SSW.

In accordance with Subsections 58-60-202(2) and (6), supervision and scope of practice of an SSW is further defined as follows:

(1) general supervision of an SSW by a licensed mental health therapist is only required where mental health therapy services are provided; and

(2) the scope of practice of the SSW shall be in accordance with a written social work job description approved by the licensed mental health therapist supervisor, except that the SSW may not engage in the supervised or unsupervised practice of mental health therapy.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-60d. Substance Use Disorder Counselor Act Rule.
R156-60d-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Substance Use Disorder Counselor Act Rule."

R156-60d-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) "Accredited institution of higher education that meet division standards", as used in Subsections 58-60-506(2)(a)(i) and (5)(a)(i), means an educational institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation of the American Council on Education (CHEA).

(2) "ASAM" means the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria.

(3) "DSM-IV" means the Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

(4) "General supervision" means that the supervisor provides consultation with the supervisee by personal face to face contact, or direct voice contact by telephone or some other means within a reasonable time consistent with the acts and practices in which the supervisee is engaged.

(5) "ICRC" means the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium.

(6) "Initial assessment" means the procedure of gathering psycho-social information, which may include the application of the Addiction Severity Index, in order to recommend a level of treatment and to assist the mental health therapist supervisor in the information collection process and may include a referral to an appropriate treatment program.

(7) "NAADAC" means the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.

(8) "Prequisite courses, as used in Subsection 58-60-506(2)(a)(iii) and (5)(a)(iii) means courses completed before qualifying for licensure.

(9) "SASSI" means Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory.

(10) "Screening", as used in Subsection 58-60-502(9)(b) and (10)(b), means a brief interview conducted in person or by telephone to determine if there is a potential substance abuse problem. If a potential problem is identified, the screening may include a referral for an initial assessment or a substance use disorder evaluation. The screening may also include a preliminary ASAM level recommendation in order to expedite the subsequent assessment and evaluation process. Screening instruments such as the SASSI may be included in the screening process.

(11) "Substance use disorder evaluation" means the process used to interpret information gathered from an initial assessment, other instruments as needed, and a face to face interview by a licensed mental health therapist in order to determine if an individual meets the DSM-IV criteria for substance abuse or dependence and is in need of treatment. If the need for treatment is determined, the substance use disorder evaluation process includes the determination of a DSM-IV diagnosis and the determination of an individualized treatment plan.

(12) "Substance use disorder education program", as used in Subsection 58-60-506(2)(b) and (5)(b), means college or university coursework at an accredited institution.

(13) "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 R156-60d-502.

R156-60d-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 5.

R156-60d-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.

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

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-60-506(2)(a)(iii) and (5)(a)(iii), three prerequisite courses shall be completed at an accredited institution and shall cover the following subjects:

(a) human development across the lifespan;

(b) general psychology; and

(c) human biology.

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

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-60-506(2)(c), the 4,000 hours of supervised experience in substance use disorder treatment required to qualify an applicant for the advanced substance use disorder counselor license shall be:

(a) supervised experience providing substance use disorder counseling services as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(9);

(b) supervised at a ratio of one hour of face to face direct supervision for every 40 hours of substance use disorder counseling supervision provided by a supervisor meeting qualifications established in Section 58-60-508; and

(c) completed only under the direct supervision of an advanced substance use disorder counselor or mental health therapist unless otherwise approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

(2) In accordance with Subsection 58-60-506(5)(c), the 2,000 hours of supervised experience in substance use disorder treatment required to qualify an applicant for the substance use disorder counselor license shall be:

(a) supervised experience providing substance use disorder counseling services as defined in Subsection 58-60-502(10);

(b) supervised at a ratio of one hour of face to face direct supervision for every 40 hours of substance use disorder counseling supervision provided by a supervisor meeting qualifications established in Section 58-60-508; and

(c) completed only when under the direct supervision of a substance use disorder counselor or mental health therapist unless otherwise approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board.

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

In accordance with Subsections 58-60-506(1)(e) and 58-60-1115(5)(b), the examination required is:

(1) for licensure as a certified advanced substance use disorder counselor and an advanced substance use disorder counselor:

(a) the written NAADAC National Certification Exam Level II or MAC with a minimum criterion score set by NAADAC; or

(b) the written ICRC Advanced Alcohol and Drug (AADC) Examination with a minimum criterion score as set by ICRC; and

(2) for licensure as a certified substance use disorder counselor or substance use disorder counselor:

(a) the written NAADAC National Certification Exam Levels I, II or MAC with a minimum criterion score set by NAADAC; or

(b) the written ICRC Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) or Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (AADC) Examination with a minimum criterion score as set by ICRC.

R156-60d-303. 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 60, Part 5 is established by rule in Subsection R156-1-308a(1).

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

R156-60d-304. Continuing Education.

(1) In accordance with Section 58-60-105, there is created a continuing education requirement as a condition for renewal or reinstatement of a licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor, certified advanced substance use disorder counselor, licensed substance use disorder counselor, or a certified substance use disorder counselor issued under Title 58, Chapter 60, Part 5.

(2) Continuing education shall consist of 40 hours of education directly related to the licensee's professional practice. A licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor and licensed substance use disorder counselor shall complete the requirement during each two year license renewal cycle. A certified advanced substance use disorder counselor and a certified substance use disorder counselor shall complete the requirement during each two year period following the date of initial licensure. At least six of the 40 required hours must be in the area of professional ethics and responsibilities.

(3) The required number of hours of continuing education for a licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor or a licensed substance use disorder counselor who first becomes licensed during the two year renewal cycle shall be decreased in a pro rata amount equal to any part of that two year renewal cycle preceding the date on which that individual first became licensed.

(4) The standards for continuing education shall include:

(a) a clear statement of purpose and defined objective for the educational program directly related to the practice of a substance use disorder counselor;

(b) documented relevance to the licensee's professional practice;

(c) a competent, well-organized, and sequential presentation consistent with the stated purpose and objective of the program;

(d) preparation and presentation by individuals who are qualified by education, training, and experience; and

(e) a competent method of registration of individuals who actually completed the continuing education program and records of that registration completion available for review.

(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 50 minutes in formally established classroom courses, seminars, conferences, workshops, institutes, or in services;

(b) a maximum of ten hours per two year period may be recognized for teaching in a college or university, or teaching continuing education courses in the field of substance use disorder counseling; and

(c) a maximum of six hours per two year period may be recognized for clinical readings or internet-based courses directly related to practice as a substance use disorder counselor.

(6) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed continuing education for a period of four years after close of the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain such information with respect to continuing education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

(7) A licensee who documents he is engaged in full time activities or is subjected to circumstances which prevent that licensee from meeting the continuing education requirements established under this section may be excused from the requirement for a period of up to five years. However, it is the responsibility of the licensee to document the reasons and justify why the requirement could not be met.

R156-60d-307. License Reinstatement - Requirements.

In accordance with Section R156-1-308g, an applicant for reinstatement of a license after two years following expiration of that license shall demonstrate competency by:

(1) meeting with the Board upon request for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's current ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a substance use disorder counselor and to make a determination of any additional education, experience or examination requirements which will be required before reinstatement;

(2) passing the examination required in Section R156-60d-302c if it is determined necessary by the Board to demonstrate the applicant's ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a substance use disorder counselor; and

(3) completing at least 40 hours of continuing education in subjects determined by the Board as necessary to ensure the applicant's ability to engage safely and competently in practice as a substance use disorder counselor.

R156-60d-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) violation of any provision of the NAADAC Code of Ethics: Teaching Tool, January 2011 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference;

(2) acting as a supervisor without ensuring that the supervisee holds the requisite license;

(3) exercising undue influence over the clinical judgment of a supervisor over whom the licensee has administrative control;

(4) if licensed as a licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor or a licensed substance use disorder counselor, accepting the duties as a supervisor of a certified advanced substance use disorder counselor, certified advanced substance use disorder counselor intern, certified substance use disorder counselor, or a certified substance use disorder counselor intern who has any supervisory control over the licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor or licensed substance use disorder counselor; and

(5) directing one's mental health therapist supervisor to engage in a practice that would violate any statute, rule, or generally accepted professional or ethical standard of the supervisor's profession.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-69. Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act Rule.
R156-69-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act Rule."

R156-69-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 69, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 69 or this rule:

(1) "ACLS" means Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

(2) "ADA" means the American Dental Association.

(3) "ADA CERP" means American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program.

(4) "Advertising or otherwise holding oneself out to the public as a dentist" means representing or promoting oneself as a dentist through any of the following or similar methods:

(a) business names;

(b) business signs;

(c) door or window lettering;

(d) business cards;

(e) letterhead;

(f) business announcements;

(g) flyers;

(h) mailers;

(i) promotions;

(j) advertisements;

(k) radio or television commercials;

(l) listings in printed or online telephone directories; or

(m) any other type of advertisement or promotional communication.

(5) "BCLS" means Basic Cardiac Life Support.

(6) "ADHA" means the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

(7) "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(8) "CRDTS" means the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

(9) "Competency" means displaying special skill or knowledge derived from training and experience.

(10) "Conscious sedation" means a minimally depressed level of consciousness that retains the patient's ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond appropriately to physical stimulation and verbal command, produced by a pharmacologic or non-pharmacologic method, or a combination thereof.

(11) "DANB" means the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.

(12) "Deep sedation" means a controlled state of depressed consciousness, accompanied by partial loss of protective reflexes, including inability to respond purposefully to verbal command, produced by a pharmacologic or non-pharmacologic method, or combination thereof.

(13) "General anesthesia" means a controlled state of unconsciousness accompanied by partial or complete loss of protective reflexes, including inability to independently maintain an airway and respond purposefully to physical stimulation or verbal command, produced by a pharmacologic or non-pharmacologic method or a combination thereof.

(14) "NERB" means Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.

(15) "PALS" means Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

(16) "Practice of dentistry" in regard to administering anesthesia is further defined as follows:

(a) a Class I permit allows for local anesthesia which is the elimination of sensation, especially pain, in one part of the body by the topical application or regional injection of a drug;

(b) a Class II permit allows for minimal sedation which is a minimally depressed level of consciousness induced by nitrous oxide, or by a pharmacological method, or by both, that retains the patient's ability to independently and consciously maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command. Although cognitive function and coordination may be modestly impaired, ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected;

(c) a Class III permit allows for moderate sedation in which a drug induced depression of consciousness occurs during which a patient responds purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patient's airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained; and

(d) a Class IV permit allows for deep sedation in which a drug induced depression of consciousness occurs from which a patient cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function may be impaired. A patient may require assistance in maintaining an airway and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

(17) "Prominent disclaimer" means a disclaimer as described in and as required by Subsection R156-69-502(2)(ii) that:

(a) if in writing, is in the same size of lettering as the largest lettering otherwise contained in an advertisement, publication, or other communication in which the disclaimer appears; or

(b) if not in writing, is in the same volume and speed as the slowest speed and highest volume otherwise included in a radio or television commercial or other oral advertisement or promotion in which the disclaimer appears.

(18) "Specialty area" means an area of dentistry proposed in a formal application by a sponsoring organization to the Council on Dental Education and Licensure and formally approved by the ADA as meeting the "Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialists". Specialty areas include the following:

(a) orthodontics;

(b) oral and maxillofacial surgery;

(c) oral and maxillofacial pathology;

(d) pediatric dentistry;

(e) periodontics;

(f) endodontics;

(g) prosthodontics;

(h) dental public health; and

(i) oral and maxillofacial radiology.

(19) "SRTA" means Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.

(20) "Unprofessional conduct," as defined in Title 58 Chapters 1 and 69, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-69-502.

(21) "UDA" means Utah Dental Association.

(22) "UDHA" means Utah Dental Hygienists' Association.

(23) "WREB" means the Western Regional Examining Board.

R156-69-103. 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 69.

R156-69-104. 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.

R156-69-201. Classifications of Anesthesia and Analgesia Permits - Dentist.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-301(4)(a), a dentist may be issued an anesthesia and analgesia permit in the following classifications:

(1) class I permit;
(2) class II permit;
(3) class III permit; and
(4) class IV permit.

R156-69-202. Qualifications for Anesthesia and Analgesia Permits - Dentist.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-301(4)(b), the qualifications for anesthesia and analgesia permits are:

(1) for a class I permit:
(a) current licensure as a dentist in Utah; and
(b) documentation of current CPR or BCLS certification;
(2) for a class II permit:
(a) current licensure as a dentist in Utah;
(b) documentation of current BCLS certification;
(c) evidence of having successfully completed training in the administration of nitrous oxide and pharmacological methods of conscious sedation which conforms to the Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students, published by the American Dental Association, October 2007, which is incorporated by reference; and
(d) certification that the applicant will comply with the scope of practice as set forth in Subsection R156-69-601(2);
(3) for a class III permit:
(a) compliance with Subsections (1)(a) and (2) above;
(b) evidence of current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification;
(c) evidence of holding a current Utah controlled substance license in good standing and a current Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Registration in good standing;
(d) evidence of having successfully completed comprehensive predoctoral or post doctoral training in the administration of conscious sedation which conforms to the Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students, published by the American Dental Association, October 2007, and a letter from the course director documenting competency in performing conscious sedation; and 60 hours of didactic education in sedation and successful completion of 20 cases; and
(e) certification that the applicant will comply the scope of practice as set forth in Subsection R156-69-601(3); and
(4) for a class IV permit:
(a) compliance with Subsections (1), (2), and (3) above;
(b) evidence of current ACLS certification;
(c) evidence of having successfully completed advanced training in the administration of general anesthesia and deep sedation consisting of not less than one year in a program which conforms to the Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students, published by the American Dental Association, October 2007, and a letter from the course director documenting competency in performing general anesthesia and deep sedation;
(d) documentation of successful completion of advanced training in obtaining a health history, performing a physical examination and diagnosis of a patient consistent with the administration of general anesthesia or deep sedation; and
(e) certification that the applicant will comply with the scope of practice as set forth in Subsection R156-69-601(4).

R156-69-203. Classification of Anesthesia and Analgesia Permits - Dental Hygienist.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-301(4)(a), a dental hygienist may be issued an anesthesia and analgesia permit in the classification of local anesthesia.

R156-69-204. Qualifications for Anesthesia and Analgesia Permits - Dental Hygienist.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-301(4)(b), the qualifications for a local anesthesia permit are the following:

(1) current Utah licensure as a dental hygienist or documentation of meeting all requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist;
(2) successful completion of a program of training in the administration of local anesthetics accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the ADA;
(3)(a) a passing score on the WREB examination in anesthesiology; or
(b) documentation of having a current, active license to administer local anesthesia in another state in the United States; and
(4) documentation of current CPR or BCLS certification.

R156-69-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements - Dentist.

In accordance with Subsections 58-69-302(1)(f) and (g), the examination requirements for licensure as a dentist are established as the following:

(1) the WREB examination with a passing score as established by the WREB;
(2) the NERB examination with a passing score as established by the NERB;
(3) the SRTA examination with a passing score as established by the SRTA; or
(4) the CRDTS examination with a passing score as established by the CRDTS.

R156-69-302c. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements - Dental Hygienist.

In accordance with Subsections 58-69-302(3)(f) and (g), the examination requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist are established as the following:

(1) the WREB examination with a passing score as established by the WREB;
(2) the NERB examination with a passing score as established by the NERB;
(3) the SRTA examination with a passing score as established by the SRTA; or
(4) the CRDTS examination with a passing score as established by the CRDTS.

R156-69-302d. Licensing of Dentist-Educators.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-302.5(2)(a)(i), submission of information maintained in a practitioner data bank means submission to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

R156-69-303. 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 69, is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a.
(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.

R156-69-304a. Continuing Education - Dentist and Dental Hygienist.

In accordance with Section 58-69-304, qualified continuing professional education requirements are established as the following:

(1) All licensed dentists and dental hygienists shall complete 30 hours of qualified continuing professional education during each two year period of licensure.
(2) Qualified continuing professional education hours for licensees who have not been licensed for the entire two year period will be prorated from the date of licensure.
(3) 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 dental and dental hygiene continuing education; and

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

(4) 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 50 minutes in formally established classroom courses, seminars, lectures, conferences, or training sessions which meet the criteria listed in Subsection (3) above, and which are approved by, conducted by or under sponsorship of:

(i) the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing;

(ii) recognized universities and colleges;

(iii) professional associations, societies and organizations representing a licensed profession whose program objectives relate to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene; or

(iv) ADA or any subgroup thereof, the ADHA or any subgroup thereof, an accredited dental, dental hygiene or dental postgraduate program, a government agency, a recognized health care professional association or a peer study club;

(b) a maximum of ten hours per two year period may be recognized for teaching continuing education relevant to dentistry and dental hygiene;

(c) a maximum of 15 hours per two year period may be recognized for continuing education that is provided via Internet or through home study which provides an examination and a completion certificate;

(d) a maximum of six hours per two year period may be recognized for continuing education provided by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing; and

(e) qualified continuing professional education may include up to three hours in practice and office management.

(5) If properly documented that a licensee is engaged in full time activities or is subjected to circumstances which prevent that licensee from meeting the continuing education requirements established under this section, the licensee may be excused from the requirement for a period of up to three years. However, it is the responsibility of the licensee to document the reasons and justify why the requirement could not be met.

(6) Hours for recertification in CPR, BCLS, ACLS and PALS do not count as continuing education.

(7) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed qualified continuing professional education for a period of four years after close of the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain such information with respect to qualified continuing professional education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

R156-69-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional Conduct" includes the following:

(1) failing to provide continuous in-operatory observation by a trained dental patient care staff member for any patient under nitrous oxide administration;

(2) advertising or otherwise holding oneself out to the public as a dentist or dental group that practices in a specialty area unless:

(i) each dentist has successfully completed an advanced educational program accredited by the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation (or its equivalent if completed prior to 1967) of two or more years in length, as specified by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure;

(ii) as specified in Subsection 58-69-502(2)(b), the advertisement or other method of holding oneself out to the public as a dentist or dental group includes a prominent disclaimer that the dentist or dentists performing services are licensed as general dentists or that the specialty services will be provided by a general dentist;

(iii) the advertisement or other method of holding oneself out to the public as a dentist or dental group that practices in a specialty area includes a prominent disclaimer that the dentist or dentists performing services is a specialist, but not qualified as a specialist in the specialty area being advertised; or

(iv) otherwise advertising in a specialty area by representing that a dentist has attained any education, training or certification in the specialty area when the dentist has not met the criteria;

(3) advertising in any form that is misleading, deceptive, or false; including the display of any credential, education, or training that is inaccurate, or the making of any unsubstantiated claim of superiority in training, skill, experience, or any other quantifiable aspect;

(4) prescribing treatments and medications outside the scope of dentistry;

(5) prescribing for oneself any Schedule II or III controlled substance;

(6) engaging in practice as a dentist or dental hygienist without prominently displaying a copy of the current Utah license;

(7) failing to personally maintain current CPR or BCLS certification, or employing patient care staff who fail to maintain current CPR or BCLS certification;

(8) providing consulting or other dental services under anonymity;

(9) engaging in unethical or illegal billing practices or fraud, including:

(a) reporting an incorrect treatment date for the purpose of obtaining payment;

(b) reporting charges for services not rendered;

(c) incorrectly reporting services rendered for the purpose of obtaining payment;

(d) generally representing a charge to a third party that is different from that charged to the patient;

(10) failing to establish and maintain appropriate dental records;

(11) failing to maintain patient records for a period of seven years;

(12) failing to provide copies of x-rays, reports or records to a patient or the patient's designee upon written request and payment of a nominal fee for copies regardless of the payment status of the services reflected in the record; and

(13) failing to submit a complete report to the Division within 30 calendar days concerning an incident, in which any anesthetic or sedative drug was administered to any patient, which resulted in, either directly or indirectly, the death or adverse event resulting in patient admission to a hospital.

R156-69-601. Scope of Practice - Anesthesia and Analgesia Permits.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-301(4)(a), the scope of practice permitted under each classification of anesthesia and analgesia permit includes the following:

(1) A dentist with a class I permit:

(a) may administer or supervise the administration of any legal form of non-drug induced conscious sedation or drug induced conscious sedation except:

(i) the administration of inhalation agents including nitrous oxide; and

(ii) the administration of any drug for sedation by any parenteral route; and

(b) shall maintain and ensure that all patient care staff maintain current CPR certification.

(2) A dentist with a class II permit:

(a) may administer or supervise the administration of

nitrous oxide induced conscious sedation in addition to the privileges granted to one holding a Class I permit; and

(b) shall ensure that:

(i) every patient under nitrous oxide administration is under continuous in-operatory observation by a member of the dental patient care staff;

(ii) nitrous oxide and oxygen flow rates and sedation duration and clearing times are appropriately documented in patient records;

(iii) reasonable and prudent controls are in place and followed in regard to nitrous oxide to ensure the health and safety of patients, dental office personnel, and the general public;

(iv) the dental facility is equipped with adequate and appropriate equipment, in good working order, to assess vital signs; and

(v) equipment used in the administration of nitrous oxide has a scavenging system and that all gas delivery units have an oxygen fail-safe system.

(3) A dentist with a class III permit:

(a) may administer or supervise the administration of parenteral conscious sedation in addition to the privileges granted one holding a Class I and Class II permit; and

(b) shall ensure that:

(i) the dental facility has adequate and appropriate monitoring equipment, including pulse oximetry, current emergency drugs, and equipment capable of delivering oxygen under positive pressure;

(ii) the patient's heart rate, blood pressure, respirations and responsiveness are checked at specific intervals during the anesthesia and recovery period and that these observations are appropriately recorded in the patient record;

(iii) the dental facility is equipped to treat emergencies providing immediate access to advanced airway equipment, and resuscitation medications;

(iv) the above equipment is inspected annually by a certified technician and is calibrated and in good working order;

(v) inhalation agents' flow rates and sedation duration and clearing times are appropriately documented in patient records; and

(vi) a minimum of two persons, with one person constantly monitoring the patient, are present during the administration of parenteral conscious sedation as follows:

(A) an operating permittee dentist and a BCLS certified assistant trained and qualified to monitor appropriate and required physiologic parameters;

(B) an operating dentist and a permittee dentist; or

(C) an operating permittee dentist and another licensed professional qualified to administer this class of anesthesia.

(4) A dentist with a class IV permit;

(a) may administer or supervise the administration of general anesthesia or deep sedation in addition to the privileges granted one holding a class I, II and III permit; and

(b) shall ensure that:

(i) the dental facility is equipped with precordial stethoscope for continuous monitoring of cardiac function and respiratory work, electrocardiographic monitoring and pulse oximetry, means of monitoring blood pressure, and temperature monitoring; the preceding or equivalent monitoring of the patient will be used for all patients during all general anesthesia or deep sedation procedures; in addition, temperature monitoring will be used for children;

(ii) the dental facility is equipped to treat emergencies providing immediate access to advanced airway equipment, resuscitation medications, and defibrillator;

(iii) the above equipment is inspected annually by a certified technician and is calibrated and in good working order; and

(iv) three qualified and appropriately trained individuals are present during the administration of general anesthesia or deep sedation as follows:

(A) an operating dentist holding a permit under this classification, an anesthesia assistant trained to observe and monitor the patient using the equipment required above, and an individual to assist the operating dentist;

(B) an operating dentist, an assistant to the dentist and a dentist holding a permit under this classification; or

(C) another licensed professional qualified to administer this class of anesthesia and an individual to assist the operating dentist.

(5) Any dentist administering any anesthesia to a patient which results in, either directly or indirectly, the death or adverse event resulting in hospitalization of a patient shall submit a complete report of the incident to the Board within 30 days.

R156-69-602. Practice of Dental Hygiene.

In accordance with Subsection 58-69-102(7)(a)(ix), other practices of dental hygiene include performing laser bleaching and laser periodontal debridement.

R156-69-603. Use of Unlicensed Individuals as Dental Assistants.

In accordance with Section 58-69-803, the standards regulating the use of unlicensed individuals as dental assistants are that an unlicensed individual shall not, under any circumstance:

(1) render definitive treatment diagnosis;

(2) place, condense, carve, finish or polish restorative materials, or perform final cementation;

(3) cut hard or soft tissue or extract teeth;

(4) remove stains, deposits, or accretions, except as is incidental to polishing teeth coronally with a rubber cup;

(5) initially introduce nitrous oxide and oxygen to a patient for the purpose of establishing and recording a safe plane of analgesia for the patient, except under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist;

(6) remove bonded materials from the teeth with a rotary dental instrument or use any rotary dental instrument within the oral cavity except to polish teeth coronally with a rubber cup;

(7) take jaw registrations or oral impressions for supplying artificial teeth as substitutes for natural teeth, except for diagnostic or opposing models for the fabrication of temporary or provisional restorations or appliances;

(8) correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, or make an adjustment that will result in the movement of teeth upon an appliance which is worn in the mouth;

(9) perform sub-gingival instrumentation;

(10) render decisions concerning the use of drugs, their dosage or prescription;

(11) expose radiographs without meeting the following criteria:

(a) completing a dental assisting course accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation; or

(b) passing one of the following examinations:

(i) the DANB Radiation Health and Safety Examination (RHS); or

(ii) a radiology exam approved by the Board that meets the criteria established in Section R156-69-604; or

(12) work without a current CPR or BCLS certification.

R156-69-604. Radiology Course for Unlicensed Individuals as Dental Assistants.

In accordance with Section 58-69-803 and Subsection 58-54-4.3(2), the radiology course in Subsection R156-69-603(11) shall include radiology theory consisting of:

(1) orientation to radiation technology;

(2) terminology;
(3) radiographic dental anatomy and pathology (cursory);
(4) radiation physics (basic);
(5) radiation protection to patient and operator;
(6) radiation biology including interaction of ionizing radiation on cells, tissues and matter;
(7) factors influencing biological response to cells and tissues to ionizing radiation and cumulative effects of x-radiation;
(8) intraoral and extraoral radiographic techniques;
(9) processing techniques including proper disposal of chemicals; and
(10) infection control in dental radiology.

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R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.
R156-75. Genetic Counselors Licensing Act Rule.
R156-75-101. Title.

This rule is known as the "Genetic Counselors Licensing Act Rule."

R156-75-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 75, as defined or used in this rule:

(1) "Active candidate status", as used in Subsection R156-75-302b(1), describes an individual who has been approved by the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) to sit for the certification exam in genetic counseling.

(2) "General supervision", as used in Subsection R156-75-302b(2), means the supervisor has the overall responsibility to assess the work of the supervisee including at least twice monthly face to face meetings with chart review and weekly case review. An annual supervision contract signed by the supervisor and supervisee must be on file with both parties.

(3) "Unprofessional conduct", as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 75, is further defined, in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(1)(e), in Section R156-75-502.

(4) "Qualified continuing education", as used in this rule, means continuing education that meets the standards set forth in Section R156-75-304.

R156-75-103. Authority - Purpose.

This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 75.

R156-75-104. 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.

R156-75-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Temporary License.

In accordance with Subsection 58-75-302(2), the requirements for temporary licensure are established as follows:

(1) An applicant shall meet all the qualifications for licensure as established in Subsection 58-75-302(1) with the exception of Subsection 58-75-302(1)(e), and have active candidate status conferred by the ABGC.

(2) An individual practicing under the authority of a temporary license must practice under the general supervision of a licensed genetic counselor or a licensed physician certified in clinical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics.

(3) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-303(1)(a), a temporary license shall expire on December 31 immediately following the next available ABGC certification exam date. If the applicant fails the first sitting of the ABGC certification exam, the applicant may reapply for a second temporary license.

(4) A temporary license shall not be issued if the applicant has failed the ABGC certification examination more than once.

R156-75-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 75 is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a(1).

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

R156-75-304. Continuing Education.

(1) In accordance with Subsections 58-1-203(1)(g), 58-1-308(3)(b) and Section 58-75-303, there is created a continuing education requirement as a condition for renewal or reinstatement of licenses issued under Title 58, Chapter 75.

(2) Continuing education shall consist of 50 hours (5 CEU's) in each preceding two year licensing cycle and must be approved for recertification purposes by the ABGC.

(3) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed qualified professional education for a period of four years after close of the two year period to which the records pertain. It is the responsibility of the licensee to maintain such information with respect to qualified professional education to demonstrate it meets the requirements under this section.

(4) A licensee who documents circumstances which prevent the licensee from meeting the continuing professional education requirements established under this section may apply to be excused from the requirement for a period of up to two years. It is the responsibility of the licensee to document the reasons and justify why the requirement could not be met.

R156-75-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes violating any provision of the Code of Ethics established by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC), revised January 2006, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-1. Fraudulent Practices.
R164-1-3. Fraudulent Practices of Broker-Dealers, Broker-Dealer Agents, and Issuer-Agents.

(A) Authority and purpose.

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-1(3) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule identifies practices by broker-dealers, broker-dealer agents, or issuer-agents which are generally associated with schemes to manipulate the securities markets.

(3) A broker-dealer, broker-dealer agent, or issuer-agent who engages in one or more of the practices listed below will be deemed to have engaged in an "act, practice or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud" as used in Subsection 61-1-1(3).

(4) This rule is not intended to be all-inclusive. Thus, acts or practices not listed may also be deemed fraudulent.

(5) This rule does not preclude application of the anti-fraud provisions of Subsection 61-1-1(3) against anyone for practices similar in nature to the practices listed in Subsection (C).

(B) Definitions used in the rule.

(1) "Customer" means potential, current, or past clients.

(2) "Designated security" means any equity security other than a security

(2)(a) listed, or approved for listing upon notice of issuance, on a national securities exchange and makes transaction reports available as required under SEC Rule 11Aa3-1, Dissemination of transaction reports and last sale data with respect to transactions in reported securities, 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-1 (1992), which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the SEC;

(2)(b) listed, or approved for listing upon notice of issuance, on the NASDAQ system;

(2)(c) issued by an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

(2)(d) that is a put option or call option issued by The Options Clearing Corporation; or

(2)(e) whose issuer has net tangible assets in excess of $4,000,000 as demonstrated by financial statements, dated less than fifteen months previous to the date of the transaction with the person, that you have reviewed and have a reasonable basis to believe are true and complete, and

(2)(e)(i) in the event the issuer is other than a foreign private issuer, are the most recent financial statements for the issuer that have been audited and reported on by an independent public accountant in accordance with SEC Rule 2-02, Accountant's reports, 17 CFR 210.2-02 (1992), which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the SEC; or

(2)(e)(ii) in the event the issuer is a foreign private issuer, are the most recent financial statements for the issuer that have been filed with the Commission; furnished to the Commission pursuant to SEC Rule 12g3-2(b), Exemptions for American depositary receipts and certain foreign securities, 17 CFR 240.12g3-2 (1992), which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the SEC; or prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the country of incorporation, audited in compliance with the requirements of that jurisdiction, and reported on by an accountant duly registered and in good standing in accordance with the regulations of that jurisdiction.

(3) "Exempt transactions" under subparagraph (C)(1)(h) means:

(3)(a) transactions in which the price of the designated security is five dollars or more, exclusive of costs or charges; provided, however, that if the designated security is a unit composed of one or more securities, the unit price divided by the number of components of the unit other than warrants, options, rights, or similar securities must be five dollars or more, and any component of the unit that is a warrant, option, right, or similar securities, or a convertible security must have an exercise price or conversion price of five dollars or more;

(3)(b) transactions that are not recommended by you or your agent;

(3)(c) transactions by you:

(3)(c)(i) where commissions, commission equivalents, and mark-ups from transactions in designated securities during each of the immediately preceding three months, and during eleven or more of the preceding twelve months, did not exceed five percent of your total commissions, commission-equivalents, and mark-ups from transactions in securities during those months; and

(3)(c)(ii) you have not executed principal transactions in connection with the solicitation to purchase the designated security that is the subject of the transaction in the immediately preceding twelve months.

(3)(d) transactions that, upon prior written request or upon its own motion, the Division conditionally or unconditionally exempts as not encompassed within this definition.

(4) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(5) "Market-maker" means a broker-dealer who, with respect to a particular security,

(5)(a) regularly publishes bona fide, competitive bid and ask quotations in a recognized inter-dealer quotation system, or

(5)(b) regularly furnishes bona fide competitive bid and offer quotations to other broker-dealers upon request; and

(5)(c) is ready, willing and able to effect transactions in reasonable quantities at his quoted price with other broker-dealers on a regular basis.

(6) "NASDAQ" means National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation System.

(7) "You" means broker-dealers, broker-dealer agents, or issuer-agents as applicable.

(C) Acts which will be deemed fraudulent.

(1) If you engage in any of the following acts you will be deemed to be violating the anti-fraud provisions of Subsection 61-1-1(3):

(1)(a) Effecting a transaction with a customer in any security at an unreasonable price or at a price not reasonably related to the current market price of the security.

(1)(b) Receiving an unreasonable commission or profit.

(1)(c) Contradicting or negating the importance of information contained in a prospectus or other offering materials with intent to deceive or mislead.

(1)(d) Using advertising or sales presentations in a deceptive or misleading manner.

(1)(e) Leading a customer to believe that you are in possession of material, non-public information which would impact on the value of a security whether or not you are in possession of the material non-public information.

(1)(f) Making contradictory recommendations to different customers of similar investment objective for some to sell and others to purchase the same security, at or about the same time, when not justified by the particular circumstance of each customer.

(1)(g) Failing to make a bona fide public offering of all the securities allotted to you for distribution by, among other things,

(1)(g)(i) transferring securities to a customer, another broker-dealer or a fictitious account with the understanding that those securities will be returned to you or your nominee, or;

(1)(g)(ii) parking or withholding securities.

(1)(h) in connection with the solicitation of a purchase of a designated security which is not an exempt transaction as defined above:

(1)(h)(i) failing to disclose to your customer the bid and ask price, at which you effect transactions with individual, retail

customers, of the designated security as well as its spread in both percentage and dollar amounts at the time of solicitation and on the trade confirmation documents.

(1)(h)(ii) failing to advise your customer, both at the time of solicitation and on the confirmation, of any and all compensation related to a specific securities transaction to be paid to you, including commissions, sales charges, or concessions.

(1)(h)(iii) failing, to disclose, both at the time of solicitation and on the confirmation, your firm's short inventory position of more than 5%, or your firm's long inventory position of more than 10%, of the issued and outstanding shares of that class of securities of the issuer, if:

(1)(h)(iii)(aa) your firm is a market-maker at the time of the solicitation, and

(1)(h)(iii)(bb) the transaction is a principal transaction;

(1)(h)(iv) conducting or participating in sales contests in a particular designated security.

(1)(h)(v) failing to include with the confirmation, in a form satisfactory to the Division, a written explanation of the bid and ask price.

(1)(h)(vi) failing or refusing to execute sell orders from a customer from whom you or your firm solicited the purchase of the designated security in a principal transaction.

(1)(h)(vii) soliciting a secondary market transaction when there has not been a bona fide distribution in the primary market.

(1)(h)(viii) engaging in a pattern of compensating an agent in different amounts for effecting sales and purchases in the same designated security.

(1)(i) effecting transactions in, or inducing the purchase or sale of any security by means of any manipulative, deceptive or other fraudulent device or contrivance, including the use of boiler room tactics or use of fictitious or nominee accounts.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-4. Licensing Requirements.
R164-4-1. Broker-Dealer, Broker-Dealer Agent, and Issuer-Agent Licensing Requirements.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-4, 61-1-5, 61-1-6, and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule sets forth the procedure and requirements to license as a broker-dealer, broker-dealer agent, or issuer-agent.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "CRD" means the Central Registration Depository.

(3) "FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formerly known as NASD.

(4) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(5) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Broker-dealer licensing, post licensing, renewal, and withdrawal requirements

(1) License requirements

(1)(a) To license as a broker-dealer, applicant must be a member of FINRA and submit to the CRD the following:

(1)(a)(i) SEC Form BD - Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration;

(1)(a)(ii) application for a license as an agent in Utah, as specified in paragraph (D), for each principal, officer, agent or employee who directly supervises, or will directly supervise, any licensed agent associated with applicant in Utah; and

(1)(a)(iii) a license fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule, and in the form of payment prescribed by the CRD.

(1)(b) A certificate of license will not be issued. Proof of status is available from the CRD.

(2) Post-licensing requirements

(2)(a) Applicant must file amendments to SEC Form BD with the CRD only.

(2)(b) Applicant must file SEC Form X-17A-5, FOCUS reports in a timely manner with FINRA. However, the Division may request applicant to provide a copy of the FOCUS Report.

(3) License renewal requirements

(3)(a) All licenses expire on December 31 of each year.

(3)(b) To renew a license, applicant must submit to the CRD the license fee specified in the Division's fee schedule before December 31.

(4) License or application withdrawal requirements

(4)(a) To withdraw a license or application, applicant must file with the CRD, or with the Division if not required by the CRD, SEC Form BDW - Uniform Request for Withdrawal from Registration as a Broker-Dealer.

(4)(b) A withdrawal is effective 30 days following receipt of SEC Form BDW, unless the Division notifies applicant otherwise.

(D) Broker-dealer agent licensing, renewal, and withdrawal requirements

(1) License requirements

(1)(a) To license as a broker-dealer agent, applicant or the sponsoring broker-dealer must submit to the CRD the following, in addition to any information required by FINRA, the CRD, or the SEC:

(1)(a)(i) FINRA Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer;

(1)(a)(ii) proof that applicant passed the Series 63, Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (Series 63 Exam), or the Series 66, Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66 Exam), which are administered by FINRA, and any other exams required by the SEC or FINRA; and

(1)(a)(iii) a license fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule, and in the form of payment prescribed by the CRD.

(1)(b) A certificate of license will not be issued. Proof of status is available from the CRD.

(2) License renewal requirements

(2)(a) All licenses expire on December 31 of each year.

(2)(b) To renew a license, applicant must submit to the CRD the license fee specified in the Division's fee schedule before December 31.

(3) License or application withdrawal requirements

(3)(a) To withdraw a license or application, applicant must file with the CRD, FINRA Form U-5 - Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration.

(3)(b) A withdrawal is effective 30 days following receipt of FINRA Form U-5, unless the Division notifies applicant otherwise.

(4) Miscellaneous provisions

(4)(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (D)(4)(b), applicant may associate with only one broker-dealer at a time.

(4)(b) A dual license may be allowed by the director if:

(4)(b)(i) applicant requests a dual license in writing to the Division which identifies the broker-dealers with which applicant will associate and sets forth the reasons for the dual license;

(4)(b)(ii) both broker-dealers with which applicant intends to associate represent in writing to the Division that each assumes full responsibility for applicant at all times; and

(4)(b)(iii) applicant discloses the dual license to each client.

(E) Issuer-agent licensing, renewal, and withdrawal requirements

(1) License requirements

(1)(a) To license as an issuer-agent, applicant or the sponsoring issuer must submit to the Division the following:

(1)(a)(i) FINRA Form U-4 with original signatures;

(1)(a)(ii) proof that applicant passed the Series 63 Exam or the Series 66 Exam;

(1)(a)(iii) a license fee as prescribed in the Division's fee schedule; and

(1)(a)(iv) a surety bond if required by Section R164-11-1.

(2) License renewal requirements

(2)(a) All licenses expire on December 31 of each year.

(2)(b) To renew a license, applicant must submit to the Division the following before December 31 of each year:

(2)(b)(i) FINRA Form U-4 with original signatures; and

(2)(b)(ii) The license fee specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(3) License or application withdrawal requirements

(3)(a) To withdraw a license or application, applicant must file with the Division a written request for withdrawal or FINRA Form U-5.

(3)(b) A withdrawal is effective thirty days following receipt of the written request for withdrawal, unless the Division notifies applicant otherwise.

(4) Miscellaneous provisions

(4)(a) If applicant applies for a license two or more times in a twelve-month period, the Division deems applicant to be a broker-dealer. Applicant must then license as a broker-dealer.

R164-4-2. Investment Adviser and Investment Adviser Representative Licensing Requirements.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-4, 61-1-5, 61-1-6, and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule sets forth the procedure and requirements to license as an investment adviser and investment adviser representative.

(B) Definitions

(1) "CRD" means the Central Registration Depository.

(2) "Designated Official" means a person that is a partner,

officer, director, sole proprietor, or a person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions in an investment adviser firm.

(3) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(4) "Fee" means any remuneration received, directly or indirectly, for investment advice given or investment advisory services rendered, including, among other things, charges for a publication which includes investment advice and commissions paid or received when securities are purchased or sold as a result of investment advice given or investment advisory services rendered. License fees referred to in this rule are not included.

(5) "IARD" means the Investment Adviser Registration Depository.

(6) "Investment advice" or "investment advisory services" means advice given or services rendered concerning the value of securities or as to the advisability of investing in, or purchasing or selling securities.

(7) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(8) "FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formerly known as NASD.

(9) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(10) "SIPC" means the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

(C) Investment adviser and investment adviser representative licensing requirements

(1) Investment adviser licensing requirements. To license as an investment adviser, applicant must submit the following:

(1)(a) To the IARD:

(1)(a)(i) SEC Form ADV - Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration, Parts 1 and 2, including applicant's audited balance sheet if required under item 18 of Form ADV Part 2; and

(1)(a)(ii) a license fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule. (This fee includes the fee for one designated official.)

(1)(b) To the CRD:

(1)(b)(i) FINRA Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer for applicant's designated official; and

(1)(b)(ii) proof that applicant's designated official has passed the Series 65 or both the Series 66 Exam and Series 7 Exam.

(1)(c) To the Division:

(1)(c)(i) a notification:

(aa) identifying the applicant's designated official; and

(bb) indicating whether the applicant will have either custody of or discretionary authority over client funds or securities.

(1)(c)(ii) If the applicant will have custody of or discretionary authority over client funds or securities, the applicant must provide Division Form 4-5BIA - Indemnity Bond of Investment Adviser or documents containing the information provided on Division Form 4-5BIA, or, alternatively, proof of membership in SIPC.

(2) Investment Adviser Representative Licensing Requirements. To license as an investment adviser representative, the investment adviser or federal covered adviser with which the applicant will associate must submit the following:

(2)(a) To the CRD:

(2)(a)(i) FINRA Form U-4; and

(2)(a)(ii) proof applicant passed the Series 65 Exam or both the Series 66 Exam and Series 7 Exam.

(2)(b) To the IARD, a license fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(3) Miscellaneous provisions

(3)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (C)(3)(b), applicant may associate with only one investment adviser or federal covered adviser at a time.

(3)(b) A dual license may be allowed by the director if:

(3)(b)(i) Applicant requests a dual license in writing to the Division which identifies the investment advisers or federal covered advisers with which applicant intends to associate and sets forth the reasons for the dual license;

(3)(b)(ii) Both investment advisers or federal covered advisers with which applicant intends to associate represent in writing to the Division that each assumes full responsibility for applicant at all times; and

(3)(b)(iii) Applicant discloses the dual license to each client.

(D) Investment adviser and associated investment adviser representative renewal requirements

(1) All licenses expire on December 31 of each year.

(2) To renew licenses of the investment adviser and associated investment adviser representatives, the investment adviser must submit the following:

(2)(a) To the IARD:

(2)(a)(i) SEC Form ADV - Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration, Parts 1 and 2, including applicant's audited balance sheet if required under item 18 of Form ADV Part 2;

(2)(a)(ii) a license fee for the investment adviser and a license fee for each associated investment adviser representative as specified in the Division's fee schedule (the license fee for the investment adviser includes the fee for one designated official).

(2)(b) To the CRD:

(2)(b)(i) FINRA Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer for applicant's designated official and any investment adviser representatives.

(2)(c) To the Division:

(2)(c)(i) Division Form 4-5BIA, Indemnity Bond of Investment Adviser, if required by Section R164-4-5; and

(2)(c)(ii) the investment adviser's most recently audited balance sheet, if the investment adviser requires payment of advisory fees six months or more in advance and in excess of $1,200 per client, or if the investment adviser has custody or possession of clients' funds or securities.

(E) Investment adviser representatives of federal covered advisers

(1) All licenses expire on December 31 of each year.

(2) To renew licenses of the investment adviser representatives of a federal covered adviser, the federal covered adviser must submit to the IARD before December 31, a license fee for each investment adviser representative as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(F) Investment adviser and investment adviser representative withdrawal requirements

(1) Investment adviser withdrawal requirements

(1)(a) To withdraw a license or application, applicant must file with the IARD, SEC Form ADV-W - Notice of Withdrawal from Registration as Investment Adviser.

(1)(b) A withdrawal is effective thirty days following receipt of SEC Form ADV-W, unless the Division notifies applicant otherwise.

(2) Investment adviser representative withdrawal requirements

(2)(a) To withdraw a license or application, applicant must file with the CRD, a completed FINRA Form U-5.

(2)(b) A withdrawal is effective thirty days following receipt of applicant's FINRA Form U-5, unless the Division notifies applicant otherwise.

(G) Acts or practices which require licensing as an investment adviser and compliance with statutes and rules pertaining thereto

(1) Lawyers, accountants, engineers or teachers

(1)(a) A lawyer, accountant, engineer or teacher

(professional) must be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative if the professional provides investment advice or investment advisory services to the professional's clients for a fee, if the advice is not "solely incidental" to the professional's regular professional practice with respect to clients.

(1)(b) For purposes of this subparagraph (1), providing investment advice under ANY of the following circumstances would NOT be considered to be "solely incidental":

(1)(b)(i) The investment advice the professional or the investment advisory service the professional renders clients is the primary professional advice for which the professional charges or is paid a fee;

(1)(b)(ii) The professional advertises or otherwise holds himself out to the public as a provider of investment advice; or

(1)(b)(iii) The professional holds funds for clients pursuant to discretionary authority to invest such funds.

(1)(c) Following are examples to assist in understanding the meaning of "solely incidental":

(1)(c)(i) If the primary professional advice for which the professional receives a fee involves business or tax planning and the professional neither advertises or otherwise holds himself out as a provider of investment advice, nor holds funds which the professional invests for clients. The professional may also provide investment advice to clients in connection with the planning or other professional services, without being required to become licensed as an investment adviser.

(1)(c)(ii) If the professional advertises or otherwise holds himself out as a provider of investment advice, the professional must be licensed as an investment adviser whether or not the professional actually provides investment advice.

(1)(c)(iii) If the professional holds client funds which the professional invests for the client, the professional must be licensed as an investment adviser whether or not the professional actually provides investment advice.

(2) Broker-dealers and broker-dealer agents

(2)(a) A broker-dealer or broker-dealer agent must be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative if for a fee, the securities broker-dealer or sales agent of the securities broker-dealer provides investment advice to clients if the investment advice is not "solely incidental" to the conduct of business as a broker-dealer or broker-dealer agent.

(2)(b) For purposes of this subparagraph, providing investment advice under ANY of the following circumstances would NOT be considered "solely incidental":

(2)(b)(i) Providing investment advice to a client for a fee in addition to any commission received in connection with transactions in which the client either purchases or sells securities;

(2)(b)(ii) Providing investment advice, for a fee, to clients who are not clients of the broker-dealer with which the agent is licensed; or

(2)(b)(iii) Receiving compensation from an investment adviser to whom the broker-dealer or agent refers clients.

(3) Insurance agents

(3)(a) An insurance agent who, for a fee, provides investment advice to a client, must be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative.

(3)(b) An insurance agent who, performs an analysis of a client's estate, for a fee, which recommends that the client purchases or sells either specific securities or specific types of securities must be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative.

(3)(c) An insurance agent who, receives a commission from the sale of insurance to a client who makes such purchase with the proceeds of securities the insurance agent recommended be sold, must be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative.

(4) Others

(4)(a) One must be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative, as appropriate, whether or not described in subparagraphs (1), (2), or (3) of paragraph (G) if:

(4)(a)(i) Advertising, or otherwise holding oneself out as a provider of investment advice;

(4)(a)(ii) Publishing a newspaper, news column, news letter, news magazine, or business or financial publication, which, for a fee, gives investment advice based upon the specific investment situations of the clients; or

(4)(a)(iii) Receiving a fee from an investment adviser for client referrals.

R164-4-3. General Licensing Requirements.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-4, 61-1-5, 61-1-6, and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule applies to the licensing of broker-dealers, broker-dealer agents, issuer-agents, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives.

(B) Definitions

(1) "CRD" means the Central Registration Depository operated by FINRA.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "IARD" means the Investment Adviser Registration Depository operated by FINRA.

(4) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(5) "FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formerly known as NASD.

(6) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(7) "Termination" means the date on which FINRA processes FINRA Form U-5 - Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration.

(C) Examination requirements

(1) A broker-dealer agent must pass the Series 63, Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (Series 63 Exam) or the Series 66, Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66 Exam). If the broker-dealer agent's most recent license terminated two or more years before the date of receipt by the Division of a new application, the agent will be required to retake the examination.

(2) An issuer-agent must pass the Series 63 Exam or the Series 66 Exam. If the issuer-agent's most recent license terminated two or more years before the date of receipt by the Division of a new application, the agent will be required to retake the examination.

(3) Investment advisers and investment adviser representatives

(3)(a) Examination requirements. An individual applying to be licensed as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative shall provide the Division with proof of obtaining a passing score on one of the following examinations:

(3)(a)(i) Series 65, Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65 Exam); or

(3)(a)(ii) Series 7, General Securities Representative Examination (Series 7 Exam) and Series 66 Exam.

(3)(b) If an investment adviser or investment adviser representative has not been licensed in any jurisdiction for a period of two (2) years, the investment adviser or investment adviser representative will be required to retake the examination.

(3)(c) Waivers. The investment adviser or investment adviser representative may request a waiver of the examination requirement if such individual currently holds one of the following professional designations:

(3)(c)(i) Certified Financial Planner (CFP) awarded by the

Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.;

(3)(c)(ii) Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) awarded by the American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania;

(3)(c)(iii) Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) awarded by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

(3)(c)(iv) Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) awarded by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts;

(3)(c)(v) Chartered Investment Counselor (CIC) awarded by the Investment Counsel Association of America, Inc.; or

(3)(c)(vi) Such other professional designation as the Division may recognize by order.

(D) Electronic Filing

(1) The Division designates and authorizes the web-based CRD to receive and store filings and collect related fees on behalf of the Division whenever this rule requires filings to be submitted to the CRD.

(2) The Division designates and authorizes the web-based IARD to receive and store filings and collect related fees on behalf of the Division whenever this rule requires filings to be submitted to the IARD.

(3) Unless otherwise provided, all broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, and investment adviser representative applications, amendments, reports, notices, related filings and fees required to be filed with the Division pursuant to this rule, shall be filed electronically with and transmitted to either the CRD or the IARD as designated in this rule. The following additional conditions relate to such electronic filings:

(3)(a) When a signature or signatures are required by the particular instruction of any filing to be made through the CRD or the IARD, a duly authorized officer of the applicant or the applicant him or herself, as required, shall affix his or her electronic signature to the filing by typing his or her name in the appropriate fields and submitting the filing to the CRD or the IARD. Submission of a filing in this manner shall constitute irrefutable evidence of legal signature by any individuals whose names are typed on the filing.

(3)(b) Solely for purposes of a filing made through the CRD or the IARD, a document is considered filed with the Division when all fees are received and the filing is accepted by the CRD or the IARD on behalf of the state.

(4) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (D)(3), the electronic filing of any particular document shall not be required until such time as the CRD or the IARD provides for receipt of such filings. Any documents required to be filed with the Division, the CRD or the IARD that are not permitted to be filed with or cannot be accepted by the CRD or the IARD shall be filed directly with the Division in either a paper format or as an attachment to an email to the Division in a format that can be viewed by the Division.

(5) This Subparagraph provides two "hardship exemptions" from the requirements to make electronic filings as required by this rule.

(5)(a) Temporary Hardship Exemption.

(5)(a)(i) Investment advisers licensed or required to be licensed under the Act who experience unanticipated technical difficulties that prevent submission of an electronic filing to the IARD may request a temporary hardship exemption from the requirements to file electronically.

(5)(a)(ii) To request a temporary hardship exemption, the investment adviser must:

(5)(a)(ii)(aa) File Form ADV-H in paper format with the state securities agency where the investment adviser's principal place of business is located, no later than one business day after the filing that is the subject of the Form ADV-H was due; and

(5)(a)(ii)(bb) Submit the filing that is the subject of the Form ADV-H in electronic format to the IARD no later than seven business days after the filing was due.

(5)(a)(iii) The temporary hardship exemption will be deemed effective upon receipt by the Division of the complete Form ADV-H. Multiple temporary hardship exemption requests within the same calendar year may be disallowed by the Division.

(5)(b) Continuing Hardship Exemption.

(5)(b)(i) A continuing hardship exemption will be granted only if the investment adviser is able to demonstrate that the electronic filing requirements of this rule are prohibitively burdensome.

(5)(b)(ii) To apply for a continuing hardship exemption, the investment adviser must:

(5)(b)(ii)(aa) File Form ADV-H in paper format with the Division at least twenty business days before a filing is due; and

(5)(b)(ii)(bb) If a filing is due to more than one state securities agency, the Form ADV-H must be filed with the state securities agency where the investment adviser's principal place of business is located. The state securities agency who receives the application will grant or deny the application within ten business days after the filing of Form ADV-H.

(5)(b)(iii) The exemption is effective upon approval by the Division. The time period of the exemption may be no longer than one year after the date on which the Form ADV-H is filed. If the Division approves the application, the investment adviser must, no later than five business days after the exemption approval date, submit filings to the Division in paper format along with the appropriate processing fees for the period of time for which the exemption is granted.

(5)(c) The decision to grant or deny a request for a hardship exemption will be made by the state securities agency where the investment adviser's principal place of business is located, which decision will be followed by the state securities agency in the other state(s) where the investment adviser is licensed.

(E) Correcting amendments

(1) At a time when a material change occurs:

(1)(a) a broker-dealer must promptly file amendments to SEC Form BD - Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration with the CRD;

(1)(b) a broker-dealer agent must promptly file amendments to FINRA Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer with the CRD;

(1)(c) an issuer-agent must promptly file amendments to FINRA Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer with the Division;

(1)(d) an investment adviser must promptly file amendments to SEC Form ADV - Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration with the IARD;

(1)(e) an investment adviser representative must promptly file amendments to FINRA Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer with the CRD; and

(1)(f) a federal covered adviser must promptly file amendments to SEC Form ADV - Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration with the IARD.

(2) Amendments should be filed in accordance with the instructions on the respective forms.

(F) Service of process

(1) The requirement in Subsection 61-1-4(1) that requires filing a consent to service of process may be fulfilled by execution of SEC Form BD, FINRA Form U-4, or SEC Form ADV, as applicable.

(G) License transfer

(1) A broker-dealer or broker-dealer agent may transfer a license by following CRD procedures. The Division recognizes and participates in the NASAA/CRD Temporary Agent Transfer ("TAT") program and will honor transfers effected through TAT procedures.

R164-4-4. Minimum Financial Requirements and Financial Reporting Requirements of Licensed Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-4, 61-1-5, 61-1-6, and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides the minimum financial requirements and financial reporting requirements for broker-dealers and investment advisers.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Act" means Title 61, Chapter 1, Utah Uniform Securities Act.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "Net worth" means an excess of assets over liabilities, as determined by generally accepted accounting principles, but shall not include as assets: prepaid expenses (except as to items properly classified as current assets under generally accepted accounting principles), deferred charges, goodwill, franchise rights, organizational expenses, patents, copyrights, marketing rights, unamortized debt discount and expense, all other assets of intangible nature; home, home furnishing, automobile(s), and any other personal items not readily marketable in the case of an individual; advances or loans to stockholders and officers in the case of a corporation; and advances or loans to partners in the case of a partnership.

(4) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Broker-Dealer - Minimum Financial Requirements

(1) Each broker-dealer licensed or required to be licensed under the Act shall comply with SEC Rules 15c3-1 (17 CFR 240.15c3-1(1996)), 15c3-2 (17 CFR 240.15c3-2(1996)), and 15c3-3 (17 CFR 240.15c3-3(1996)), which are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(2) Each broker-dealer licensed or required to be licensed under the Act shall comply with SEC Rule 17a-11 (17 CFR 240.17a-11(1996)) and shall file with the Division upon request copies of notices and reports required under SEC Rules 17a-5 (17 CFR 240.17a-5(1996)), 17a-10 (17 CFR 240.17a-10(1996)), and 17a-11 (17 CFR 240.17a-11(1996)), which are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) To the extent the SEC promulgates changes to the above referenced rules, broker-dealers in compliance with such rules as amended shall not be subject to enforcement action by the Division for violation of this rule to the extent that the violation results solely from the broker-dealer's compliance with the amended SEC rule.

(D) Investment Adviser - Minimum Financial Requirements

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (D)(4), unless an investment adviser posts a bond pursuant to Section R164-4-5 or is not required to post a bond under Section R164-4-5(F)(2)(a), an investment adviser licensed or required to be licensed under the Act who has custody of client funds or securities shall maintain at all times a minimum net worth of $35,000, and every investment adviser licensed or required to be licensed under the Act who has discretionary authority over client funds or securities but does not have custody of client funds or securities, shall maintain at all times a minimum net worth of $10,000.

(2) An investment adviser registered or required to be registered who accepts prepayment of more than $1,200 per client and six or more months in advance shall maintain at all times a positive net worth.

(3) Unless otherwise exempted, as a condition of the right to continue to transact business in this state, every investment adviser licensed or required to be licensed under the Act shall by the close of business on the next business day notify the Division if such investment adviser's net worth is less than the minimum required. After transmitting such notice, each investment adviser shall file by the close of business on the next business day a report with the Division of its financial condition, including the following:

(3)(a) A trial balance of all ledger accounts;

(3)(b) A statement of all client funds or securities which are not segregated;

(3)(c) A computation of the aggregate amount of client ledger debit balances; and

(3)(d) A statement as to the number of client accounts.

(4) The Division may require that a current appraisal be submitted in order to establish the worth of any asset.

(5) Every investment adviser that has its principal place of business in a state other than this state shall maintain such minimum capital as required by the state in which the investment adviser maintains its principal place of business, provided the investment adviser is licensed in such state and is in compliance with such state's minimum capital requirements.

R164-4-5. Bonding Requirements for Broker-Dealers, Broker-Dealer Agents, Issuer-Agents, and Investment Advisers.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-4 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule sets the surety-bond requirements for broker-dealers, broker-dealer agents, issuer-agents, and investment advisers.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(3) "SIPC" means the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

(C) Bonding requirements for broker-dealers

(1) A broker-dealer who is a member of SIPC and is not excluded from membership assessments need not provide a bond.

(2) Every broker-dealer licensed or required to be licensed under this Act whose business is exclusively intrastate, who does not make use of any facility of a national securities exchange and who is not registered under section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, shall be bonded in an amount of not less than $100,000 by a bonding company qualified to do business in this state.

(D) Bonding requirements for broker-dealer agents

(1) A broker-dealer agent need not provide a bond.

(E) Bonding requirements for issuer-agents

(1) An issuer-agent need not provide a bond unless otherwise required by Section R164-11-1.

(2) If an issuer-agent must provide a bond, it must be:

(2)(a) issued by a corporate bonding company qualified to do business in Utah;

(2)(b) on or in substantially the same form as Division Form 4-5BI, "Corporate Indemnity Bond of Issuer"; and

(2)(c) be in the amount of $25,000.

(3) Upon written request the Division may waive the bond requirement and accept instead the escrow of funds.

(3)(a) The issuer or issuer-agent must place in escrow at least $25,000.

(3)(b) The issuer or issuer-agent may place the money in escrow at any federal or state bank or savings institution, only.

(3)(c) The term of the escrow must extend for a period terminating no earlier than four years after expiration of the issuer's registration statement.

(3)(d) The escrow must be on or in substantially the same form as Division Form 4-5EIA, "Escrow Agreement", which is available from the Division.

(3)(e) The funds in escrow may be released only by an order of the Division, in accordance with the following:

(3)(e)(i) If claims have been made against the issuer-agent

in a court of competent jurisdiction and the court has finally adjudicated the dispute, or the claimant and the issuer-agent have agreed in writing to resolve the dispute, the amount of funds at issue may be ordered released by the Division in accordance with the order or agreement, up to the amount placed in escrow; or

(3)(e)(ii) The issuer's registration statement expired not less than four (4) years ago.

(F) Bonding requirements for certain investment advisers

(1) Except as provided in subparagraphs (F)(2) and (3), every investment adviser having custody of or discretionary authority over client funds or securities shall be bonded:

(1)(a) in an amount determined by the Division based upon the number of clients and the total assets under management of the investment adviser, which shall be at a minimum of $10,000;

(1)(b) issued by a bonding company qualified to do business in this state;

(1)(c) on or in substantially the same form as Division Form 4-5BIA, Corporate Indemnity Bond of Investment Adviser.

(2) The requirements of subparagraph (F)(1) shall not apply to those applicants or licensees who:

(2)(a) have custody solely as a consequence of the adviser's authority to withdraw advisory fees from client accounts; or

(2)(b) comply with the requirements of Section R164-4-4.

(3) An investment adviser that has its principal place of business in a state other than this state shall be exempt from the requirements of subparagraph (F)(1), provided that the investment adviser is licensed as in investment adviser in the state where it has its principal place of business and is in compliance with such state's requirements relating to bonding.

(4) Upon request and for good cause shown, the Division may waive the bond requirement and accept instead the escrow of funds.

(4)(a) The investment adviser must place in escrow an amount determined by the Division based upon the number of clients and the total assets under management of the investment adviser, which shall be at a minimum of $10,000.

(4)(b) The investment adviser may place the money in escrow at any federal or state bank or savings institution, only.

(4)(c) The term of the escrow must extend for a period terminating no earlier than three years after expiration of the investment adviser's license.

(4)(d) The escrow must be on, or in substantially the same form as, Division Form 4-5EIA, Escrow Agreement.

(4)(e) The funds in escrow may be released only by an order of the Division, in accordance with the following:

(4)(e)(i) Where claims have been made against the investment adviser in a court of competent jurisdiction and the court has finally adjudicated the dispute, or the claimant and the investment adviser have agreed in writing to resolve the dispute, the amount of funds at issue may be ordered released by the Division in accordance with the order or agreement, up to the amount placed in escrow; or

(4)(e)(ii) The investment adviser has not been licensed by the Division for a period of at least four years.

R164-4-6. Notice Filing Requirements for Federal Covered Advisers.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-4 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides the notice filing requirements for federal covered advisers.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Notice Filings

Federal covered advisers required to file notice filings pursuant to Subsection 61-1-4(2), must file with IARD the following:

(1) an executed SEC Form ADV - Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration; and

(2) a filing fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(D) Notice filing renewals

(1) All notice filings expire on December 31 of each year.

(2) To renew notice filings, a federal covered adviser must submit the following to IARD before December 31:

(2)(a) a copy of the federal covered adviser's most recent SEC Form ADV; and

(2)(b) a filing fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

R164-4-7. Broker-dealers, Investment Advisers and Other Securities Personnel Using the Internet for General Dissemination of Information on Products and Services.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-13 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule clarifies when broker-dealers, investment advisers, broker-dealer agents and investment adviser representatives are transacting business in this state for purposes of Section 61-1-4 by distributing information on available products and services through Internet Communications available to persons in this state.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "Internet" means the global information system comprised of independent computer networks which are interconnected and share information without the use of a central processing center by use of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) suite, to include without limitation, the World Wide Web, proprietary or "common carrier" electronic delivery systems, or similar medium.

(3) "Internet Communications" means a communication made on the Internet which is directed generally to anyone who has access to the Internet, including persons in Utah, to include without limitation, postings on Bulletin Boards, displays on "Home Pages" or similar methods.

(C) Licensing Exclusion

Broker-dealers, investment advisers, broker-dealer agents ("BD agents") and investment adviser representatives ("IA reps") who use the Internet to distribute information on available products and services through Internet Communications shall not be deemed to be "transacting business" in this state for purposes of Subsections 61-1-3(1) and 61-1-3(3) based solely on that fact if the following conditions are observed:

(1) The Internet Communication contains a legend in which it is clearly stated that:

(1)(a) the broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent or IA rep in question may only transact business in this state if first licensed, excluded or exempted from state broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent or IA rep licensing requirements, as may be; and

(1)(b) follow-up, individualized responses to persons in this state by such broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent or IA rep that involve either the effecting or attempting to effect transactions in securities, or the rendering of personalized investment advice for compensation, as may be, will not be made absent compliance with state broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent or IA rep licensing requirements, or an applicable exemption or exclusion;

(2) The Internet Communication contains a mechanism,

including and without limitation, technical "firewalls" or other implemented policies and procedures, designed reasonably to ensure that prior to any subsequent, direct communication with prospective customers or clients in this state, said broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent or IA rep is first licensed in this state or qualifies for an exemption or exclusion from such requirement. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to relieve a state licensed broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent or IA rep from any applicable securities registration requirement in this state;

(3) The Internet Communication does not involve either effecting or attempting to effect transactions in securities, or the rendering of personalized investment advice for compensation, as may be, in this state over the Internet, but is limited to the dissemination of general information on products and services; and

(4) In the case of a BD agent or IA rep:

(4)(a) the affiliation with the broker-dealer or investment adviser of the BD agent or IA rep is prominently disclosed within the Internet Communication;

(4)(b) the broker-dealer or investment adviser with whom the BD agent or IA rep is associated retains responsibility for reviewing and approving the content of any Internet Communication by a BD agent or IA rep;

(4)(c) the broker-dealer or investment adviser with whom the BD agent or IA rep is associated first authorizes the distribution of information on the particular products and services through the Internet Communication; and

(4)(d) in disseminating information through the Internet Communication, the BD agent or IA rep acts within the scope of the authority granted by the broker-dealer or investment adviser.

(D) Limitations of Exclusion

(1) The exclusion provided in paragraph (C) extends to state broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent and IA rep licensing requirements only, and does not excuse compliance with applicable securities registration, antifraud or related provisions.

(2) Nothing in this exclusion shall be construed to affect the activities of any broker-dealer, investment adviser, BD agent and IA rep engaged in business in this state that is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Division as a result of the National Securities Markets Improvements Act of 1996, as amended.

R164-4-8. Exclusion for Certain Canadian Brokers and Securities Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsections 61-1-13(3)(i) and 61-1-14(2)(s) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides an exclusion from the definition of "Broker-dealer" for certain Canadian brokers and provides an exemption for transactions effectuated by these certain Canadian brokers.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Broker-Dealer Exclusion

"Broker-dealer" as defined in Section 61-1-13(3) excludes a person who is resident in Canada, has no office or other physical presence in this state, and complies with the following conditions:

(1) Only effects or attempts to effect transactions in securities:

(1)(a) with or through the issuers of the securities involved in the transactions, broker-dealers, banks, saving institutions, trust companies, insurance companies, investment companies defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, pension or profit-sharing trusts, or other financial institutions or institutional buyers, whether acting for themselves or as trustees;

(1)(b) with or for a person from Canada who is temporarily present in this state, with whom the Canadian person had a bona fide business-client relationship before the person entered this state; or

(1)(c) with or for a person from Canada who is in this state, whose transactions are in a self-directed tax advantaged retirement plan in Canada of which the person is the holder or contributor;

(2) files a notice in the form of his current application required by the jurisdiction in which their head office is located and a consent to service of process;

(3) is a member of a self-regulatory organization or stock exchange in Canada;

(4) Maintains his provincial or territorial registration and his membership in a self-regulatory organization or stock exchange in good standing;

(5) Discloses to his clients in this state that he is not subject to the full regulatory requirements of the Utah Uniform Securities Act; and

(6) Is not in violation of Section 61-1-1 and all rules promulgated thereunder.

(D) Transactional Securities Exemption

The Division finds that registration is not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors in connection with an offer or sale of a security in a transaction effected by a person excluded from the definition of broker-dealer under Paragraph (C)

R164-4-9. Exemptions From Licensing Requirements for Investment Advisers Providing Advice to Certain Institutional Investors.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-3 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides exemptions from the licensing requirements of the Act for investment advisers and investment adviser representatives who meet specified criteria.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Act" means the Utah Uniform Securities Act, Utah Code Ann. Section 61-1-1 et seq.

(2) "Control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

(3)(a) "High net worth family entity" means a corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, or other entity, with all of its owners, partners, or members belonging to a single family who are all related by blood, adoption or marriage; with a combined net worth of not less than $10 million; and with ownership by an individual family member being direct or indirect pursuant to a trust or other similar arrangement where the investment is made by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the individual.

(3)(b) An individual does not constitute a "high net worth family entity" for purposes of this rule regardless of the net worth of the individual.

(4) "Private fund" means an entity that:

(4)(a) would be subject to regulation under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 but for the exceptions from the definition of "investment company" provided for:

(4)(a)(i) a fund that has no more than 100 beneficial owners and which is not making and does not presently propose to make a public offering of its securities, or

(4)(a)(ii) a fund that is owned exclusively by qualified purchasers, as defined in subsection (5) below, and which is not making and does not presently propose to make a public offering of its securities; and

(4)(b) offers interests in the entity based on the investment advisory skills, ability or expertise of the investment adviser.

(5) "Qualified purchaser" has the same meaning as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 Sec. 2(a)(51).

(C) Exemption for Investment Advice to Certain Institutional Investors

(1) For purposes of Subsection 61-1-3(3)(b)(ii), an investment adviser or investment adviser representative is exempt from the licensing requirements of the Act if the investment adviser or investment adviser representative renders investment advisory services only to the following institutional investors:

(1)(a) a non-individual "accredited investor" (as that term is defined in Rule 501(a)(1)-(3), (7), and any entity in which all of the equity owners are persons defined in Rule 501(a)(1)-(3) and (7), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Securities Act of 1933 (1933 Act), as amended;

(1)(b) a "qualified institutional buyer" (as that term is defined in Rule 144A(a)(1) promulgated by the SEC under the 1933 Act, as amended; or

(1)(c) a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, or other entity (excluding individuals) having net worth of not less than $10 million, or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such entity.

(2) The exemption from investment adviser and investment adviser representative licensing provided by this Subsection (C) is not available if the institutional investor is in fact acting only as agent for another purchaser that is not an institutional investor listed in Subsection 61-1-3(3)(b) or Subsection (C)(1) of this rule. The exemption from licensure is available only if the institutional investor is acting for its own account or as a bona fide trustee of a trust organized and existing other than for the purpose of acquiring the investment advisory services for which the investment adviser or investment adviser representative is claiming the exemption.

(D) Exemption for Investment Advice to Certain Private Funds

(1) For purposes of Subsection 61-1-3(3)(b)(ii), an investment adviser or investment adviser representative is exempt from the licensing requirements of the Act if the investment adviser or investment adviser representative renders investment advisory services only to a private fund that regularly makes equity investments in companies, if:

(1)(a) the private fund does not grant investors the right or power to redeem their interests in the fund within two years of purchase;

(1)(b) at the time of investment, at least 80% of the fair market value of the investments made by the private fund possess all of the following characteristics:

(1)(b)(i) the private fund, either alone or with other similarly situated private funds, has control of the target company;

(1)(b)(ii) the private fund, either alone or with other similarly situated private funds, has access to material business, financial and other corporate records of the target company without being required to resort to statutory stockholder or other equity owner records access provisions;

(1)(b)(iii) the private fund, either alone or with other similarly situated private funds, has the right to elect one or more directors to the target company's board of directors or equivalent governing management body, either at the outset or on the occurrence or non-occurrence of specified events; and

(1)(b)(iv) at the time of the investment, the securities representing the private fund's equity stake or into which such securities may be converted have not been listed on an exchange and are of a highly illiquid nature such that no significant secondary market exists for the securities; and

(1)(c) at the time of investment, at least 80% of the fair market value of the investments made by the private fund possess at least two of the following four characteristics:

(1)(c)(i) the private fund's interest in the target company includes a common, preferred, convertible or other direct or indirect equity stake;

(1)(c)(ii) the private fund, either alone or with other similarly situated private funds, has the right, at the target company's expense, to have its equity interest in the target registered for sale in a future public offering or otherwise redeemed upon the occurrence of given event or contingency or to otherwise obtain liquidity for the private fund's investment;

(1)(c)(iii) the private fund, either alone or with other similarly situated private funds, has:

(1)(c)(iii)(A) co-sale rights that allow the private fund to sell its equity in the target company on the same terms as holders of a majority of the equity interests of such target;

(1)(c)(iii)(B) liquidation preferences with priority to holders of common equity; or

(1)(c)(iii)(C) redemption rights to require the target company to repurchase or redeem the private fund's equity interest at a price constituting a preference to that of the common equity holders; and

(1)(c)(iv) the private fund, either alone or with other similarly situated private funds, has:

(1)(c)(iv)(A) anti-dilution rights materially limiting the power of the target company to issue new equity securities on terms that dilute the equity interest of the private fund without adjusting the investment rights of the private equity fund;

(1)(c)(iv)(B) rights of first offer or participation enabling the private fund to acquire its pro rata share of any newly issued equity securities;

(1)(c)(iv)(C) rights to materially preclude the target company from issuing equity without first obtaining consent of the private fund either as an equity holder or through the private fund's designee(s) on the target company's board of directors or equivalent governing management body; or

(1)(c)(iv)(D) other rights superior to the rights of holders of common equity relating to cause or block an event or transaction that would provide full or partial liquidity to the private fund.

(E) Exemptions for Investment Advice to Certain High Net Worth Family Entities

(1) For purposes of Subsection 61-1-3(3)(b)(ii), an investment adviser or investment adviser representative is exempt from the licensing requirements of the Act if the investment adviser or investment adviser representative:

(1)(a) renders investment advisory services to a high net worth family entity or related family entities, and

(1)(b) does not render investment advisory services to any other entities or individuals, other than those described in Subsections (C) and (D) above.

(F) Determination of Net Worth

(1) For purposes of determining the net worth of an institutional investor or high net worth family entity under this rule, an investment adviser or investment adviser representative may rely upon the entity's most recent annual balance sheet or other financial statement which shall have been audited by an independent accountant or which shall have been verified by a principal of the entity.

(G) Prohibition on Advertising and Touting

(1) The exemptions from the licensing requirements of the Act provided by this rule are not applicable if the investment adviser or investment adviser representative advertises its services or holds itself out to the public as a provider of investment advice, including:

(1)(a) advertising, touting, or providing testimonials of the performance, experience or expertise of the investment adviser or investment adviser representative;

(1)(b) making general solicitations for investment; or

(1)(c) paying a fee to any person for referrals or solicitations unless that person is a licensed investment adviser representative, issuer agent or broker-dealer agent in the

jurisdiction in which such activities occur.

(H) Advisory Services to Entity versus Owners of the Entity

(1) For purposes of this rule only, an investment adviser or investment adviser representative that is providing investment advisory services to a corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust or other legal entity, other than a private fund, is not providing investment advisory services to a shareholder, general partner, member, other security holder, beneficiary or other beneficial owner of the legal entity unless the investment adviser provides investment advisory services to such owner separate and apart from the investment advisory services provided to the legal entity.

(I) No Licensing Exemption for Advisory Services to Natural Persons

(1) There is no licensing exemption under this rule for an investment adviser or investment adviser representative providing investment advisory services to a natural person.

(2) Except as provided in Subsections (D) and (E), there is no licensing exemption under this rule for an investment adviser or investment adviser representative providing investment advisory services to a private fund, such as a hedge fund, that is composed partially or entirely of natural persons.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-5. Broker-Dealer and Investment Adviser Books and Records.
R164-5-1. Recordkeeping Requirements of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-5 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule specifies the books and records a broker-dealer and an investment adviser must maintain.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Act" means Title 61, Chapter 1, Utah Uniform Securities Act.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Broker-dealer requirements

(1) Unless otherwise provided by order of the SEC, each broker-dealer licensed or required to be licensed under this Act shall make, maintain and preserve books and records in compliance with SEC Rules 17a-3 (17 CFR 240.17a-3(1996)), 17a-4 (17 CFR 240.17a-4(1996)), 15c2-6 (17 CFR 240.15c2-6(1991)) and 15c2-11 (17 CFR 240.15c2-11(1996)), which are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(2) To the extent that the SEC promulgates changes to the above referenced rules, broker-dealers in compliance with such rules as amended shall not be subject to enforcement action by the Division for violation of this rule to the extent that the violation results solely from the broker-dealer's compliance with the amended rule.

(D) Investment adviser requirements

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (D)(3), unless otherwise provided by order of the SEC, each investment adviser licensed or required to be licensed under the Act shall make, maintain and preserve books and records in compliance with SEC Rule 204-2 (17 CFR 275.204-2(August 12, 2010)), which is adopted and incorporated by reference, notwithstanding the fact that such investment adviser is not registered or required to be registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

(2) To the extent that the SEC promulgates changes to the above-referenced rules, investment advisers in compliance with such rules as amended shall not be subject to enforcement action by the Division for violation of this rule to the extent that the violation results solely from the investment adviser's compliance with the amended rule.

(3) Every investment adviser that has its principal place of business in a state other than this state shall be exempt from the requirements of subparagraph (D), provided the investment adviser is licensed or registered in such state and is in compliance with such state's record keeping requirements.

R164-5-3. Financial Reporting of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-5 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule specifies the annual financial reports required of a broker-dealer and an investment adviser.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Broker-Dealer required financial statements

(1) Upon request, each broker-dealer must file with the Division audited financial statements as of the end of its fiscal year. The statements must meet the requirements of Paragraph (E).

(D) Investment Adviser required financial statements

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (D)(2), each investment adviser who has custody or possession of client funds or securities or requires payment of advisory fees six months or more in advance and in excess of $1,200 per client shall file with the Division audited financial statements as of the end of the investment adviser's fiscal year. The statements must meet the requirements of Paragraph (E).

(2) Every investment adviser that has its principal place of business in a state other than this state shall be exempt from the requirements of subparagraph (D), provided the investment adviser is licensed or registered in such state, is in compliance with such state's financial reporting requirements, and annually files with the Division a copy of any financial reports filed with such state.

(E) Financial statement requirements

The financial statements filed pursuant to this rule must:

(1) include a balance sheet, a statement of income or operations, a statement of shareholder equity, and a statement of cash flows, accompanied by appropriate notes stating the accounting principles and practices followed in their preparation, the basis at which securities are included and other notes as may be necessary for an understanding of the statements.

(2) be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(3) be audited by an independent certified public accountant. The audit must:

(a) be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards;

(b) include a review of the accounting system, the internal accounting controls and procedures for the safeguarding of securities and funds including appropriate tests thereof since the prior examination.

(4) be accompanied by an unqualified opinion of the auditor as to the report of financial condition. In addition, the auditor shall submit as a supplementary opinion any comments, based upon the audit, as to any material inadequacies found to exist in the accounting system, the internal accounting controls and procedures for safeguarding securities and funds, and shall indicate any corrective action taken or proposed.

(5) The financial statements shall be filed with the Division within 120 days following the end of the investment adviser's fiscal year.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-6. Denial, Suspension or Revocation of a License.
R164-6-1g. Dishonest or Unethical Business Practices.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-6 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule identifies certain acts and practices which the Division deems to constitute dishonest or unethical practices in the securities business under Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G). The list contained herein should not be considered to be all-inclusive of such acts and practices, but rather is intended to act as a guide to broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers, federal covered advisers and investment adviser representatives as to the types of conduct which may result in sanctions under Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G).

(3) Conduct which violates Section 61-1-1 may also be considered to constitute dishonest or unethical practices under Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G).

(4) This rule is patterned after well-established standards in the industry which have been adopted by the SEC, FINRA, NASAA, the national securities exchanges and various courts. It represents one of the purposes of the securities laws: to create viable securities markets in which those persons involved are held to a high standard of fairness with respect to their dealings with the public.

(5) The provisions of this rule apply to federal covered advisers to the extent that the conduct alleged is fraudulent or deceptive, or to the extent permitted by the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-290).

(6) The federal statutory and regulatory provisions referenced in Paragraph (E) shall apply to investment advisers, federal covered advisers, and investment adviser representatives regardless of whether the federal provision limits its application to advisers subject to federal registration.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "Market maker" means a broker-dealer who, with respect to a particular security:

(a) regularly publishes bona fide, competitive bid and ask quotations in a recognized inter-dealer quotation system, or

(b) regularly furnishes bona fide competitive bid and offer quotations to other broker-dealers upon request; and

(c) is ready, willing and able to effect transactions in reasonable quantities at his quoted price with other broker-dealers on a regular basis.

(3) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(4) "FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formerly known as NASD.

(5) "NASDAQ" means National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System.

(6) "OTC" means over-the-counter.

(7) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Broker-Dealers

In relation to Broker-Dealers, as used in Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G) "dishonest or unethical practices" shall include:

(1) engaging in a pattern of unreasonable and unjustifiable delays in the delivery of securities purchased by any of its customers or in the payment, upon request, of free credit balances reflecting completed transactions of any of its customers, or both;

(2) inducing trading in a customer's account which is excessive in size or frequency in view of the financial resources and character of the account;

(3) recommending to a customer the purchase, sale or exchange of any security without reasonable grounds to believe that such transaction or recommendation is suitable for the customer based upon reasonable inquiry concerning the customer's investment objectives, financial situation and needs, and any other relevant information known by the broker-dealer;

(4) executing a transaction on behalf of a customer without prior authorization to do so;

(5) exercising any discretionary power in effecting a transaction for a customer's account without first obtaining written discretionary authority from the customer, unless the discretionary power relates solely to the time or price for the execution of orders, or both;

(6) executing any transaction in a margin account without securing from the customer a properly executed written margin agreement promptly after the initial transaction in the account;

(7) failing to segregate a customer's free securities or securities held in safekeeping;

(8) hypothecating a customer's securities without having a lien thereon unless the broker-dealer secures from the customer a properly executed written consent promptly after the initial transaction, except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC;

(9) entering into a transaction with or for a customer at a price not reasonably related to the current market price of the security or receiving an unreasonable commission or profit;

(10) failing to furnish to a customer purchasing securities in an offering, no later than the date of confirmation of the transaction, either a final prospectus or a preliminary prospectus and an additional document, which together include all information set forth in the final prospectus;

(11) charging fees for services without prior notification to a customer as to the nature and amount of the fees;

(12) charging unreasonable and inequitable fees for services performed, including miscellaneous services such as collection of monies due for principal, dividends or interest, exchange or transfer of securities, appraisals, safekeeping, or custody of securities and other services related to its securities business;

(13) offering to buy from or sell to any person any security at a stated price unless the broker-dealer is prepared to purchase or sell, as the case may be, at the price and under the conditions as are stated at the time of the offer to buy or sell;

(14) representing that a security is being offered to a customer "at the market" or a price relevant to the market price unless the broker-dealer knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that a market for the security exists other than that made, created or controlled by the broker-dealer, or by any person for whom the broker-dealer is acting or with whom the broker-dealer is associated in the distribution, or any person controlled by, controlling or under common control with the broker-dealer;

(15) effecting any transaction in, or inducing the purchase or sale of, any security by means of any manipulative, deceptive or fraudulent device, practice, plan, program, design or contrivance, which may include but not be limited to:

(a) effecting any transaction in a security which involves no change in the beneficial ownership thereof;

(b) entering an order or orders for the purchase or sale of a security with the knowledge that an order or orders of substantially the same size, at substantially the same time and substantially the same price, for the sale of the security, has been or will be entered by or for the same or different parties for the purpose of creating a false or misleading appearance of active trading in the security or a false or misleading appearance with respect to the market for the security; provided, however, nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit a broker-dealer from entering bona fide agency cross transactions for its customers; or

(c) effecting, alone or with one or more other persons, a series of transactions in any security creating actual or apparent active trading in a security or raising or depressing the price of a security, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of

the security by others;

(16) guaranteeing a customer against loss in any securities account of the customer carried by the broker-dealer or in any securities transaction effected by the broker-dealer with or for the customer;

(17) publishing or circulating, or causing to be published or circulated, any notice, circular, advertisement, newspaper article, investment service, or communication of any kind which:

(a) purports to report any transaction as a purchase or sale of any security unless the broker-dealer believes that the transaction was a bona fide purchase or sale of the security; or

(b) purports to quote the bid price or asked price for any security, unless the broker-dealer believes that the quotation represents a bona fide bid for, or offer of, the security;

(18) using any advertising or sales presentation in such a fashion as to be deceptive or misleading. An example of the prohibited practice would be distribution of any nonfactual data, material or presentation based on conjecture, unfounded or unrealistic claims or assertions in any brochure, flyer, or display by words, pictures, graphs or otherwise designed to supplement, detract from, supersede or defeat the purpose or effect of any prospectus or disclosure;

(19) failing to disclose to a customer that the broker-dealer is controlled by, controlling, affiliated with or under common control with the issuer of any security before entering into any contract with or for a customer for the purchase or sale of the security, and if the disclosure is not made in writing, it shall be supplemented by the giving or sending of written disclosure at or before the completion of the transaction;

(20) failing to make a bona fide public offering of all of the securities allotted to a broker-dealer for distribution, whether acquired as an underwriter, a selling group member, or from a member participating in the distribution as an underwriter or selling group member;

(21) failure or refusal to furnish a customer, upon reasonable request, information to which the customer is entitled, or to respond to a formal written request or complaint;

(22) permitting a person to open an account for another person or transact business in the account unless there is on file written authorization for the action from the person in whose name the account is carried;

(23) permitting a person to open or transact business in a fictitious account;

(24) permitting an agent to open or transact business in an account other than the agent's own account, unless the agent discloses in writing to the broker-dealer or issuer with which the agent associates the reason therefor;

(25) in connection with the solicitation of a sale or purchase of an OTC, non-NASDAQ security, failing to promptly provide the most current prospectus or the most recently filed periodic report filed under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, when requested to do so by a customer;

(26) marking any order tickets or confirmations as "unsolicited" when in fact the transaction is solicited;

(27) for any month in which activity has occurred in a customer's account, but in no event less than every three months, failing to provide each customer with a statement of account which, with respect to all OTC non-NASDAQ equity securities in the account, contains a value for each security based on the closing market bid on a date certain; provided that, this subsection shall apply only if the firm has been a market maker in the security at any time during the month in which the monthly or quarterly statement is issued;

(28) failing to comply with any applicable provision of the Conduct Rules of FINRA or any applicable fair practice or ethical standard promulgated by the SEC or by a self-regulatory organization to which the broker-dealer is subject and which is approved by the SEC;

(29) any acts or practices enumerated in Section R164-1-3;

(30) failing to comply with a reasonable request from the Division for information or testimony, or an examination request made pursuant to Subsection 61-1-5(5), or a subpoena of the Division;

(31) dividing or otherwise splitting commissions, profits or other compensation from the purchase or sale of securities with any person not licensed as an agent of the broker-dealer, or of a broker-dealer under direct or indirect common control; or

(32) in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of any security, using a specific certification or designation that indicates or implies that the user has special certification or training in advising or servicing clients or prospective clients, in such a way as to mislead any person. The prohibited use of such certification or professional designation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) use of a certification or professional designation by a person who has not actually earned or is otherwise ineligible to use such certification or designation;

(b) use of a nonexistent or self-conferred certification or designation;

(c) use of a certification or professional designation that indicates or implies a level of occupational qualifications obtained through education, training or experience that the person using the certification or professional designation does not have; or

(d) use of a certification or professional designation that was obtained from a designating or certifying organization that:

(i) is primarily engaged in the business of instruction in sales and/or marketing;

(ii) does not have reasonable standards or procedures for assuring the competency of its designees or certificants;

(iii) does not have reasonable standards or procedures for monitoring and disciplining its designees or certificants for improper or unethical conduct; or

(iv) does not have reasonable continuing education requirements for its designees or certificants in order to maintain the designation or certificate.

(D) Agents

In relation to agents of broker-dealers or agents of issuers, as used in Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G) "dishonest or unethical practices" shall include:

(1) engaging in the practice of lending or borrowing money or securities from a customer, or acting as a custodian for money, securities or an executed stock power of a customer;

(2) effecting securities transactions not recorded on the regular books or records of the broker-dealer which the agent represents, in the case of agents of broker-dealers, unless the transactions are authorized in writing by the broker-dealer prior to execution of the transaction;

(3) establishing or maintaining an account containing fictitious information in order to execute transactions which would otherwise be prohibited;

(4) sharing directly or indirectly in profits or losses in the account of any customer without the prior written authorization of the customer and the broker-dealer which the agent represents;

(5) dividing or otherwise splitting the agent's commissions, profits or other compensation from the purchase or sale of securities with any person not also licensed as an agent for the same broker-dealer, or for a broker-dealer under direct or indirect common control;

(6) for agents who are dually licensed under Rule R164-4-1(D)(4)(b), failing to disclose the dual license to a client; or

(7) engaging in conduct specified in subsections (C)(2), (C)(3), (C)(4), (C)(5), (C)(6), (C)(9), (C)(10), (C)(15), (C)(16), (C)(17), (C)(18), (C)(24), (C)(25), (C)(26), (C)(28), (C)(29), (C)(30) or (C)(32).

(E) Investment Advisers, Investment Adviser Representatives and Federal Covered Advisers

In relation to investment advisers or investment adviser representatives, as used in Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G) "dishonest or unethical practices" shall include the following listed practices. In relation to federal covered advisers, as used in Subsection 61-1-6(2)(a)(ii)(G), "dishonest or unethical practices" shall include the following, but only if such conduct involves fraud or deceit:

(1) recommending to a client to whom investment supervisory, management or consulting services are provided the purchase, sale or exchange of any security without reasonable grounds to believe that the recommendation is suitable for the client on the basis of information furnished by the client after reasonable inquiry concerning the client's investment objectives, financial situation and needs, and any other information known by the investment adviser;

(2) exercising any discretionary power in placing an order for the purchase or sale of securities for a client without obtaining written discretionary authority from the client within ten (10) business days after the date of the first transaction placed pursuant to oral discretionary authority, unless the discretionary power relates solely to the price at which, or the time when, an order involving a definite amount of a specified security shall be executed, or both;

(3) inducing trading in a client's account that is excessive in size or frequency in view of the financial resources, investment objectives and character of the account if an adviser in such situations can directly benefit from the number of securities transactions effected in a client's account. The rule appropriately forbids an excessive number of transaction orders to be induced by an adviser for a "customer account";

(4) placing an order to purchase or sell a security for the account of a client without authority to do so;

(5) placing an order to purchase or sell a security for the account of a client upon instruction of a third party without first having obtained a written third-party trading authorization from the client;

(6) borrowing money or securities from a client unless the client is a broker-dealer, an affiliate of the investment adviser, or a financial institution engaged in the business of loaning funds;

(7) loaning money to a client unless the investment adviser is a financial institution engaged in the business of loaning funds or the client is an affiliate of the investment adviser;

(8) misrepresenting to any advisory client, or prospective advisory client, the qualifications of the investment adviser or any employee of the investment adviser, or misrepresenting the nature of the advisory services being offered or fees to be charged for such service, or omitting to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made regarding qualifications, services or fees, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading;

(9) providing a report or recommendation to any advisory client prepared by someone other than the adviser without disclosing that fact except that this prohibition does not apply to a situation where the adviser uses published research reports or statistical analyses to render advice or where an adviser orders such a report in the normal course of providing service;

(10) charging a client an unreasonable advisory fee;

(11) failing to disclose to clients in writing before any advice is rendered any material conflict of interest relating to the adviser or any of its employees which could reasonably be expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice including:

(a) entering into compensation arrangements connected with advisory services to clients which are in addition to compensation from such clients for such services; and

(b) charging a client an advisory fee for rendering advice when a commission for executing securities transactions pursuant to such advice will be received by the adviser or its employees;

(12) guaranteeing a client that a specific result will be achieved (gain or no loss) with advice which will be rendered;

(13) publishing, circulating or distributing any advertisement which does not comply with Rule 206(4)-1 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(14) disclosing the identity, affairs, or investments of any client unless required by law to do so, or unless consented to by the client;

(15) taking any action, directly or indirectly, with respect to those securities or funds in which any client has any beneficial interest, where the investment adviser has custody or possession of such securities or funds when the adviser's action is subject to and does not comply with the requirements of Reg. 206(4)-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(16) entering into, extending or renewing any investment advisory contract unless such contract is in writing and discloses, in substance, the services to be provided, the term of the contract, the advisory fee, the formula for computing the fee, the amount of prepaid fee to be returned in the event of contract termination or non-performance, whether the contract grants discretionary power to the adviser and that no assignment of such contract shall be made by the investment adviser without the consent of the other party to the contract;

(17) failing to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material nonpublic information in violation of Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(18) entering into, extending, or renewing any advisory contract which would violate section 205 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. This provision shall apply to all advisers and investment adviser representatives registered or required to be registered under this Act, notwithstanding whether such adviser or investment adviser representative would be exempt from federal registration pursuant to section 203(b) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(19) including, in an advisory contract, any condition, stipulation, or provisions binding any person to waive compliance with any provision of this act or of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any other practice that would violate section 215 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(20) engaging in any act, practice, or course of business which is fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative in contravention of section 206(4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 notwithstanding the fact that such investment adviser or investment adviser representative is not registered or required to be registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(21) engaging in conduct or any act, indirectly or through or by any other person, which would be unlawful for such person to do directly under the provisions of this act or any rule or regulation thereunder;

(22) for an investment adviser representative compensating any customer for losses in the account of the customer without the prior written authorization of the customer and the representative's investment adviser;

(23) failing to comply with a reasonable request from the Division for information or testimony, or an examination request made pursuant to Subsection 61-1-5(5), or a subpoena of the Division; or

(24) in connection with the provision of advice as to the value of or the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities, either directly or indirectly or through publications or writings, or when issuing or promulgating analyses or reports relating to securities, using a specific certification or designation that indicates or implies that the user has special certification or training in advising or servicing clients or prospective clients,

in such a way as to mislead any person. The prohibited use of such certification or professional designation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) use of a certification or professional designation by a person who has not actually earned or is otherwise ineligible to use such certification or designation;

(b) use of a nonexistent or self-conferred certification or designation;

(c) use of a certification or professional designation that indicates or implies a level of occupational qualifications obtained through education, training or experience that the person using the certification or professional designation does not have; or

(d) use of a certification or professional designation that was obtained from a designating or certifying organization that:

(i) is primarily engaged in the business of instruction in sales and/or marketing;

(ii) does not have reasonable standards or procedures for assuring the competency of its designees or certificants;

(iii) does not have reasonable standards or procedures for monitoring and disciplining its designees or certificants for improper or unethical conduct; or

(iv) does not have reasonable continuing education requirements for its designees or certificants in order to maintain the designation or certificate.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-9. Registration by Coordination.
R164-9-1. Registration by Coordination.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-9, 61-1-11 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule sets forth the procedure and requirements to be met when applying for registration by coordination in Utah. Any security for which a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 or a notification under Regulation A, 17 C.F.R. sections 230.251 through 230.263 (1994), has been filed with the SEC in connection with the same offering may be registered by coordination under Section 61-1-9.

(3) The rule also authorizes optional electronic filing of registration statements and allows an optional modification of the term of effectiveness to facilitate simultaneous electronic filing.

(4) Offerings which are registered, as opposed to being exempt from registration, in less than 20 states, including the state of Utah, are subject to the requirements of Section R164-11-1. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section R164-11-1 may be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of effectiveness of a registration statement filed under Section 61-1-9.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Designee" means any person or entity authorized and recognized by the Division in this rule to accept filings on behalf of the Division by electronic or other means of communication.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(4) "Registration Statement" means the registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933 or the notification filed under Regulation A, 17 C.F.R. sections 230.251 through 230.263 (1994).

(5) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(6) "SRD" means the Securities Registration Depository, Inc.

(C) Registration requirements

(1) An issuer may register securities by submitting to the Division or its designee the following:

(1)(a) One original application on NASAA Form U-1 - Uniform Application to Register Securities;

(1)(b) One copy of the registration statement, including exhibits, together with all amendments as filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933 or SEC Regulation A;

(1)(c) One original NASAA Form U-2 - Uniform Consent to Service of Process;

(1)(d) A fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule; and

(1)(e) Any additional documents or information which the Division requests.

(2) No document or application shall be deemed to be filed, and the 20 working day period referred to in Subsection 61-1-9(3)(b) shall not begin, until all items required by Subparagraph (C)(1) have been received by the Division or its designee.

(3) Where the Division notifies the registrant in writing of any missing or incomplete documents or information, or other deficiencies in the registration statement, registrant must respond promptly. If the registrant does not respond to the Division in writing within 30 calendar days of the mailing date of the Division's letter, the registration statement will be deemed incomplete and action may be taken to deny the effectiveness of the registration statement, and to impose a fine.

(D) Additional notification to the Division

The registrant shall notify the Division within two business days upon the receipt of any stop order, denial, order to show cause, suspension or revocation order, injunction or restraining order, or similar order entered or issued by any state or other regulatory authority or by any court, concerning the securities covered by this application or other securities of the issuer currently being offered to the public.

(E) Effective date

(1) The registration statement becomes effective as set forth in Subsection 61-1-9(3).

(2) The registration statement is effective for one year from its effective date with the Division.

(3) A registration statement which does not become effective within one year from the filing date may be deemed materially incomplete and action may be taken to deny effectiveness to the registration statement.

(4) To facilitate the coordination of expiration dates with other states, the issuer may request a specific term of effectiveness which does not exceed one year.

(F) Post effective amendments

A registration statement may be amended by filing with the Division or its designee an amended NASAA Form U-1 - Uniform Application to Register Securities, and an amended registration statement. The amendment becomes effective when the Division so orders.

(G) Re-registration

The registrant may re-register securities, for which a registration statement is about to expire, by submitting to the Division or its designee, a NASAA Form U-1, an updated registration statement and the filing fee specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(H) Closing report

Within 30 days of the close of the offering or the expiration of the registration statement, whichever occurs first, the registrant shall file a closing report. The closing report must be filed on Division Form 9-1.

(I) Recognized designee

(1) The Division authorizes and recognizes the SRD as designee to receive filings under this rule on behalf of the Division, including but not limited to applications, registration statements and fees.

(2) The designation provided in this rule is for the sole purpose of receiving filings on behalf of the Division and then transmitting those documents to the Division, or for any other purpose which the Division may prescribe by order or release.

R164-9-2. MJDS - Financial Statement Requirement.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-9 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule clarifies that financial statements and other financial information which have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied, will be permitted in registration statements filed by Canadian issuers with the Division under Section 61-1-9 and with the SEC under MJDS.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "MJDS" means the multijurisdictional disclosure system with Canada as adopted by the SEC in Securities Act Release No. 6902, effective July 1, 1991.

(3) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Canadian generally accepted accounting principles

(1) Financial statements and other financial information which have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied, may be contained in a registration statement filed with the Division under Section 61-1-9 and with the SEC under MJDS

on SEC Forms F-7, F-8, F-9 or F-10, Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 6902, effective July 1, 1991, 56 F.R. 30036; amended in Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 6902A, effective July 1, 1991, 57 F.R. 10614, which are available from the SEC, and:

(1)(a) The securities which are the subject of a registration statement filed with the Division on SEC Form F-7 are offered for cash upon the exercise of rights granted to existing security holders.

(1)(b) The securities which are the subject of a registration statement filed with the Division on SEC Form F-8 are securities to be issued in an exchange offer, merger or other business combination.

(1)(c) The securities which are the subject of the registration statement filed with the Division on SEC Form F-9 are either non-convertible preferred stock or non-convertible debt which are to be rated in one of the four highest rating categories by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

(1)(d) The securities which are the subject of a registration statement filed with the Division on Form F-10 are offered and sold pursuant to a prospectus in which the SEC has not required reconciliation to United States generally accepted accounting principles with respect to the financial information presented therein.

(D) Preferred stock and certain debt securities

(1) For purposes of this rule, preferred stock and debt securities which are not convertible for at least one year from the date of effectiveness of the registration statement will be deemed to meet the requirement of Subparagraph (C)(1)(c).

R164-9-3b. MJDS - Review Period.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-9(6) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides a shorter review period for registration statements filed by Canadian issuers with the Division under Section 61-1-9 and with the SEC under its multijurisdictional disclosure system.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "MJDS" means the multijurisdictional disclosure system with Canada as adopted by the SEC in Securities Act Release No. 6902, effective July 1, 1991.

(3) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Review period

(1) The 20 working day disclosure statement filing requirement set forth in Subsection 61-1-9(3)(b) shall be reduced to seven working days for a registration statement filed with the Division and with the SEC under MJDS on SEC Forms F-7, F-8, F-9 or F-10, Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 6902, effective July 1, 1991, 56 F.R. 30036; amended in Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 6902A, effective July 1, 1991, 57 F.R. 10614, which are available from the SEC.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-10. Registration by Qualification.
R164-10-2. Registration Statements.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-10, 61-1-11, and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule sets forth the procedure and requirements to be met when applying for registration by qualification in Utah. It is available for registration of securities by any person who proposes to issue or sell any security.

(3) This rule requires that the registration statement must contain certain information. The issuer, issuer-agent and broker-dealer should be aware that information not specifically required by this rule or by the Division prior to effectiveness may be necessary to be included so as to meet the disclosure requirements of Section 61-1-1. Review of the registration statement by the Division does not imply that the disclosure requirements of Section 61-1-1 have been met.

(4) Section 61-1-12 enables the Director of the Division to deny effectiveness to, or revoke or suspend effectiveness of, any securities registration statement, and to impose a fine. Applicant should be aware that criteria contained in Section 61-1-12 will be applied in addition to the requirements of this rule.

(5) This rule requires that certain actions be taken by the issuer after the effective date of the registration statement. See paragraph (C) of this rule. Effectiveness of the registration statement may be suspended or revoked, and a fine imposed, for failure to comply with these requirements.

(6) Section 61-1-16 prohibits the filing of false or misleading documents with the Division. Documents and information filed with the Division should be closely scrutinized prior to signing and filing to insure their accuracy.

(7) Any security may be registered by qualification.

(8) Qualifying companies may utilize NASAA Form U-7 to satisfy the prospectus information requirements set forth in subparagraphs (E)(1) and (E)(2) this rule.

(B) Definitions used in this rule

(1) "Development stage company" means a company that is devoting substantially all of its efforts to acquiring or establishing a new business and either of the following conditions exists:

(1)(a) planned principal operations have not commenced; or

(1)(b) planned principal operations have commenced, but there has been no significant revenue therefrom.

(2) "Director" means the Director of the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(4) "Expert" means any person referred to in Subsection 61-1-10(2)(o), whose opinion, appraisal, report, name or similar information, is used in the registration statement or provides information which is used in the registration statement.

(5) "Financial statements" means a balance sheet, an income statement or statement of operations, a statement of cash flows, a statement of stockholders' equity or partners' capital, and appropriate notes to the financial statements.

(6) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(7) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Registration requirements

(1) The issuer must file with the Division the documents and information required by paragraphs (C) and (D) of this rule, and pay a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(2) The registration statement must

(2)(a) contain the documents required by paragraph (D) of this rule,

(2)(b) comply with the merit requirements of paragraph (G) of this rule,

(2)(c) comply with the requirements of Section R164-11-1,

(2)(d) comply with the fund impound requirements of Section R164-11-7b, and

(2)(e) comply with the sales commission requirements of Section R164-12-1f.

(3) Within ten working days after the effective date of the registration statement, issuer must file with the Division two copies of the final prospectus.

(4) Within ten working days after the expiration of the effectiveness of the registration statement, sale of the entire amount of the securities registered in the offering, or termination of the offering, whichever occurs first, issuer must file with the Division a completed and executed closing report on Division Form 10-2-1A.

(5) Within ten working days after the expiration of effectiveness of the registration statement, sale of the entire amount of the securities registered in the offering, or termination of the offering, whichever occurs first, issuer must file with the Division a list of persons who have purchased or subscribed to the offering, including the residential address of each purchaser, the dates of and amount of securities purchased or subscribed to, and the consideration paid by each purchaser or subscriber.

(6) Subsequent to the filing date of the registration statement, issuer must file with the Division financial statements which meet the requirements of paragraph (H) of this rule.

(7) Where the Division has notified issuer in writing of any missing or incomplete documents, deficiencies in the registration statement, or changes required in the prospectus, issuer must respond promptly. If issuer does not respond to the Division's deficiency letter within 30 calendar days of the mailing date of its deficiency letter, the registration statement may be deemed incomplete and appropriate action may be taken to deny effectiveness to the registration statement, and to impose a fine.

(D) Documents to be filed with the Division

The registration statement must contain the following:

(1) One original Division Form 10-2-1 which has been manually executed by all officers, directors, or partners;

(2) One original Division Form 10-2-1B certification for each officer, director, promoter, holder of 10% of the outstanding stock, broker-dealer or issuer-agent, and attorney;

(3) One original NASAA Form U-2, Uniform Consent to Service of Process, which is available from NASAA or the Division, appointing the Director, Utah Division of Securities as issuer's agent for service;

(4) Two copies of the preliminary prospectus containing the information required by paragraph (E) of this rule;

(5) Two copies of financial statements conforming to the requirements of paragraph (F) of this rule;

(6) One original opinion of counsel as required by Subsection 61-1-10(2)(n);

(7) One original NASAA Form U-2A, Uniform Corporate Resolution, which is available from NASAA or the Division, of the issuer where the registration statement is filed by or on behalf of a person other than an individual;

(8) One copy of the organizational documents as required by paragraph (I) of this rule;

(9) One copy of the subscription agreement, if any, to be used in connection with the offering;

(10) One original specimen security as required by paragraph (J) of this rule;

(11) One copy of the executed selling documents as required by paragraph (K) of this rule;

(12) One original of completed and executed documents required by Section R164-11-7b;

(13) One copy of any order, judgment or decree described

in subparagraph (E)(2)(d)(ix) of this rule;

(14) At the time of filing the registration statement or not less than five days prior to use, one copy of any item, other than the prospectus, intended to be used to advertise or solicit interest in the offering; except no filing shall be required for notices and advertisements used after the effective date of a registration statement which contains only statements allowed by SEC Rule 134, Communications Not Deemed a Prospectus, 17 CFR 230.134, 1993, which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the SEC or the Division;

(15) Original written consents as required by paragraph (L) of this rule;

(16) One copy of each material contract or agreement with an affiliate of the issuer and one copy of any other material contract;

(17) One original of documents supporting the value of assets as shown on the financial statements such as appraisals, assays, reserve reports, engineer reports and similar expert evaluations as discussed in the prospectus; and

(18) Other material documents or information as requested by the Division. The provisions of subparagraph (C)(7) of this rule apply to such requests.

(E) Prospectus information requirements

The prospectus must contain at least the following information:

(1) Facing pages

(1)(a) Title of document;

(1)(b) Number and class of shares or units offered;

(1)(c) Par or stated value;

(1)(d) Entity description, including:

(1)(d)(i) name,

(1)(d)(ii) address,

(1)(d)(iii) type,

(1)(d)(iv) state and date of incorporation or organization;

(1)(e) Statement as to whether or not a public market exists or will exist;

(1)(f) Statement as to how the securities are registered or exempt at both the federal and state level;

(1)(g) Statement that registration with the Division is neither a recommendation or endorsement of any security, individual, firm or corporation;

(1)(h) Statement as to whom offering is made;

(1)(i) In chart form, including:

(1)(i)(i) shares or units offered,

(1)(i)(ii) price per share,

(1)(i)(iii) commissions,

(1)(i)(iv) net proceeds to the issuer, and

(1)(i)(v) minimums and maximums sought;

(1)(j) Footnotes including:

(1)(j)(i) consideration sought,

(1)(j)(ii) manner of offering,

(1)(j)(iii) amount and type of sales commissions to be paid, and

(1)(j)(iv) the maximum amount of offering expenses;

(1)(k) Broker-dealer or agent name, address, and telephone number;

(1)(l) Statement that no person is authorized to make any statements not contained in the disclosure document and that practices to the contrary may be a criminal offense;

(1)(m) Effective date of the prospectus.

(2) Subsequent pages

(2)(a) The issuer:

(2)(a)(i) history,

(2)(a)(ii) purpose,

(2)(a)(iii) intentions,

(2)(a)(iv) predecessors;

(2)(b) Risk factors;

(2)(c) Conflicts of interest;

(2)(d) With respect to every director and officer of the issuer, the following information:

(2)(d)(i) Name, age, residential address;

(2)(d)(ii) Occupation and business experience during the past five years;

(2)(d)(iii) The number of shares or partnership interests of the issuer owned as of a specified date within 30 days of the filing of the registration statement, the approximate date of purchase and the consideration paid for those shares or interests;

(2)(d)(iv) The amount of the securities covered by the registration statement to which an intention to subscribe has been indicated;

(2)(d)(v) Any material interest in any material transaction with the issuer or any significant subsidiary effected within the past three years or proposed to be effected;

(2)(d)(vi) Any family relationship between any director or officer;

(2)(d)(vii) Any other director or officer or similar position held in any other non-public company;

(2)(d)(viii) Any previous involvement in a public company as an officer, director or promoter, including a complete description of the company and affiliation with the company, the dates of and amounts raised in public offerings of the company and, if the company has undergone a reorganization, merger or an acquisition of assets in which an amount of stock representing more than 50% of the company's outstanding stock was issued, the consideration per share received by the company and the book value per share of the company immediately before and after the reorganization, merger or acquisition of assets;

(2)(d)(ix) Involvement in any material legal proceeding;

(2)(d)(x) Any remuneration paid directly or indirectly by the issuer, its predecessors, parents, or subsidiaries, during the past twelve months and estimated to be paid during the succeeding twelve months;

(2)(e) With respect to any person owning of record, or beneficially, 10% of the outstanding shares of any class of equity security of the issuer, the same information specified in subparagraphs (E)(2)(d)(i) and (iii)-(x) of this rule.

(2)(f) With respect to every promoter, if the issuer was organized within the past three years, the same information as specified in subparagraph (E)(2)(d) of this rule and any amount paid by the issuer within the past three years as well as the consideration given for such payments.

(2)(g) With respect to any person on whose behalf any part of the offering is to be made in a nonissuer distribution the following information:

(2)(g)(i) The information required in subparagraph (E)(2)(d)(i) of this rule;

(2)(g)(ii) The amount of securities of the issuer held as of the date the registration statement was filed with the Division;

(2)(g)(iii) The information required in subparagraph (E)(2)(d)(v) of this rule;

(2)(g)(iv) Statement of reasons for making the offering.

(2)(h) Dilution, share ownership and capital contributions: narrative discussion and graphic or tabular illustration, such as bar graphs or pie charts;

(2)(i) Fund impound:

(2)(i)(i) amount,

(2)(i)(ii) duration,

(2)(i)(iii) location, and

(2)(i)(iv) statement that funds will be released only upon order of the Division;

(2)(j) Material litigation which affects the offering;

(2)(k) Summary of the Opinion of Counsel required by Subsection 61-1-10(2)(n);

(2)(l) The substance of reports, findings, appraisals and valuations provided by persons who are named as having prepared or certified such reports or valuations pursuant to Subsection 61-1-10(2)(o);

(2)(m) With respect to Limited Partnerships, net worth of each individual general partner exclusive of home, automobile and home furnishings or, in the alternative, a representation that the general partner meets the net worth requirements of subparagraph (G)(3)(b)(iii) of this rule;

(2)(n) Definition section, where material;

(2)(o) Substance of material contracts and agreements;

(2)(p) The amount of shares subject to transferability restrictions, contractual or otherwise, and the nature of said restriction;

(2)(q) Statement as to the issuer's fiscal year-end date;

(2)(r) Financial statements as required by this rule;

(2)(s) Statement of the intended use of proceeds of the offering as required by Subsection 61-1-10(2)(i);

(2)(t) Transfer agent's name and street address;

(2)(u) Statement that any and all amendments to the prospectus will be promptly filed with the Division, distributed to purchasers in the offering, and made a part of any prospectus used thereafter;

(2)(v) Statement that the Division, market makers, and security holders will be promptly notified in writing of any change in the management, purpose, and control of the issuer, or any material or adverse condition affecting the issuer.

(3) Small Company Offering Registration (SCOR)

(3)(a) A company issuing securities exempt from federal registration under Rule 504 of Regulation D, Regulation A, or Section 3(a)(11) of the Securities Act of 1933, may utilize the NASAA Form U-7, which is available from NASAA or the Division, as the prospectus for the offering to satisfy subparagraph (D)(4) of this rule, provided that the issuer:

(3)(a)(i) complies with each of the requirements set forth in Part I(1) of the NASAA SCOR Issuer's Manual;

(3)(a)(ii) complies with all conditions set forth in, and provides all information required by Part I(2) of the NASAA SCOR Issuer's Manual; and,

(3)(a)(iii) in all material respects complies with all other requirements of this rule.

(3)(b) The filing of one original NASAA Form U-1, Uniform Application to Register Securities, which has been manually executed by all officers and directors of the issuer, satisfies subparagraph (D)(1).

(F) Financial statements

The financial statements contained in the registration statement and the prospectus must meet the requirements of this paragraph (F).

(1) Financial statements of the issuer, or the issuer and its predecessors or any business to which the issuer is a successor, which are to be filed as part of the registration statement must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(2) Audited financial statements required herein must be accompanied by an unqualified opinion report by an independent certified public accountant.

(3) Consolidated financial statements must be prepared for an issuer that has majority-owned subsidiaries.

(4) The Division may permit the omission of one or more of the financial statements required under this rule and in substitution thereof permit appropriate comparable financial statements, upon the written request of issuer and where consistent with the protection of Utah investors.

(5) The Division may require the filing of other financial statements in addition to or in substitution for the financial statements herein required where such financial statements are necessary or appropriate for an adequate presentation of the issuer's financial condition or the financial condition of any person considered necessary, where consistent with the protection of Utah investors.

(6) Issuer must file audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year, or as of a date within four months of the date the registration statement is filed with the Division if the issuer, including predecessors, has existed for a period of less than one fiscal year.

(7) When the filing date of the registration statement falls after a date four months subsequent to the issuer's most recent fiscal year end, unaudited interim financial statements dated within four months of the filing date must also be included in the registration statement.

(8) Unaudited financial statements must be filed for the two fiscal years preceding the most recent fiscal year or for such shorter period as the issuer and any predecessors have been in existence if less than three years.

(9) If the financial statements required herein are as of a date more than four months prior to the date that the registration statement is expected to become effective, the financial statements must be updated as of a date within four months of the expected effective date and include the entire period since the last fiscal year end. Such interim financial statements need not be audited.

(10) If any part of the proceeds of the offering is to be applied to the purchase of any business, the same financial statements shall be required of that business as if it were the issuer.

(11) An issuer which is a limited partnership shall also be required to file the balance sheets of the general partners as described below.

(11)(a) Where a general partner of the limited partnership is a corporation there must be filed an audited balance sheet of such corporation as of the end of its most recently completed fiscal year.

(11)(b) Where a general partner of the limited partnership is a partnership there must be filed an audited balance sheet of such partnership as of the end of its most recently completed fiscal year.

(11)(c) Where a general partner of the limited partnership is a natural person there must be filed, only as supplemental information, an unaudited balance sheet of such natural person as of a date no more than four months prior to the date the registration statement was filed.

(G) Merit requirements

(1) Minimum offering amount for a development stage company

(1)(a) The minimum offering amount for a development stage company shall not be less than an amount such that immediately following the close of the offering the net tangible asset value of the company is equal to or greater than $75,000, based on the net tangible asset value of the most recent balance sheet included in the prospectus as adjusted to give effect to the minimum net proceeds of the offering and, at the discretion of the Division, any value not recognized for financial statement purposes as supported by independent appraisal or other recognized authority.

(2) Dilution

(2)(a) The maximum dilution to the net tangible asset value of the securities offered in a public offering pursuant to Section 61-1-10 shall not exceed 33 1/3% of the public offering price for a development stage company or 50% for all other companies.

(2)(b) This subparagraph (G)(2) of this rule shall apply to all offerings of preferred or common corporate stock.

(2)(c) Dilution shall be equal to the difference between the offering price of the shares and the net tangible asset value per share based on the most recent balance sheet included in the prospectus as adjusted to give effect to the maximum net proceeds of the offering. The net tangible asset value of the shares at the close of the offering shall be determined by dividing the net tangible asset value of the corporation by the total number of shares outstanding at the close of the offering. The net tangible asset value of the corporation shall be equal to

the total assets of the corporation less the intangible assets and the liabilities of the corporation.

(2)(d) In the event that not all shares offered are sold, the shareholders, other than those purchasing in the offering, shall be required to contribute to the company a sufficient number of shares or tangible assets so that dilution, based on the most recent balance sheet included in the prospectus and receipt of the net proceeds from the shares actually sold, does not exceed the maximum dilution allowed.

(2)(e) Registration will not be permitted to close, and will not be issued a closing letter, where the dilution at the close of the offering is greater than the maximum dilution allowed and such violation has not been remedied.

(3) Equity

(3)(a) Corporate Equity and Debt Offering.

(3)(a)(i) Prior to and during the effectiveness of a registration statement pertaining to an offering of securities which are corporate equity securities, rights to obtain corporate equity securities, securities convertible into corporate equity securities, or corporate debt securities, the corporation must have equity equal to at least 10% of the maximum aggregate offering price of the securities which are registered or to be registered. Equity shall be equal to the sum of stated capital, capital surplus which was contributed in cash, and retained earnings. Retained deficits will not reduce the equity of the corporation for purposes of this subparagraph (G)(3)(a) of this rule. In no event shall capital contributed in the form of services or any evidence of indebtedness qualify as any portion of equity in order to meet the requirements of this subparagraph (G)(3)(a) of this rule.

(3)(a)(ii) Tangible property may be considered to satisfy this requirement, in the discretion of the Division, only where the value of such property is ascertained and supported by the issuer, where the value substantially exceeds the necessary equity requirement and where clear title to the property is held by the issuer.

(3)(b) Limited Partnership and Trust Certificate Offering. Prior to the effectiveness of a registration statement relating to limited partnership units, issuer must meet one of the following requirements:

(3)(b)(i) The general partner, promoter, or manager has paid, in cash, at least an amount equal to 5% of the maximum aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered to the issuer for equity interests in the issuer;

(3)(b)(ii) The general partner, promoter, or manager has the ability to pay and commit themselves to pay, in cash, 5% of the maximum aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered into the fund impound prior to the release of the impound and in addition to any other impound which may be required by the rules of the Division; or,

(3)(b)(iii) The general partner, promoter, or manager has an aggregate net tangible asset value exclusive of home, automobile, and home furnishings equal to 10% of the maximum aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered. Where a general partner, promoter or manager is also a general partner, promoter or manager of another partnership or trust for which this subparagraph was used to satisfy the equity requirements for a registered offering of that partnership or trust, the aggregate net tangible asset value will be reduced by the amount required to satisfy the equity requirements of the previous offering.

(4) Offering Expenses

The maximum offering expenses, not including commissions on the sales of the securities, which shall be paid from the proceeds of the public offering or by the issuer in connection with the public offering is the greater of $6,000 or 8% of the minimum aggregate offering price of the securities registered.

(H) Post filing financial statement requirements

(1) The financial statements required by this paragraph (H) of this rule must be prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in paragraph (F) of this rule.

(2) Subsequent to the filing date of a registration statement, the following financial statements must be filed:

(2)(a) After the end of each fiscal year, through and including the year in which 80% of the offering proceeds will have been used, audited financial statements for the previous fiscal year must be filed with the Division within 90 days after the end of the applicant fiscal year.

(2)(b) If an effective registered offering has not been completely sold at a date six months after the end of the issuer's last fiscal year, unaudited interim financial statements must be filed with the Division within 30 days of that date for the period ending six months from the fiscal year end. Financial statements required by this subparagraph (H)(2) of this rule shall not be required where interim financial statements are filed pursuant to the requirements in paragraph (F) of this rule which cover at least the same period covered by this subparagraph (H)(2).

(3) If an effective registered offering has not been completely sold, the financial statements required by this paragraph (H) of this rule must be appended to every prospectus used thereafter.

(I) Organizational documents

(1) Corporation. A registration statement for the proposed sale of securities of a corporation must contain:

(1)(a) one copy of the certificate and articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto; and

(1)(b) By-laws.

(2) Limited Partnership. A registration statement for the proposed sale of securities of a limited partnership must contain:

(2)(a) one copy of the limited partnership agreement, and

(2)(b) the documentation of the managing general partner which would be required by this paragraph (I) of this rule if the managing general partner was the issuer of the securities.

(3) Others. As the Division specifies in each instance.

(J) Specimen Security

The registration statement must contain either:

(1) An original specimen security which conforms to the description of the security in the registration statement; or

(2)(a) A letter, signed by a director of the issuer, or a person of similar responsibility for an unincorporated issuer, stating that a specimen security meeting the requirements of subparagraph (J)(1) of this rule will be delivered prior to the release of impounded funds, and

(2)(b) A notation on Item 12 of Division Form 11-7B that it shall be a condition of release of such impounded funds for the issuer to provide a specimen security meeting the requirements of subparagraph (J)(1) of this rule.

(K) Selling documents

The registration statement must contain the following documents with respect to the persons who propose to offer or sell the securities pursuant to the registration statement:

(1) Where the securities are to be offered through a licensed agent or broker-dealer, one copy of the signed agreement between the agent OR broker-dealer and the issuer setting forth the compensation each person will receive in connection with such distribution, and a description of any transactions between such person and the issuer within the twelve months preceding the filing of the registration statement.

(2) Where the securities are to be offered through any person not licensed with the Division as a broker-dealer or agent, the broker-dealer or agent application and supporting documents and information, as required in Section R164-4-1, for such person must accompany the registration statement at the time of the original filing.

(3) No registration statement shall become effective where

(3)(a) the only person participating in the distribution is a broker-dealer which is a member of FINRA, and

(3)(b) the Division has not received written confirmation or oral confirmation to be followed by written confirmation that FINRA has no objection to the compensation arrangements set forth in the registration statement.

(4) No registration statement shall be effective or become effective without complete compliance with Section R164-4-1 by at least one person participating in the distribution.

(L) Consent of expert

(1) Where any information provided by an expert is used in the registration statement or prospectus, the registration statement must include the consent of the expert to the specific use of the information in the prospectus or registration statement.

(2) Where the name of an expert is used in the registration statement or prospectus, the registration statement or prospectus must contain the consent of the expert as to the specific use of the expert's name.

(M) Amendments

(1) Whenever there is a material change in any information or document filed with the Division, the issuer must file a correcting amendment with the Division within ten working days after the material change.

(2) There is no charge for filing a correcting amendment.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-11. Registration Statement.
R164-11-1. General Registration Provisions.

A. Preliminary Notes

(1) This R164-11-1 applies to public offerings registered by coordination or qualification pursuant to Sections 9 or 10 of the Utah Uniform Securities Act (the "Act"), except this rule shall not apply to offerings which are registered in twenty or more states, including the state of Utah.

(2) The purpose of the rule is to ensure full disclosure of material information, prohibit offerings which tend to work a fraud on purchasers and prohibit unreasonable amounts of promoters' profits.

(3) Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of the effectiveness of a registration statement.

(4) For purposes of this rule "development stage companies" shall mean those companies that devote substantially all of their efforts to acquiring or establishing a new business and in which either: 1) planned principal operations have not commenced or 2) there have been no significant revenues therefrom.

(5) Selected requirements of this rule may be waived by the Utah Securities Division ("Division") where an applicant makes a specific request for a waiver and the Division finds that such requirement(s) is/are not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors.

(6) This rule applies to all registration statements filed on or after February 15, 1986.

B. NASAA Statements of Policy

All registration statements for oil and gas programs, church bonds, real estate investment trusts, publicly-offered cattle-feeding programs, real estate programs and equipment programs must satisfy the provisions of the appropriate statements of policy adopted by the North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA").

Offerings which are required under this paragraph B to satisfy, and do satisfy, the provisions of a NASAA statement of policy shall not be required to satisfy the provisions of paragraphs C and D of this R164-11-1.

C. Promoters' Investment in Development Stage Companies

An investment by promoters and shareholders in a development stage company shall be required as follows:

(1) Corporate Equity and Debt Offerings.

Prior to and during the effectiveness of a registration statement, where the registrant is the issuer, pertaining to an offering of securities which are corporate equity securities, which are securities convertible into corporate equity securities or which are corporate debt securities, the corporation shall have equity equal to at least the lesser of: 1) ten percent (10%) of the aggregate offering price of the securities which are registered or to be registered or 2) fifty thousand dollars ($50,000). Equity shall be equal to the sum of stated capital, capital surplus which was contributed in cash and retained earnings. Retained deficits will not reduce the equity of the company for purposes of this subparagraph. In no event shall capital contributed in the form of services or any evidence of indebtedness qualify as any portion of equity in order to meet the requirements of this subparagraph.

NOTE: Tangible property may be considered to satisfy this requirement, in the discretion of the Division, only where the value of such property is ascertained and supported by the registrant, where the value substantially exceeds the necessary equity requirement and where clear title to the property is held by the issuer.

(2) Partnership and Trust Certificate Offerings.

Prior to the effectiveness of a registration statement relating to partnership units, the registrant shall meet one of the following requirements:

(a) The general partner(s), promoter(s), and/or manager(s) have paid, in cash, at least an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered to the issuer for equity interests in the issuer; or

(b) The general partner(s), promoter(s), and/or manager(s) have the ability to pay and commit themselves to pay, in cash, the lesser of: 1) five percent (5%) of the aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered or 2) fifty thousand dollars ($50,000); or

(c) The general partner(s), promoter(s), and/or manager(s) have an aggregate net tangible asset value exclusive of home, automobile, and home furnishings equal to ten percent (10%) of the aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered. Where a general partner, promoter or manager is also a general partner, promoter or manager of another partnership or trust for which this subparagraph was used to satisfy the equity requirements for a registered offering of that partnership or trust, the aggregate net tangible asset value will be reduced by the amount required to satisfy the equity requirements of the previous offering.

D. Business Plan and Use of Proceeds for Development State Companies

In a development stage company the business plan and the use of offering proceeds must be disclosed with specificity in the offering prospectus.

Where eighty percent (80%) or more of the net offering proceeds (total offering proceeds less offering expenses and commissions) is not specifically allocated for the purchase, construction or development of identified properties or products, discharge of indebtedness, payment of overhead, etc., the registrant shall comply with the following provisions:

(1) Eighty percent (80%) of the net offering proceeds shall be escrowed in a manner approved by the Division. The escrow shall continue until the registrant can specifically allocate the use of the proceeds, at which time the registrant shall amend or supplement the registration statement to disclose all material information concerning the proposed use of proceeds. Such disclosure shall be in the same form and quality as required in a registration statement.

(2) At the time of the amendment or supplement to the registration statement, the investors in the offering must be given no less than twenty (20) days to ratify or rescind his/her investments. Investors who choose to rescind his/her investments shall receive a pro rata refund of all offering proceeds. However, should enough investors request a refund such that the net tangible asset value of the company after the refund would be less than seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) the registrant shall make a pro rata refund of all unused offering proceeds to investors.

(3) The registrant shall not issue stock, deliver stock certificates or allow secondary trading of the stock until the offering proceeds have been released to the registrant.

E. Employment of Agents by Issuers

An issuer shall not employ agents to sell securities which are the subject of the registration statement until: 1) such agent is registered with the Division as an agent of the issuer; and 2) the issuer has filed with the Division a surety bond in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) conditioned on the agents compliance with the Utah Uniform Securities Act and the rules of the Securities Division of the Utah Department of Commerce and covering the effective period of the issuer's registration statement.

R164-11-2. Hearings for Certain Exchanges of Securities.

(A) Authority and purpose.

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-11.1 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule sets forth the procedure and requirements to

be met when seeking a fairness hearing for certain exchanges of securities.

(3) A finding of fairness under Section 61-1-11.1 does not constitute a registration or exemption except as provided by Paragraph (H).

(B) Definitions.

(1) "Director" means the Director of the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "Interested person" means any officer, director or security holder of either party involved in the transaction, or any other person as the Division may permit.

(C) Parties.

The Division will only consider an application under Section 61-1-11.1 for a transaction where:

(1) Either party to the transaction is a domestic business entity formed, organized or incorporated under the laws of Utah;

(2) Either party to the transaction is a business entity whose headquarters or principal place of business is located in Utah; or

(3) Thirty percent (30 %) or more of the persons to whom it is proposed to issue securities or to deliver other consideration in an exchange under Subsection 61-1-11.1(1) are persons who are Utah residents.

(D) Application Requirements.

An application may be made to the Division under Subsections 61-1-11.1(1) and 61-1-11.1(5) by filing with the Division:

(1) Division Form 11--Application for Hearing for Certain Exchanges of Securities;

(2) NASAA Form U-2, Uniform Consent to Service of Process;

(3) A fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule; and

(4) Other documents as the Division may request.

(E) Notice.

(1) At least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the hearing, the applicant must provide written notice of the hearing, as approved by the Division, to any person to whom it is proposed to issue securities or to deliver other consideration in an exchange under Subsection 61-1-11.1(1). Such notice shall be effective pursuant to Subsection 16-10a-103(5). Such notice period may be waived upon the demonstration of good cause by the applicant.

(2) The notice must contain the following information:

(a) A brief statement of the facts that give rise to the hearing, including an outline of the terms and conditions of the proposed transaction;

(b) A statement of the issues to be considered at the hearing, together with the relevant statutes and rules;

(c) The time and place of the hearing as specified by the Division;

(d) The procedures for participating in the hearing by telephone or affidavit as approved by the Division; and

(E) Any other information requested by the Division.

(3) Prior to or at the hearing, the applicant must file an affidavit with the Division stating that a notice has been sent, in compliance with Subparagraphs (E)(1) and (E)(2), to all persons to whom it is proposed to issue securities or to deliver other consideration in an exchange under Subsection 61-1-11.1(1), including a description of how and when the notice was sent.

(F) Hearing.

(1) Within a reasonable time after the receipt of an application meeting the requirements of Section 61-1-11.1 and this rule, the Division may schedule a hearing to be conducted under Subsection 61-1-11.1(2).

(2) A hearing under Section 61-1-11.1 shall be conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Director.

(3) Any interested person may attend a hearing under Section 61-1-11.1.

(4) Any interested person may participate in the hearing by giving written notice to the Division at least two (2) days prior to the hearing, indicating such person's intention to appear and participate in the hearing. Interested persons may participate:

(a) In person;

(b) By telephone; or

(c) By affidavit.

(5) The hearing shall be recorded electronically and transcribed by the Division. The transcription costs will be assessed to the Applicant. Upon request, the Division will hire a court reporter at the requester's expense.

(G) Findings and Order.

Within a reasonable time after completion of the hearing, the Director shall issue an order pursuant to Subsection 61-1-11.1(3).

(H) Exemptions.

The Issuer may request that the Division determine that the transaction is exempt from registration under Subsection 61-1-14(2)(s).

R164-11-7b. Fund Impound.

A. Preliminary Notes

(1) R164-11-7b applies only to public offerings which are registered by qualification pursuant to Section 10 of the Utah Uniform Securities Act (the "Act") and the rules thereunder.

(2) This R164-11-7b and R164-10-2 both require certain documents to be filed and provide that failure to comply with these requirements is cause for denial, suspension or revocation of the effectiveness of a registration statement.

(3) This rule R164-11-7b is a statement of what has been the position of the Utah Securities Division (the "Division") in the past under Rule A67-03-12 and applies to all registration statements which become effective on or after May 10, 1983.

B. Term of Impound

(1) The applicant for registration by qualification under Section 10 of the Act and the rules thereunder may choose a term of not less than one month and not more than one year from the effective date of the registration statement.

(2) The term of the impound shall be expressed by the number of months and shall not be expressed by the number of days.

C. Amount to be Impounded

(1) The amount to be impounded shall be the greater of:

(a) Twenty-five percent of the aggregate offering price of the securities to be registered plus offering expenses; OR

(b) The minimum amount required to sustain the business proposed by the registrant for one full year from the release of the impound; OR

(c) The minimum amount proposed to be sold by the applicant pursuant to the registration statement.

D. Where Funds are to be Impounded

Funds may be impounded at any federal or state bank or savings institution.

E. Conditions of Impound

(1) The applicant shall file a completed FORM 11-7b with the Division as part of the registration statement.

(2) The conditions of impound are stated on FORM 11-7b and are herein incorporated as requirements of this R164-11-7b.

F. Release of Impounded Funds

(1) The impounded funds shall be released only by an ORDER OF THE DIVISION.

(2) The impounded funds shall be released to the registrant where:

(a) All registration requirements which, pursuant to the rules of the Division needed to be met by such date, have been met;

(b) The registrant requests the release in writing; and

(c) The Division receives written confirmation from the

financial institution impounding the funds of the amount which has been deposited into the impound.

G. Certain Registrants

Where the registrant in a registration by qualification is a security holder who is not conducting a public offering for or on behalf of the issuer of the securities which are to be sold in the offering, no fund impound is required by this R164-11-7b; provided, however, that where an offering has a "minimum" required to be sold in order to consummate the transaction, a fund impound is required.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-12. Sales Commission.
R164-12-1f. Commissions on Sales of Securities.

A. Preliminary Notes

(1) This R164-12-1f regulates the compensation which may be received by any person in connection with a public offering of securities pursuant to a registration by qualification under Section 10 of the Utah Uniform Securities Act (the "Act"). The Rule does not effect offerings which are registered by coordination or offerings which are sold pursuant to an exemption from the Act.

(2) This R164-12-1f does not effect the requirements of the Act and the rules thereunder as to registration, supervision and termination of agents.

(3) This R164-12-1f is an extended version of the standards that the Utah Securities Division (the "Division") has in the past required to be met. The standards herein are based upon reasonableness, the NASAA guidelines as to options and warrants issued to underwriters, and FINRA's interpretations of fair compensation. The percentage of cash commissions that is permitted under this R164-12-1f is unchanged from the former Rule A67-03-12.

B. Persons Subject to this Rule

(1) This R164-12-1f regulates compensation to participants in a distribution of securities which are registered by qualification pursuant to Section 10 of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(2) No registrant, affiliate of a registrant, or person acting on behalf of a registrant in connection with a public offering registered pursuant to Section 10 of the Act may give, directly or indirectly, compensation which is in violation of this R164-12-1f.

(3) No agent, underwriter or affiliate of an agent or underwriter may receive, directly or indirectly in connection with a public offering registered pursuant to Section 10 of the Act, compensation which is in violation of this R164-12-1f.

C. Definitions

As used in this R164-12-1f, the following terms shall have the indicated meanings:

(1) "Compensation" includes all cash; the value of all options, warrants, rights and other securities; the gross amount of the underwriter's discount; total expenses payable by the issuer, whether accountable or non-accountable, to or on behalf of the participant in the distribution which would normally be paid by the participant in the distribution; counsel's fees and expenses of the participant in the distribution payable by the issuer; finder's fees; financial consulting and advisory fees; and the value of all contracts and agreements with respect to the issuer or its affiliates which are connected with the distribution or with the negotiation of compensation in the distribution.

(2) "Corporate equity security" means any security which presently represents an ownership interest in a corporate entity and which includes common stock and preferred stock but does not include a security which is not presently, but is at some future time convertible into, a corporate equity security.

(3) "Participant in the distribution" means any person offering, selling, delivering, distributing, soliciting interest in or otherwise involved in the distribution, offer or sale of securities to the public or to any member of the public and includes persons commonly known as underwriters, agents and finders.

D. Maximum Compensation

(1) Distributions of Corporate Equity Securities: the maximum compensation that shall be given, directly or indirectly, to the participants in a distribution of corporate equity securities is an amount equal to 15% of that portion of the public offering price of the securities being distributed which is actually received by or on behalf of the registrant; provided, however, that any securities issued in connection with such distribution comply with paragraph F of this R164-12-1f.

(2) All Other Distributions: the maximum compensation that shall be given, directly or indirectly, to the participants in a distribution of securities other than corporate equity securities shall be 20% of that portion of the public offering price of the securities being sold which is actually received by or on behalf of the registrant; provided, however, that any securities issued also comply with paragraph F of this R164-12-1f.

E. Determination of Amount Received by or on Behalf of the Registrant

The amount of the public offering price which is actually received shall be determined as follows:

(1) The following shall be included:

(a) Cash received;

(b) Fair market value of any securities received; and

(c) Fair market value of any tangible property received excluding items listed in subparagraph E(2) of this R164-12-1f.

(2) The following shall be excluded:

(a) Promissory notes or similar promises to provide cash or property in the future;

(b) Assessments, whether conditional or obligatory; and

(c) Intangible property such as patents, royalties, etc.

F. Securities Issued to Participants in a Distribution

(1) Options or Warrants:

Options or warrants issued to participants in a distribution must be justified by the applicant. Options or warrants will be considered justified if all of the conditions of this paragraph F are met.

(a) The options or warrants are issued only to a broker-dealer registered with this Division and are not transferable except in cases where the broker-dealer is a partnership and then only within the partnership.

(b) The number of shares covered by all options or warrants does not exceed ten percent of the shares to be outstanding upon completion of the offering.

(c) The options or warrants do not exceed five years in duration and are exercisable no sooner than one year after issuance.

(d) The initial exercise price of the options or warrants is at least equal to the public offering price plus a step-up of said public offering price of either seven per cent each year they are outstanding, so that the exercise price throughout the second year is one hundred seven per cent, throughout the third year one hundred fourteen per cent, throughout the fourth year one hundred twenty-one per cent, throughout the fifth year one hundred twenty-eight per cent; or in the alternative, twenty per cent at any time after one year from the date of issuance; provided that an election as to either alternative must be made by the broker-dealer at the time that the options or warrants are issued.

(e) The options or warrants are issued by a relatively small company, which is in the promotional stage, or which, because of its size, lacks public ownership of its shares, or other facts and circumstances make it appear that the issuance of options is necessary to obtain competent investment banking services.

(f) The prospectus used in connection with the offering fully discloses the terms and the reason for the issuance of such options or warrants; provided that if such reason relates to future advisory services to be performed by the broker-dealer without compensation in consideration for the issuance of such options or warrants, a statement to that effect is placed in the prospectus.

(g) The total amount of options and warrants issued or reserved for issuance at the date of the public offering shall be reasonable. The amount of options and warrants shall be presumed reasonable if the number of shares represented by such options and warrants does not exceed a number equal to ten per cent of the number of shares outstanding during the period the registration is in effect. The number of options and warrants reserved for issuance may be disregarded if the issuer

files an undertaking or states in the prospectus that the amount of outstanding options and warrants shall not exceed the above limitation during the period the registration is in effect.

(2) The value of any securities received, which value shall be included in determining the amount of compensation for the purposes of paragraph D of this R164-12-1f shall be as follows:

(a) Options/Warrants: The market value of such options or warrants, if any, shall be used. In cases where no market value exists, a presumed fair value of twenty per cent of the public offering price of the shares to which the options or warrants pertain shall be used, unless evidence indicates that a contrary valuation exists.

(b) Stock: The amount of compensation received when stock is issued shall be the difference between the cost of such stock and the proposed public offering price or, in the case of securities with a bona fide independent market, the cost of such stock and price of the stock on the market on the date of purchase. If, however, there is a binding obligation to hold such stock for a substantial period of time, an adjustment in such valuation may be made.

(c) Convertible Securities: The amount of compensation received when convertible securities are issued shall be the difference between the conversion price and the proposed public offering price or, in the case of securities with a bona fide independent market, the conversion price and the price of the stock on the market on the date of purchase.

(3) Equity Securities Issued to Participants in a Distribution:

Equity securities or securities convertible into equity securities, when combined with securities issued pursuant to subsection (F)(1) of this Rule, acquired by a participant in a distribution, whether acquired prior to, at the time of, or after, but which are determined to be in connection with or related to, the offering shall not in the aggregate be more than ten percent of the total number of units being offered in the proposed offering. The maximum limitation in the case of "best efforts" underwritings or participations shall be on the basis of no more than one unit received for every ten units actually sold. For the purposes of this paragraph:

(a) No securities shall be issued to a participant in a distribution where such participant is not a broker-dealer registered with this Division;

(b) Over-allotment shares and shares underlying warrants, options, or convertible securities which are part of the proposed offering are not to be counted as part of the aggregate number of shares being offered against which the ten percent limitation is to be applied.

(c) In an exceptional or unusual case involving an offering of convertible securities of a company whose stock already has a public market and where the circumstances require, taking into consideration the conversion terms of the securities to be received by the above persons, the receipt of underlying shares by such persons aggregating the above referred to ten percent limitation may be considered improper and a lesser amount considered more appropriate.

(d) In an exceptional or unusual case, where a large number of shares of a company are already outstanding and/or the purchase price of the securities, risk involved or the time factor as to acquisition or other circumstances justify, a variation from the above limitations may be permitted but in all cases the burden of demonstrating justification for such shall be upon the person seeking the variation.

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R164-14. Exemptions.
R164-14-1e. Exchange Listing Exemption.

(A) Authority and Purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(1)(e) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) The rule identifies additional exchanges for which the exemption under Subsection 61-1-14(1)(e) is available.

(3) The rule also states the procedure whereby confirmation of the availability of the exemption can be obtained.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Confirmation" means written confirmation of the exemption from registration from the Division.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "Exchange Tiers" means the different levels, groups or markets within an exchange or medium, whereby each level requires substantively different, as opposed to alternate and comparable, listing and maintenance criteria.

(4) "Exemption" means the exemption provided in Subsection 61-1-14(1)(e).

(C) Recognized exchanges

(1) A security listed on one of the following exchanges or mediums is exempt from registration:

(1)(a) New York Stock Exchange

(1)(b) NYSE Amex Equities

(1)(c) NASDAQ Global

(1)(d) NASDAQ Global Select

(1)(e) NASDAQ Capital Market

(1)(f) Chicago Board Options Exchange

(1)(g) Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

(2) A security listed on one of the following exchanges or mediums is exempt from registration for the limited purpose of nonissuer transactions effected by or through a licensed broker-dealer:

(2)(a) Chicago Stock Exchange

(2)(b) Philadelphia Stock Exchange/Tier II

(D) Listed securities

(1) As to securities listed with a recognized exchange or medium, the exemption is self-executing.

(2) If desired, any person may request confirmation of the exemption in the manner described below.

(E) Securities approved for listing

(1) A security which is "approved for listing upon notice of issuance" on a recognized exchange or medium enumerated in Subparagraph (C)(1) of this rule qualifies for the exemption. The exemption is self-executing.

(2) If desired, any person may request confirmation of the exemption in the manner described below.

(F) Senior or substantially equal rank securities

(1) An unlisted security of the same issuer which is of senior or substantially equal rank to the security listed on a recognized exchange or medium enumerated in Subparagraph (C)(1) of this rule qualifies for the exemption. The exemption is self-executing.

(2) If desired, any person may request confirmation of the exemption in the manner described below.

(G) Delisted or suspended securities

(1) If a listed security becomes delisted or suspended, the exemption is not available to the security or a senior or substantially equal rank security for the period during which the security is delisted or suspended.

(H) Requests for confirmation

(1) A confirmation from the Division may be requested by any person.

(2) The request for confirmation must include documentary proof of the listing or approval for listing upon notice of issuance with the recognized exchange or medium which is relied upon as the basis for the exemption.

(3) The required documentary proof must indicate, where applicable, that the listing is current and must include:

(3)(a) a signed copy of the listing agreement;

(3)(b) a copy of the receipt for payment; or

(3)(c) a signed copy of a letter from the recognized exchange or medium with which the security is listed which acknowledges listing and the effective date thereof, or acknowledges approval for listing upon notice of issuance.

(4) Each request for confirmation must include a filing fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(5) In response to a complete request for confirmation, the Division will issue a letter confirming the availability of the exemption.

(6) The Division will issue a copy of the letter confirming the availability of the exemption to any person so requesting in writing or in person for the cost of the photocopying.

(I) Exchange tiers

(1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (I)(2) of this rule, where a recognized exchange or medium has more than one tier, the exemption applies only to the highest tier.

(2) The exemption applies to a lower tier of a recognized exchange or medium if the lower tier is specifically named in this rule.

R164-14-2b. Manual Listing Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(b) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) The rule specifies recognized securities manuals.

(3) The rule prescribes the information upon which each listing must be based to qualify for the exemption.

(4) The rule sets forth the exclusive method of claiming the transactional exemption contained in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(b).

(4)(a) Except as provided in Paragraph (H), the exemption is not self-executing and may not be relied upon until the Division confirms the exemption as provided below.

(4)(b) A confirmation may only be requested by a broker-dealer licensed with the Division or by the issuer of the securities for which the exemption is sought.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Blank-check company" means a development stage company that:

(1)(a) has no business plan or purpose;

(1)(b) has not fully disclosed its business plan or purpose; or

(1)(c) has only indicated that its business plan is to engage in a merger or acquisition with an unidentified company or companies.

(2) "Blind-pool company" means a development stage company that has generally disclosed its business plan or purpose, but such business plan or purpose has not identified specific properties or products to be purchased, constructed or developed.

(3) "Confirmation" means written confirmation of the exemption from registration from the Division.

(4) "Development stage company" means a company that is devoting substantially all of its efforts to acquiring or establishing a new business and either of the following conditions exists:

(4)(a) planned principal operations have not commenced; or

(4)(b) planned principal operations have commenced, but there has been no significant revenues therefrom.

(5) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(6) "Dormant company" means a company which does not pursue nor has the financial capacity to pursue a business plan

or purpose, whether or not it is a development stage company.

(7) "Exemption" means the exemption provided in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(b) of the Act.

(8) "Financial statements" means a balance sheet, an income statement or statement of operations, a statement of cash flows, a statement of stockholders' equity, if a corporation or partners' capital, if a partnership, and appropriate notes to the financial statements.

(9) "Shell company" means a company which does not pursue nor has the financial capacity to pursue a business plan or purpose, whether or not it is a development stage company.

(10) "Significant change" means any change involving a reorganization, merger, acquisition, or other change which causes the issuer to increase its issued and outstanding shares of stock by at least 40% of the issued and outstanding shares before the change.

(C) Recognized securities manuals

(1) The Division recognizes the following securities manuals:

(1)(a) Standard and Poor's Corporation Records

(1)(b) Mergent's Industrial Manual

(1)(c) Mergent's Bank and Finance Manual

(1)(d) Mergent's Transportation Manual

(1)(e) Mergent's OTC Industrial Manual

(1)(f) Mergent's Public Utility Manual

(1)(g) Mergent's OTC Unlisted Manual

(1)(h) Mergent's International Manual

(D) Information upon which listing must be based

(1) A listing must be based upon the following information, which must be filed with the selected recognized securities manual:

(1)(a) the issuer's name, current street and mailing address and telephone number;

(1)(b) the names and titles of the executive officers and members of the board of directors of the issuer;

(1)(c) a description of the issuer's business;

(1)(d) the number of shares of each class of stock outstanding at the balance sheet date; and

(1)(e) the issuer's annual financial statements as of a date within 18 months which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and audited by an independent certified public accountant who has issued an unqualified opinion; if the issuer has been organized for less than one year, the financial statements must be for the period from inception.

(E) Confirmation requirement

(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (H), confirmation must be obtained prior to relying upon the exemption.

(2) A request for confirmation must include:

(2)(a) all information filed with the selected recognized securities manual;

(2)(b) a copy of the listing with the recognized securities manual which is based upon the information filed under paragraph (D); and

(2)(c) a filing fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(3) In response to a request for confirmation which complies with this rule, the Division will issue a letter confirming the exemption.

(4) The Division will issue a copy of the letter confirming the exemption to any person so requesting in writing or in person for the cost of the photocopying, and mailing if necessary.

(F) Term of exemption

(1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (F)(2), the exemption becomes effective on the date confirmed by the Division.

(2) The exemption for the securities of an issuer which qualify under Paragraph (H) becomes effective on the date a listing, based upon the information required under Paragraph (D), is published in a recognized securities manual.

(3) The exemption shall expire upon the earliest of:

(3)(a) A date 18 months from the date of the annual financial statements required under paragraph (D);

(3)(b) The date of a new annual issue or edition of the recognized securities manual which does not contain a listing based upon the information required under paragraph (D);

(3)(c) A date 45 calendar days from a change in the Chairman of the Board of Directors or a change in any two other members of the Board of Directors unless the recognized securities manual has published this information within the 45 days; or

(3)(d) A date 90 calendar days after a significant change in the issuer unless the recognized securities manual has published, at a minimum, an audited balance sheet and income statement reflecting the significant change within the 90 days.

(G) Blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company

(1) The exemption is not available to a blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company which has not previously registered its securities with the Division.

(2) A company which has not previously registered its securities with the Division which, within the past three fiscal years of the company, has merged with or been acquired by a blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company, which has not previously registered its securities with the Division, must file:

(2)(a) with the recognized securities manual, the information required under paragraph (D), as to all parties to such transaction;

(2)(b) with the Division, the shareholders list reflecting the initial public offering of the blank-check, blind-pool, dormant or shell company; and

(2)(c) with the Division, the shareholders list of the company, current within thirty days of the request for confirmation of the exemption.

(H) Exceptions to confirmation requirement

(1) Confirmation prior to relying upon the exemption shall not be required for any security if at the time of the transaction:

(1)(a) the security is sold at a price reasonably related to the current market price of such security;

(1)(b) the security does not constitute the whole or part of an unsold allotment to, or subscription or participation by, a broker-dealer as an underwriter of the security;

(1)(c) the security has been outstanding in the hands of the public for at least 90 days;

(1)(d) the issuer of the security is a going concern, actually engaged in business and is not in the development stage, in bankruptcy or receivership;

(1)(e) the issuer of the security has been in continuous operation for at least five years; and

(1)(f) the information required by Paragraph (D) is contained in a recognized securities manual listed in Paragraph (C).

R164-14-2m. Secondary Trading Transactional Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(m) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) The rule sets forth the exclusive method of claiming the transactional exemption contained in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(m).

(2)(a) The exemption is not self-executing. It may not be relied upon until the Division confirms the exemption as provided below.

(2)(b) A confirmation may only be requested by a broker-dealer licensed with the Division or by the issuer of the securities for which the exemption is sought.

(2)(c) The exemption is available only for transactions

effected by or through a broker-dealer licensed with the Division.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Blank-check company" means a development stage company that:

(1)(a) has no business plan or purpose;

(1)(b) has not fully disclosed its business plan or purpose; or

(1)(c) has only indicated that its business plan is to engage in a merger or acquisition with an unidentified company or companies.

(2) "Blind-pool company" means a development stage company that has generally disclosed its business plan or purpose, but such business plan or purpose has not identified specific properties or products to be purchased, constructed or developed.

(3) "Confirmation" means written confirmation of the exemption from registration from the Division.

(4) "Development stage company" means a company that is devoting substantially all of its efforts to acquiring or establishing a new business and either of the following conditions exists:

(4)(a) planned principal operations have not commenced; or

(4)(b) planned principal operations have commenced, but there has been no significant revenues therefrom.

(5) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(6) "Dormant company" means a company which does not pursue nor has the financial capacity to pursue a business plan or purpose, whether or not it is a development stage company.

(7) "Exemption" means the exemption provided in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(m).

(8) "Financial statements" means a balance sheet, an income statement or statement of operations, a statement of cash flows, a statement of stockholders' equity, if a corporation or partners' capital, if a partnership, and appropriate notes to the financial statements.

(9) "Shell company" means a company which does not pursue nor has the financial capacity to pursue a business plan or purpose, whether or not it is a development stage company.

(C) Request for confirmation

(1) The broker-dealer or issuer should file a request for confirmation with the Division in advance of the expiration of the previous registration statement or exemption to provide the Division a reasonable period of time in which to review the request.

(2) A request for confirmation must include the information required in paragraph (D).

(3) A request for confirmation must include a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(4) In response to a request for confirmation which complies with this rule, the Division will issue a letter confirming the exemption.

(5) The Division will issue a copy of the letter confirming the exemption to any person so requesting in writing or in person for the cost of the photocopying, and mailing if necessary.

(D) Required information

(1) A reporting company which is required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the preceding year must file one copy of the registration statement or the most recent Form 10-K which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and containing financial statements dated not more than 15 months prior to this filing.

(2) A non-reporting company must file:

(2)(a) The following information:

(2)(a)(i) The exact name of the issuer and its predecessor(s), if any;

(2)(a)(ii) The street address of the issuer's principal executive offices;

(2)(a)(iii) The state of and date of incorporation or organization of the issuer;

(2)(a)(iv) The exact title and class of security for which the exemption is sought;

(2)(a)(v) The par or stated value of the security for which the exemption is sought;

(2)(a)(vi) The number of public, and restricted securities outstanding as of the end of the issuer's most recent fiscal year and a statement as to the date of the last fiscal year end;

(2)(a)(vii) The name and street address of the transfer agent for the securities for which the exemption is sought;

(2)(a)(viii) A description of the nature of the issuer's business;

(2)(a)(ix) A description of the products or services offered by the issuer;

(2)(a)(x) A description of the nature and extent of the issuer's facilities;

(2)(a)(xi) The names, titles and terms of office of the executive officers and members of the board of directors;

(2)(a)(xii) The names and street addresses of broker-dealers in Utah or associated person affiliated, directly or indirectly, with the issuer of the securities for which the exemption is sought.

(2)(b) Financial statements for the issuer's most recent fiscal year which meet all of the following requirements:

(2)(b)(i) be audited or reviewed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA);

(2)(b)(ii) be prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP);

(2)(b)(iii) be prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS), or both;

(2)(b)(iv) contain an unqualified audit opinion, where an audit is performed, except that certain qualifications may be allowed in certain circumstances at the discretion of the Division;

(2)(b)(v) contain an accountant's report stating that no material modifications are necessary for the financial statements to conform with GAAP, where a review is performed;

(2)(b)(vi) contain the signature of the preparer of the financial statements;

(2)(c) Financial statements of the issuer for the two fiscal years preceding the most recent fiscal year or for the time the issuer or its predecessor(s) has been in existence. The requirements of paragraph (D)(2)(b) also apply to these financial statements;

(2)(d) Financial statements, dated within 30 days before the merger or acquisition, of the corporation, partnership, or proprietorship which was acquired by or merged with the issuer during the issuer's most recent fiscal year. The requirements of paragraph (D)(2)(b) also apply to these financial statements;

(2)(e) A statement that the person submitting the information has read all of the information submitted and that to the best of his knowledge the information is accurate and complete;

(2)(f) If a broker-dealer is submitting the information, the original signature of the licensed official of the broker-dealer beneath the statement required by item (e) of this paragraph (D)(2) and the signatory's name and street address typed or printed beneath it;

(2)(g) If an issuer is submitting the information, the original signature of a current executive officer or director of the issuer beneath the statement required by item (e) of this paragraph(D)(2) and the signatory's name and street address typed or printed beneath it;

(2)(h) Copies of all complaints and orders with respect to

material litigation that occurred during the past five years involving the issuer, the assets, liabilities, or both of the issuer, the securities of the issuer, or any officer or director of the issuer; and

(2)(i) Other documents as the Division may request.

(E) Amended information

(1) The required information filed pursuant to paragraph (D) may be amended by forwarding the correct information to the Division and requesting that the file be amended accordingly.

(2) If the amended information indicates that the issuer has changed its fiscal year, an amendment will not be permitted and the information will be treated as a new request for exemption.

(3) No fee is required for an amendment.

(F) Term of exemption

(1) The exemption becomes effective upon the date confirmed by the Division to the earliest of:

(1)(a) A date three months after the issuer's next fiscal year end; or

(1)(b) A date ten working days from the date of any shareholders meeting unless all material changes resulting from the meeting have been filed pursuant to paragraph (E); or

(1)(c) A date 30 calendar days from the date of any material change, not resulting from a shareholder vote, unless information with respect to the material change has been filed pursuant to paragraph (E).

(G) Blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company

(1) A blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company which has not previously registered its securities with the Division may not rely upon the exemption.

(2) A company which has not previously registered its securities with the Division which, within the past three fiscal years of the company, has merged with or been acquired by a blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company, which has not previously registered its securities with the Division, must file:

(2)(a) the information specified in paragraph (D), as to all parties to the transaction;

(2)(b) the shareholders list reflecting the initial public offering of the blank-check, blind-pool, dormant, or shell company; and

(2)(c) the shareholders list of the company current within thirty days of the request for confirmation of the exemption.

(H) Miscellaneous

(1) The information contained in broker-dealers' files and the information which they use to solicit transactions relying upon the exemption must be kept current.

(2) In no event does compliance with the requirements of this rule relieve broker-dealers or their agents from any obligations imposed by Section 61-1-1 or 61-1-6 or the rules thereunder.

R164-14-2n. Uniform Limited Offering Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(n) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) Nothing in this rule is intended to or should be construed as in any way relieving issuers or persons acting on behalf of issuers from providing disclosure to prospective investors adequate to satisfy the anti-fraud provisions of Section 61-1-1.

(3) In view of the objective of this rule and the purposes and policies underlying Section 61-1-1 et seq., the safe-harbor exemption is not available to any issuer with respect to any transaction which, although in technical compliance with this rule, is part of a plan or scheme to evade registration or the conditions or limitations explicitly stated in this rule.

(4) Nothing in this rule is intended to relieve a licensed broker-dealer or broker-dealer agent from the due diligence, suitability, know-your-customer standards, or any other requirements of state or federal law otherwise applicable to such licensed persons.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "Safe-harbor exemption" means the exemption provided in this rule.

(3) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Safe-harbor exemption

Any offer or sale of securities offered or sold in compliance with SEC Rule 505, Exemption for Limited Offers and Sales of Securities Not Exceeding $5,000,000, 17 CFR 230.505 (1993), including any offer or sale made exempt by application of SEC Rule 508, Insignificant Deviations from a Term, Condition or Requirement of Regulation D, 17 CFR 230.508 (1993), which are adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the SEC and the Division, and which offer or sale of securities satisfies the following further conditions and limitations is determined to be exempt from the registration requirement of Section 61-1-7:

(1) No commission, fee, or other remuneration shall be paid or given, directly or indirectly, to any person for soliciting any prospective purchaser in this state unless such person is appropriately licensed with the Division.

(a) It is a defense to a violation of this paragraph if the issuer sustains the burden of proof to establish that it did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known that the person who received a commission, fee, or other remuneration was not appropriately licensed with the Division.

(2) The safe-harbor exemption shall not be available for the securities of any issuer if any of the parties described in SEC Rule 262, Disqualification Provisions, 17 CFR 230.262 (1994), which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the Division:

(a) Has filed a registration statement which is the subject of a currently effective registration stop order entered pursuant to any state's securities law.

(b) Has been convicted within five years prior to the filing of the notice required under this rule of any felony or misdemeanor in connection with the offer, purchase, or sale of any security or any felony involving fraud or deceit, including forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, or conspiracy to defraud.

(c) Is currently subject to any state administrative enforcement order or judgment entered by that state's securities administrator within five years prior to the filing of the notice required under this rule or is subject to any state's administrative enforcement order or judgment in which fraud or deceit, including making untrue statements of material facts or omitting to state material facts, was found and the order or judgment was entered within five years prior to the filing of the notice required under this rule.

(d) Is subject to any state's administrative enforcement order or judgment which prohibits, denies, or revokes the use of any exemption from registration in connection with the offer, purchase, or sale of securities.

(e) Is currently subject to any order, judgment, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction temporarily or preliminarily restraining or enjoining, or is subject to any order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently restraining or enjoining, such party from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in connection with the purchase or sale of any security or involving the making of any false filing with the state entered within five years prior to the filing of the notice required under this rule.

(f) The prohibitions of Subparagraphs (a) through (c) and (e) above shall not apply if the person subject to the

disqualification is licensed or registered to conduct securities-related business in the state in which the administrative order or judgment was entered against such person or if the broker-dealer employing such party is licensed with the Division and SEC Form BD - Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration, July 1988, filed with the CRD discloses the order, conviction, judgment or decree relating to such person. No person disqualified under this paragraph may act in a capacity other than that for which the person is licensed.

(g) Any disqualification caused by this paragraph is automatically waived if the state securities administrator or agency of the state which created the basis for disqualification determines that it is not necessary that the safe-harbor exemption be denied.

(h) It is a defense to a violation of this paragraph if issuer sustains the burden of proof to establish that it did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known that a disqualification under this paragraph existed.

(D) Notice requirement

(1) The issuer shall file with the Division:

(a) One manually-signed copy of SEC Form D, 17 CFR 239.500 (1993), no later than 15 days after the first sale of securities in Utah in reliance upon this safe-harbor exemption and at such other times and in the form required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under SEC Rule 503, Filing of Notice of Sales, 17 CFR 230.503 (1993);

(b) One copy of the information furnished by the issuer to offerees located within the state;

(c) NASAA Form U-2 - Uniform Consent to Service of Process, which is available from NASAA or the Division; and

(d) A fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(2) Within 30 days after termination of the offering the issuer shall file with the Division one completed Division Form 14-2n, Uniform Limited Offering Exemption Final Report.

(E) Sales to nonaccredited investors

(1) In all sales to nonaccredited investors in this state one of the following conditions must be satisfied or the issuer and any person acting on its behalf shall have reasonable grounds to believe and after making reasonable inquiry shall believe that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(a) The investment is suitable for the purchaser upon the basis of the facts, if any, disclosed by the purchaser as to the purchaser's other security holdings, financial situation and needs. For the purpose of this condition only, it may be presumed that if the investment does not exceed 10% of the investor's net worth, it is suitable.

(b) The purchaser either alone or with a representative has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that the purchaser is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment.

(F) Effect upon exemption from Section 61-1-7 of failure to comply with certain provisions

A failure to comply with a term, condition or requirement of Subparagraph (C)(1) or Paragraphs (D) or (E) of this rule will not result in loss of the exemption from the requirements of Section 61-1-7 for any offer or sale to a particular individual or entity if the person relying on the exemption shows:

(1) the failure to comply did not pertain to a term, condition, or requirement directly intended to protect that particular individual or entity; and

(2) the failure to comply was insignificant with respect to the offering as a whole; and

(3) a good faith and reasonable attempt was made to comply with all applicable terms, conditions and requirements of Subparagraph (C)(1), or Paragraphs (D) or (E) of this rule.

(G) Limitation of exemption established in reliance upon Paragraph (F)

Where an exemption is established only through reliance upon Paragraph (F) of this rule, the failure to comply shall nonetheless be actionable by the director under Section 61-1-14 or 61-1-20.

(H) Prohibition against combining exemption with other exemptions

Transactions which are exempt under this rule may not be combined with offers and sales exempt under any other rule or section; however, nothing in this limitation shall act as an election. Should for any reason the offer and sale fail to comply with all of the conditions of this safe-harbor exemption, the issuer may claim the availability of any other applicable exemption.

(I) Authority to modify or waive conditions

The director may, by order, increase the number of purchasers or waive any other conditions of this safe-harbor exemption.

(J) Title

The safe-harbor exemption authorized by this rule shall be known and may be cited as the "Uniform Limited Offering Exemption."

R164-14-2p. Reorganization Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(p) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) The rule sets forth the exclusive method of claiming the exemption contained in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(p). The exemption is not self-executing.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "Exemption" means the exemption provided in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(p).

(3) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Filing Requirements

Persons whose security holders are to consent, vote or resolve as to a transaction or series of transactions involving a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, or sale of assets may claim the exemption by filing with the Division, not less than ten business days prior to any necessary vote or action on any necessary consent or resolution, all of the following:

(1) the proxy or informational materials required by Paragraph (D);

(2) NASAA Form U-2, Uniform Consent to Service of Process;

(3) a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule; and

(4) other documents as the Division may request.

(D) Proxy or informational materials

The Proxy or informational materials to be filed with the Division pursuant to Subparagraph (C)(1) and distributed to all securities holders entitled to vote in the transaction or series of transactions shall be:

(1) the proxy or informational materials filed under Section 14(a) or (c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 if any person involved in the transaction is required to file proxy or informational materials under Section 14(a) or (c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and has so filed;

(2) the proxy or informational materials filed with the appropriate regulatory agency or official of its domiciliary state if any person involved in the transaction is an insurance company who is exempt from filing under Section 12(g)(2)(G) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or

(3) one manually signed Form 14-2p and the information specified in SEC Schedule 14A, Form S-4, or Form F-4 if all persons involved in the transaction are exempt from filing under Section 12(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(E) Transactions eligible for exemption

For purposes of Subsection 61-1-14(2)(p)(i), "each person

involved" includes each person whose securities are offered or sold to or purchased from the securities holders of such persons.

R164-14-2v. MJDS - Secondary Trading Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides a secondary trading exemption for securities offered by Canadian issuers which have been offered in the United States pursuant to MJDS through a registration statement on SEC Form F-8, F-9 or F-10 declared effective by the SEC.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "MJDS" means the multijurisdictional disclosure system with Canada as adopted by the SEC in Securities Act Release No. 6902, effective July 1, 1991.

(3) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Exemption

(1) The Division finds that continued registration is not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors in any class of a Canadian issuer's security which has been offered pursuant to Section 61-1-9 and MJDS through a registration statement on SEC Form F-8, F-9 or F-10 declared effective by the SEC and the Division.

(2) Accordingly, any non-issuer transaction, effected by or through a licensed broker-dealer, involving such a security shall be exempt from registration.

R164-14-21v. Solicitations of Interest Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) The rule enables an issuer to solicit indications of interest in a future offering of securities by the issuer to determine the likelihood of success of the offering before incurring costs associated with registering the offering.

(3) All communications made in reliance on this rule are subject to the anti-fraud provisions of Section 61-1-1.

(4) The Division may or may not review the materials filed pursuant to this rule. Materials filed, if reviewed, will be judged under anti-fraud principles. Any discussion in the offering documents of the potential rewards of the investment must be balanced by a discussion of possible risks.

(5) Any offer effected in violation of this rule may constitute an unlawful offer of an unregistered security for which civil liability attaches under Section 61-1-22. Likewise any misrepresentation or omission may give rise to civil liability. Under the Act, a subsequent registration of the security for the sale of the security does not "cure" the previous unlawful offer. Only a rescission offer made in accordance with the provisions of the Act can accomplish such a "cure."

(B) Definitions

(1) "Act" means Title 61, Chapter 1, Utah Uniform Securities Act.

(2) "Director" means the director of the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(4) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Requirements

(1) An offer, but not a sale, of a security made by or on behalf of an issuer for the sole purpose of soliciting an indication of interest in receiving a prospectus, or its equivalent, for such security is exempt from Section 61-1-7, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1)(a) The issuer is or will be a business entity organized under the laws of one of the states or possessions of the United States or one of the provinces or territories of Canada;

(1)(b) The issuer is engaged in or proposes to engage in a business other than petroleum exploration or production or mining or other extractive industries and is not a "blind pool" offering or other offering for which the specific business or properties cannot now be described;

(1)(c) The offerer intends to register the security in this state and conduct its offering pursuant to either SEC Regulation A, Conditional Small Issues Exemption, 17 CFR 230.251 through 17 CFR 230.263 (1995), SEC Rule 504, Exemption for Limited Offerings and Sales of Securities Not Exceeding $1,000,000, 17 CFR 230.504 (1995), or SEC Rule 147, "Part of an Issue," "Person Resident," and "Doing Business Within" for Purposes of Section 3(a)(11), 17 CFR 230.147 (1995), which are incorporated by reference;

(1)(d) Ten (10) business days prior to the initial solicitation of interest under this rule, the offerer files with the Division, Form 14-21s, Solicitation of Interest Form, any other materials to be used to conduct solicitations of interest, including, but not limited to, the script of any broadcast to be made and a copy of any notice to be published, and a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule;

(1)(e) Five (5) business days prior to usage, the offerer files with the Division any amendments to the foregoing materials or additional materials to be used to conduct solicitations of interest, except for materials provided to a particular offeree pursuant to a request by that offeree;

(1)(f) No Solicitation of Interest Form, script, advertisement or other material can be used to solicit indications of interest unless approved by the Division;

(1)(g) Except for scripted broadcasts and published notices, the offerer does not communicate with any offeree about the contemplated offering unless the offeree is provided with the most current Solicitation of Interest Form at or before the time of the communication or within five (5) calendar days from the communication;

(1)(h) During the solicitation of interest period, the offerer does not solicit or accept money or a commitment to purchase securities;

(1)(i) No sale is made until seven (7) calendar days after delivery to the purchaser of a final prospectus or in those instances in which delivery of a preliminary prospectus is allowed, a preliminary prospectus; and

(1)(j) The offerer does not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care, could not know that the issuer or any of the issuer's officers, directors, ten percent shareholders or promoters:

(1)(j)(i) Has filed a registration statement which is the subject of a currently effective registration stop order entered pursuant to any federal or state securities law within five years prior to the filing of the Solicitation of Interest Form;

(1)(j)(ii) Has been convicted within five years prior to the filing of the Solicitation of Interest Form of any felony or misdemeanor in connection with the offer, purchase or sale of any security or any felony involving fraud or deceit, including, but not limited to, forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, or conspiracy to defraud;

(1)(j)(iii) Is currently subject to any federal or state administrative enforcement order or judgment entered by any state securities administrator or the SEC within five years prior to the filing of the Solicitation of Interest Form or is subject to any federal or state administrative enforcement order or judgment entered within five years prior to the filing of the Solicitation of Interest Form in which fraud or deceit, including, but not limited to, making untrue statements of material facts and omitting to state material facts, was found;

(1)(j)(iv) Is subject to any federal or state administrative

enforcement order or judgment which prohibits, denies, or revokes the use of any exemption from registration in connection with the offer, purchase or sale of securities; or

(1)(j)(v) Is currently subject to any order, judgment, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction temporarily or preliminarily restraining or enjoining, or is subject to any order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently restraining or enjoining, such party from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in connection with the purchase or sale of any security or involving the making of any false filing with the state entered within five years prior to the filing of the Solicitation of Interest Form.

(2) The prohibitions listed in Subparagraph (C)(1)(j) shall not apply if the person subject to the disqualification is duly licensed or registered to conduct securities related business in the state in which the administrative order or judgment was entered against such person or if the broker-dealer employing the party is licensed in this state and the SEC Form BD - Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration, filed with this state discloses the order, conviction, judgment or decree relating to the person. No person disqualified under subparagraph (C)(1)(j) may act in a capacity other than that for which the person is licensed or registered. Any disqualification caused by subparagraph (C)(1)(j) is automatically waived if the agency which created the basis for disqualification determines upon a showing of good cause that it is not necessary under the circumstances that the exemption be denied.

(3)(a) A failure to comply with any condition of Subparagraph (C)(1) will not result in the loss of the exemption from the requirements of Section 61-1-7 for any offer to a particular individual or entity if the offerer shows:

(3)(a)(i) the failure to comply did not pertain to a condition directly intended to protect that particular individual or entity;

(3)(a)(ii) the failure to comply was insignificant with respect to the offering as a whole; and

(3)(a)(iii) a good faith and reasonable attempt was made to comply with all applicable terms, conditions and requirements of Subparagraph (C)(1).

(3)(b) Where an exemption is established only through reliance on Subparagraph (C)(3)(a), the failure to comply shall nonetheless be actionable as a violation of the Act by the Director under Section 61-1-20 and constitute grounds for denying or revoking the exemption as to a specific security or transaction.

(4) The offerer shall comply with the requirements set forth below. Failure to comply will not result in the loss of the exemption from the requirements of Section 61-1-7, but shall be a violation of the Act, be actionable by the Director under Section 61-1-20, and constitute grounds for denying or revoking the exemption as to a specific security or transaction.

(4)(a) Any published notice or script for broadcast must contain at least the identity of the chief executive officer of the issuer, a brief and general description of its business and products, and the following legends:

(4)(a)(i) NO MONEY OR OTHER CONSIDERATION IS BEING SOLICITED AND NONE WILL BE ACCEPTED;

(4)(a)(ii) NO SALES OF THE SECURITIES WILL BE MADE OR COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE ACCEPTED UNTIL DELIVERY OF A PROSPECTUS THAT INCLUDES COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER AND THE OFFERING;

(4)(a)(iii) AN INDICATION OF INTEREST MADE BY A PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR INVOLVES NO OBLIGATION OR COMMITMENT OF ANY KIND; and

(4)(a)(iv) THIS OFFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS. NEITHER THE FEDERAL NOR THE STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OR DETERMINED THE ADEQUACY OF THIS DOCUMENT OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT PRESENTED TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFER. NO SALE MAY BE MADE UNTIL THE OFFERING STATEMENT IS QUALIFIED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IF MADE PURSUANT TO REGULATION A, AND IS REGISTERED IN THIS STATE;

(4)(b) All communications with prospective investors made in reliance on this rule must cease after a registration statement is filed in this state, and no sale may be made until at least twenty (20) calendar days after the last communication made in reliance on this rule; and

(4)(c) A preliminary prospectus, or its equivalent, may only be used in connection with an offering for which indications of interest have been solicited under this rule if the offering is conducted by a registered broker-dealer.

(5) The Director may waive any condition of this exemption in writing, upon application by the offerer and cause having been shown. Neither compliance nor attempted compliance with this rule, nor the absence of any objection or order by the Director with respect to any offer of securities undertaken pursuant to this rule, shall be deemed to be a waiver of any condition of the rule or deemed to be a confirmation by the Director of the availability of this rule.

(6) Offers made in reliance on this rule will not result in a violation of Section 61-1-7 by virtue of being integrated with subsequent offers or sales of securities unless such subsequent offers and sales would be integrated under federal securities laws.

(7) Issuers on whose behalf indications of interest are solicited under this rule may not make offers or sales in reliance on Subsections 61-1-14(2)(i), 61-1-14(2)(n) or 61-1-14(2)(q) until six (6) months after the last communication with a prospective investor made pursuant to this rule.

R164-14-23v. Foreign Securities - Secondary Trading Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides an exemption for secondary market transactions in securities offered by foreign issuers satisfying the requirements of this rule.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Exemption

(1) The Division finds that continued registration is not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors in an outstanding security issued by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country with which the United States currently maintains diplomatic relations (or an American Depository Receipt relating to such a security), provided either:

(1)(a) the security appears in the most recent Federal Reserve Board List of Foreign Margin Stocks;

(1)(b) the issuer is currently required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission information and reports pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not delinquent in such filing; or

(1)(c) the issuer is not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all of the following conditions are met:

(1)(c)(i) the issuer, including any predecessors, has been in continuous operation for at least 5 years and is a going concern actually engaged in business and neither in the organization stage nor in bankruptcy or receivership;

(1)(c)(ii) the number of shares outstanding is at least 2,500,000 and the number of shareholders is at least 5,000;

(1)(c)(iii) the market value of the outstanding shares, other

than debt securities and preferred stock, is at least U.S. $100 million;

(1)(c)(iv) the issuer, as of the date of its most recent financial statement, which may not be more than 18 months old and which has been audited in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles of its country of domicile, has net tangible assets of at least U.S. $100 million;

(1)(c)(v) the issuer had net income after all charges, including taxes and extraordinary losses, and excluding extraordinary gains, of either

(1)(c)(v)(aa) at least U.S. $50 million in total for its last three fiscal years, or

(1)(c)(v)(bb) at least U.S. $20 million in each of its last two fiscal years; and

(1)(c)(vi) if the security is a debt security or preferred stock, the issuer has not during the past 5 years, or during the period of its existence if shorter, defaulted in the payment of any dividend, principal, interest or sinking fund installment thereon.

(2) Accordingly, any non-issuer transaction, effected by or through a licensed broker-dealer, involving such a security shall be exempt from registration.

R164-14-24v. Internet Solicitations Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides an exemption for offers effected through the Internet which do not result in sales in Utah.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "Internet" means the global information system comprised of independent computer networks which are interconnected and share information without the use of a central processing center by use of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) suite, to include without limitation, the World Wide Web, proprietary or "common carrier" electronic delivery systems, or similar medium.

(3) "Internet Offer" means a communication, regarding the offering of securities within the meaning of Subsection 61-1-13(1)(bb)(ii), made on the Internet and directed generally to anyone who has access to the Internet, including persons in Utah.

(C) Exemption

(1) The Division finds that registration is not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors in connection with Internet Offers, provided:

(1)(a) an offer is not specifically directed to any person in Utah;

(1)(b) the Internet Offer indicates that the securities are not being offered to and sales will not be effected with persons in Utah; and

(1)(c) no sales of the issuer's securities are made in Utah as a result of the Internet Offer.

R164-14-25v. Accredited Investor Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides an exemption for offers and sales to accredited investors. The rule also permits a limited use advertisement.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Accredited Investor" means an accredited investor as defined in 17 CFR 230.501(a) which is incorporated by reference.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "Exemption" means the exemption provided in Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v).

(C) Exemption

The Division finds that registration is not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors pursuant to Section 61-1-14(2)(v) in connection with any offer or sale of a security by an issuer in a transaction that meets the requirements of this rule.

(D) Purchaser qualifications

Sales of securities shall be made only to persons who are or the issuer reasonably believes are accredited investors.

(E) Issuer Limitations

The exemption is not available to an issuer that is in the development stage that either has no specific business plan or purpose or has indicated that its business plan is to engage in a merger or acquisition with an unidentified company or companies, or other entity or person.

(F) Investment Intent

The issuer reasonably believes that all purchasers are purchasing for investment and not with the view to or for sale in connection with a distribution of the security. Any resale of a security sold in reliance on this exemption within 12 months of sale shall be presumed to be with a view to distribution and not for investment, except a resale pursuant to a registration statement effective under Sections 61-1-9, or 6-1-10 or to an accredited investor pursuant to an exemption under Section 61-1-14.

(G) Disqualifications

(1) The exemption is not available to an issuer if the issuer, any of the issuer's predecessors, any affiliated issuer, any of the issuer's directors, officers, general partners, beneficial owners of 10% or more of any class of its equity securities, any of the issuer's promoters presently connected with the issuer in any capacity, any underwriter of the securities to be offered, or any partner, director or officer of such underwriter:

(1)(a) within the last five years, has filed a registration statement which is the subject of a currently effective registration stop order entered by any state securities administrator or the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;

(1)(b) within the last five years, has been convicted of any criminal offense in connection with the offer, purchase or sale of any security, or involving fraud or deceit;

(1)(c) is currently subject to any state or federal administrative enforcement order or judgment, entered within the last five years, finding fraud or deceit in connection with the purchase or sale of any security; or

(1)(d) is currently subject to any order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, entered within the last five years, temporarily, preliminarily or permanently restraining or enjoining such party from engaging in or continuing to engage in any conduct or practice involving fraud or deceit in connection with the purchase or sale of any security.

(2) Subparagraph (G)(1) shall not apply if:

(2)(a) the party subject to the disqualification is licensed or registered to conduct securities related business in the state in which the order, judgment or decree creating the disqualification was entered against such party;

(2)(b) before the first offer under this exemption, the state securities administrator, or the court or regulatory authority that entered the order, judgment, or decree, waives the disqualification; or

(2)(c) the issuer establishes that it did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known that a disqualification existed under Paragraph (G).

(H) General Announcement

(1) A general announcement of the proposed offering may be made by any means.

(2) The general announcement shall include only the following information, unless additional information is

specifically permitted by the Division:

(2)(a) The name, address and telephone number of the issuer of the securities;

(2)(b) The name, a brief description and price (if known) of any security to be issued;

(2)(c) A brief description of the business of the issuer in 25 words or less;

(2)(d) The type, number and aggregate amount of securities being offered;

(2)(e) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for additional information; and

(2)(f) A statement that:

(2)(f)(i) sales will only be made to accredited investors;

(2)(f)(ii) no money or other consideration is being solicited or will be accepted by way of this general announcement; and

(2)(f)(iii) the securities have not been registered with or approved by any state securities agency or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and are being offered and sold pursuant to an exemption from registration.

(I) Additional Information

The issuer, in connection with an offer, may provide information in addition to the general announcement under paragraph (H), if such information:

(1) is delivered through an electronic database that is restricted to persons who have been prequalified as accredited investors; or

(2) is delivered after the issuer reasonably believes that the prospective purchaser is an accredited investor.

(J) Telephone Solicitations

No telephone solicitation shall be permitted unless prior to placing the call, the issuer reasonably believes that the prospective purchaser to be solicited is an accredited investor.

(K) Effect of dissemination of general announcement to nonaccredited investors

Dissemination of the general announcement of the proposed offering to persons who are not accredited investors shall not disqualify the issuer from claiming the exemption under this rule.

(L) Filing Requirements

The issuer shall file with the Division, within 15 days after the first sale in Utah:

(1) one manually signed Form 14-25s, Accredited Investor Exemption Uniform Notice of Transaction Form;

(2) NASAA Form U-2, Uniform Consent to Service of Process;

(3) a copy of the general announcement; and

(4) a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

R164-14-26v. Reorganization Exemption for Transactions Involving Certain Federal Covered Securities.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides an exemption for any transaction involving a reorganization where the securities issued in the transaction are, or will be upon completion of the transaction, covered securities pursuant to section 18(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933.

(3) While the Division is preempted by federal law from requiring registration of a covered security, there is no such preemption of licensing requirements for issuer agents which offer or sell covered securities.

(4) By providing this exemption, issuers that participate in a reorganization whose securities are, or will be upon completion of the transaction, covered securities pursuant to Section 18(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, will not be required to license agents which meet the exclusion requirements of Subsection 61-1-13(1)(b).

(5) This exemption is self-executing and requires no filing with the Division.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Exemption

The Division finds that registration is not necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors in connection with any transaction or series of transactions involving a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, or sale of assets where the securities issued in connection with the transaction are, or will be upon completion of the transaction, covered securities pursuant to Section 18(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933.

R164-14-27v. Compensatory Benefit Plan Exemption.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) This rule provides an exemption from the registration requirements of Section 61-1-7 for securities issued in compensatory circumstances. The exemption is not available for plans or schemes to circumvent this purpose, such as to raise capital. This exemption also is not available for any transaction that is in technical compliance with this rule but is part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration provisions of Section 61-1-7. In any of these cases, registration under the Act is required unless another exemption is available.

(3) Nothing in this rule is intended to be or should be construed as in any way relieving issuers or persons acting on behalf of issuers from providing disclosure to employees or other persons within the scope of the rule adequate to satisfy the antifraud provisions of Section 61-1-1.

(4) Attempted compliance with the rule does not act as an exclusive election. The issuer can also claim the availability of any other applicable exemption.

(5) This exemption is self-executing and requires no filing with the Division.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Compensatory Benefit Plan Exemption

(1) Offers and sales made in compliance with SEC Rule 701, Exemption for Offers and Sales of Securities Pursuant to Certain Compensatory Benefit Plans and Contracts Relating to Compensation, 17 CFR 230.701 (1999), which is adopted and incorporated by reference and available from the Division, are determined to be exempt from the registration requirements of Section 61-1-7.

(D) Resale limitations

The resale of securities issued pursuant to this rule must be in compliance with the registration requirements of Section 61-1-7 or an exemption therefrom.

(E) Disqualification

(1) The exemption is not available to an issuer if the issuer, any of the issuer's predecessors, any affiliated issuer, any of the issuer's directors, officers, general partners, beneficial owners of 10% or more of any class of its equity securities, any of the issuer's promoters presently connected with the issuer in any capacity, any underwriter of the securities to be offered, or any partner, director or officer of such underwriter:

(1)(a) within the last five years, has filed a registration statement which is the subject of a currently effective registration stop order entered by any state securities administrator or the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;

(1)(b) within the last five years, has been convicted of any criminal offense in connection with the offer, purchase or sale of any security, or involving fraud or deceit;

(1)(c) is currently subject to any state or federal

administrative enforcement order or judgment, entered within the last five years, finding fraud or deceit in connection with the purchase or sale of any security; or

(1)(d) is currently subject to any order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, entered within the last five years, temporarily, preliminarily or permanently restraining or enjoining such party from engaging in or continuing to engage in any conduct or practice involving fraud or deceit in connection with the purchase or sale of any security.

(2) Subparagraph (E)(1) shall not apply if:

(2)(a) the party subject to the disqualification is licensed or registered to conduct securities related business in the state in which the order, judgment or decree creating the disqualification was entered against such party;

(2)(b) before the first offer under this exemption, the state securities administrator, or the court or regulatory authority that entered the order, judgment, or decree, waives the disqualification; or

(2)(c) the issuer establishes that it did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known that a disqualification existed under Paragraph (E).

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R164-15. Federal Covered Securities.
R164-15-1. Notice Filings for Offerings of Investment Company Securities.

(A) Authority and purpose.

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-15.5 and 61-1-24.

(2) The rule requires a notice filing prior to the offer or sale of securities described in Subsection 61-1-15.5(1) and sets forth the filing procedure.

(3) The rule also authorizes optional electronic filing of notices.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Designee" means any person or entity authorized and recognized by the Division in this rule to accept filings on behalf of the Division by electronic or other means of communication.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(3) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(4) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(C) Filing requirements

(1) Prior to the offer or sale of a security which is a covered security under Section 18(b)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, the issuer must submit to the Division or its designee the following:

(1)(a) A completed manually signed NASAA Form NF;

(1)(b) A completed manually signed NASAA Form U-2 - Uniform Consent to Service of Process; and

(1)(c) A fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(2) The issuer may submit a copy of all documents that are part of the federal registration statement filed with the SEC as a substitute for NASAA Form NF.

(3) Upon written request of the Division and within the time period set forth in the request, the issuer must submit to the Division a copy of any document, identified in the request, that is part of the federal registration statement filed with the SEC or is part of an amendment to such federal registration statement.

(4) All securities included in the same prospectus may be covered under a single notice filing.

(5) An issuer who has filed a Form U-2 in connection with a previous notice filing need not file another.

(D) Term of notice filing

(1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (D)(2), a notice filing under Paragraph (C) is effective for one year from the date filed with the Division or its designee.

(2) A notice filing under Paragraph (C) for a unit investment trust is for an indefinite period of time from the date filed with the Division or its designee.

(3) To facilitate the coordination of expiration dates with other states, the issuer may request a specific term of effectiveness which does not exceed one year.

(E) Renewal

A notice filing, for which the term is about to expire, may be renewed by submitting to the Division or its designee, another notice and payment of the applicable fee in accordance with Paragraph (C).

(F) Amendments

(1) The materials filed pursuant to Paragraph (C) may be amended by forwarding the corrected information to the Division or its designee and requesting that the file be amended accordingly.

(2) No fee is required for an amendment.

(G) Recognized designee

(1) The Division authorizes and recognizes the Securities Registration Depository, Inc. as a designee to receive notice filings under this rule on behalf of the Division, including but not limited to notices, fees, and all documents that are part of a federal registration statement filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933.

(2) The designation provided in this rule is for the sole purpose of receiving filings on behalf of the Division and then transmitting those documents to the Division, or for any other purpose which the Division may prescribe by order or release.

(H) Sales Report

Within 30 days of the close of the offering or when the issuer ceases to rely upon the notice, whichever occurs first, unit investment trusts shall file a sales report on NASAA Form NF. No sales report is required for open-end management investment companies.

R164-15-2. Notice Filings for Rule 506 Offerings.

(A) Authority and purpose.

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-15.5 and 61-1-24.

(2) The rule requires a notice filing within 15 days after the first sale in this state of securities described in Subsection 61-1-15.5(2) and sets forth the filing procedure.

(3) This rule has been amended in recognition of the amendment of Regulation D by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to authorize the filing of Form D in electronic format with the SEC through the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System (EDGAR) in accordance with EDGAR rules set forth in Regulation S-T (17 CFR Part 232) as described in Securities and Exchange Commission Securities Act Release No. 8891.

(4) This rule authorizes an issuer to file Temporary Form D while that form remains in effect or a copy of the notice of sales on Form D filed electronically with the SEC until an electronic filing system acceptable to the Division is implemented that permits the electronic filing of Form D with the Division or its designee.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(2) "NASAA" means the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

(C) Filing requirements

(1) An issuer offering a security that is a covered security under section 18(b)(4)(D) of the Securities Act of 1933 must file with the Division or its designee, no later than 15 days after the first sale of such federal covered security in this state, an initial notice and a filing fee as follows:

(1)(a) The issuer shall file an initial notice on SEC Form D. For Purposes of Subsection 61-1-15.5(2), the initial notice on SEC Form D shall consist of either,

(1)(a)(i) the Temporary Form D (17 CFR 239.500T), including Part E and the Appendix, as adopted by the SEC while that form remains in effect from September 15, 2008 through March 15, 2009; or

(1)(a)(ii) a copy of the notice of sales on Form D filed in electronic format with the SEC through the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System (EDGAR) in accordance with EDGAR rules set forth in Regulation S-T (17 CFR Part 232) and in effect on September 15, 2008.

(1)(b) Regardless of whether the issuer files a notice of sales on Temporary Form D or a copy of the notice of sales on Form D filed in electronic format with the SEC, such form shall be manually signed by a person duly authorized by the issuer;

(1)(c) If the issuer files a notice on Temporary Form D, it shall also furnish a completed manually signed NASAA Form U-2 - Uniform Consent to Service of Process;

(1)(d) The issuer shall include with the initial notice a statement indicating:

(1)(d)(i) The date of the first sale of securities in the state of Utah; or

(1)(d)(ii) That sales have yet to occur in the state of Utah; and

(1)(e) The issuer shall submit a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(2) An issuer who has filed a Form U-2 in connection with a previous notice filing need not file another.

(3) An issuer may file an amendment to a previously filed notice of sales on Form D at any time and must file such an amendment to correct a material mistake of fact or error in the previously filed notice of sales on Form D, as soon as practicable after discovery of the mistake or error.

(4) An issuer that files an amendment to a previously filed notice of sales on Form D must provide current information in response to all requirements of the notice of sales on Form D regardless of why the amendment is filed.

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-18. Procedures.
R164-18-6. Procedures for Administrative Actions.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 63G-4-202, 63G-4-203, 63G-4-503, and 61-1-24.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to:

(a) designate those actions which the Division shall deem to be requests for initial agency action;

(b) designate those categories of adjudicative proceedings which will be conducted on an informal basis, in accordance with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act and the Rules of Procedure for Adjudicative Proceedings before the Department of Commerce;

(c) set forth circumstances in which hearings shall be required or permitted; and

(d) clarify certain Division policies regarding declaratory orders.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Act" means Title 61, Chapter 1, Utah Uniform Securities Act.

(2) "CRD" means the Central Registration Depository, Inc.

(3) "Director" means the Director of the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(4) "Division" means Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Categorization of Adjudicative Proceedings

All adjudicative proceedings under the Act are designated as informal adjudicative proceedings, except that the director may convert proceedings to formal adjudicative proceedings in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 63G-4-202(3).

(D) Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings

Filing of the following documents with the Division shall be deemed to be a request for initial Division action:

(1) SEC Form BD - Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration pursuant to Sections 61-1-4 and R164-4-1 (whether filed with the division or the CRD);

(2) NASD Form U-4 - Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer pursuant to Sections 61-1-4 and R164-4-1 (whether filed with the division or the CRD);

(3) SEC Form ADV - Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration pursuant to Sections 61-1-4 and R164-4-2 (whether filed with the division or the CRD);

(4) NASAA Form U-1 - Uniform Application to Register Securities pursuant to Sections 61-1-9 and R164-9-1;

(5) Form 10-2-1 - Application for Registration by Qualification pursuant to Sections 61-1-10 and R164-10-2;

(6) Request for declaratory order designating a person as not being within the definition of "broker-dealer" as defined in Subsection 61-1-13(1)(c), or "agent" as defined in Subsection 61-1-13(1)(b);

(7) Request for declaratory order designating a person as not being within the definition of "investment adviser" as defined in Subsection 61-1-13(1)(q), or "investment adviser representative" as defined in Subsection 61-1-13(1)(r);

(8) Request for order finding that registration is not necessary or appropriate pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(1)(i) (exempt securities);

(9) Request for order finding that registration is not necessary or appropriate pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) (exempt transactions);

(10) Request for order releasing impounded funds pursuant to Section R164-11-7b;

(11) Request for confirmation of exchange listing exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-1(e);

(12) Request for confirmation of investment company exemption pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(1)(h);

(13) Request for confirmation of manual listing exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-2b;

(14) Request for confirmation of secondary trading exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-2m;

(15) Request for confirmation of reorganization exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-2p.

(E) Procedures for Informal Adjudicative Proceedings

A hearing will be held only if required by the Act or by the provisions of this section. When a hearing is permitted but not required, a hearing will be held only if requested by a party within 30 days from the date a notice of agency action is mailed.

(F) Hearings: When Held

(1) Under the Act, a hearing is not required and will not be held in the following adjudicative proceedings:

(a) Licensing of broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative pursuant to Section 61-1-4;

(b) Order requiring applicant to publish announcement of application pursuant to Subsection 61-1-4(1)(c);

(c) Cancellation of registration or application of broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative pursuant to Subsection 61-1-6(5);

(d) Grant of registration by coordination pursuant to Section 61-1-9;

(e) Stop order based on failure to file price amendments pursuant to Subsection 61-1-9(5);

(f) Grant of registration by qualification pursuant to Section 61-1-10;

(g) Order requiring additional information or verification pursuant to Subsection 61-1-10(2)(q);

(h) Order imposing conditions of registration pursuant to Subsection 61-1-11(7);

(i) Order vacating or modifying stop order pursuant to Subsection 61-1-12(2);

(j) Order designating a person as not being within the definition of a "broker-dealer" pursuant to Subsection 61-1-13(1)(c), or "agent" pursuant to Subsection 61-1-13(1)(b);

(k) Order designating a person as not being within the definition of "investment advisor" pursuant to Subsection 61-1-13(1)(q), or "investment adviser representative" pursuant to Subsection 61-1-13(1)(r);

(l) Order finding that registration is not necessary or appropriate pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(1)(i) (exempt securities);

(m) Order finding that registration is not necessary or appropriate pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(2)(v) (exempt transactions);

(n) Order requiring filing of prospectus, sales literature, etc.pursuant to Section 61-1-15;

(o) Order releasing impounded funds pursuant to Section R164-11-7b;

(p) Order to show cause pursuant to Subsection 61-1-20(1)(a);

(q) Confirmation of exchange listing exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-1(e);

(r) Confirmation of investment company exemption pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(1)(h);

(s) Confirmation of manual listing exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-2b;

(t) Confirmation of secondary trading exemption pursuant to Section R164-14-2m;

(u) Confirmation of reorganization exemption pursuant to R164-14-2p.

(2) In the following proceedings, a hearing will be held only if timely requested:

(a) Petition for order denying, suspending or revoking registration of broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative pursuant to Section 61-1-6;

(b) Petition for stop order denying, suspending or revoking effectiveness of a securities registration statement pursuant to Section 61-1-12;

(c) Order denying or revoking exemption under

Subsection 61-1-14(2)(p)(v);

(d) Petition for order denying or revoking exemption from registration pursuant to Subsection 61-1-14(4);

(e) Order denying or revoking exemption under Subsection 61-1-14(2)(j)(ii)(E)(II).

(G) Declaratory Orders

(1) The Division will not issue declaratory orders when a petition requests a ruling with respect to the applicability of Section 61-1-1.

(2) A request for a "no-action" letter under Section R164-25-5 shall be deemed to be a petition for a declaratory order.

KEY: securities regulation, adjudicative procedure

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	61-1-11

R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-25. Record of Registration.
R164-25-5. Requests for Interpretive Opinions and No-action Letters.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Subsection 61-1-25(5) and Section 61-1-24.

(2) When requested, the Division may interpret the statutes and rules administered by the Division for members of the general public, prospective registrants, attorneys, and others.

(3) When requested, the Division also may render "no-action" letters in which the Division advises the person soliciting its views that under a described set of facts, the Division staff will not recommend that the Director take any action, such as enjoining a proposed transaction, if the transaction is carried out as described.

(4) As to the requesting party, the Division is bound by an interpretive opinion or no-action letter. However, because of the fact-specific nature of each request, other parties may not rely upon an interpretive opinion or no-action letter addressed to another party. Moreover, an interpretive opinion or no-action letter is no bar to civil or criminal action by other parties.

(B) Request procedure

(1) Requesting parties must file two written copies of the request for interpretive opinions or no-action letters.

(2) Requests must include the following:

(2)(a) a brief summary of the statutory and rule sections to which the request pertains;

(2)(b) a detailed factual representation concerning every relevant aspect of the proposed transaction, event or circumstance;

(2)(c) a discussion of current statutes, rules and legal principles relevant to the facts set forth;

(2)(d) a statement by the person requesting the interpretive opinion or no-action letter which indicates why the person thinks the circumstances call for an interpretive opinion or no-action letter, the person's own opinion in the matter, and the basis for the opinion;

(2)(e) a representation that there is no legal action, judicial or administrative, which relates, directly or indirectly, to the facts set forth;

(2)(f) a representation that the transaction in question has not been commenced or, if it has commenced, the present status of the transaction.

(2)(g) a fee as specified in the Division's fee schedule.

(C) Areas of no comment

The Division will not respond to requests for interpretive opinions or no-action letters that:

(1) involve the anti-fraud provisions of the Utah Uniform Securities Act or the rules thereunder.

(2) involve transactions which have already taken place.

(3) attempt to include every possible type of situation which may arise in the future such that the request is overly broad or calls for a speculative response.

KEY: securities regulation

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R164. Commerce, Securities.
R164-26. Consent to Service of Process.
R164-26-6. Consent to Service.

(A) Authority and purpose

(1) The Division enacts this rule under authority granted by Sections 61-1-26 and 61-1-24.

(2) This rule designates the form to be used for consents to service of process.

(B) Definitions

(1) "Act" means Title 61, Chapter 1, Utah Uniform Securities Act.

(2) "Division" means the Division of Securities, Utah Department of Commerce.

(C) Form

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (C)(2), for the purposes of all rules, regulations, orders of the Division, or the Act, the Consent to Service of Process which is to be used, is the NASAA Form U-2 - Uniform Consent to Service of Process.

(2) A Form U-4, Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer, Form ADV, Uniform Application for Investment Adviser Registration, and Form BD, Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration, may be used in lieu of the Form U-2 provided that an originally executed copy of such form is filed with the Division

(D) Agent

All consents to service of process filed with the Division shall appoint the "Director, Utah Division of Securities" as agent for service of process.

(E) Incorporation by reference

For purposes of consents to service of process required to be filed under the Act, a broker-dealer, agent, federal covered adviser, investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or issuer may incorporate by reference in a current application any consent to service of process previously filed with the Division by such person or entity.

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R251. Corrections, Administration.
R251-115. Contract County Jail Programming Payment.
R251-115-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized under Sections 64-13e-103(3)(b)(i) and 64-13-10 of the Utah Code.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide policy, procedures, requirements and standards for the qualification and payment of 73% of the final state daily incarceration rate paid for Utah Department of Corrections approved programs for state inmates housed at contract jail facilities as funds are appropriated.

R251-115-2. Definitions.

(1) "contract state inmate" means an inmate who has been sentenced to the Utah Department of Corrections and is transferred to a contracted county jail facility for housing.

(2) "BOPP" means the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole.

(3) "DOPL" means the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

(4) "final state daily incarceration rate" as defined by Section 64-13e-102(5) of the Utah Code.

(5) "IPP" means the Inmate Placement Program within the Utah Department of Corrections.

(6) "screening committee" means Utah Department of Corrections employees assigned to screen inmate-specific treatment and continuing care programs for validity and department need.

(7) "UDC/department" means the Utah Department of Corrections.

R251-115-3. Programming Rate.

(1) Payment for UDC approved and legislatively funded substance abuse or sex offender programs in contract county facilities is pursuant to Section 64-13e-103 of the Utah Code. Establishing this rate is dependent upon the following conditions being met:

(a) the 73% rate will only be paid for beds dedicated for department approved treatment. If a contract county jail includes a mix of treatment and non-treatment beds, 73% will be paid for the beds dedicated to treatment and 70% will be paid for the beds not dedicated to treatment.

(b) the department has sufficient funds appropriated to pay this rate for those beds in contract county facilities for department approved program services; and

(c) the department can pay this programming rate without impacting the total number of contract county jail beds the department can access during the fiscal year.

R251-115-4. Program Requirements and Standards.

(1) The following is the information that must be submitted to the department from a provider requesting consideration/approval for payment to provide a substance abuse or sex offender program at a contract county facility:

(a) evidence the program therapist(s) hold a valid license through DOPL to provide treatment in a mental health profession in the State of Utah;

(b) documentation of program goals, objectives, curriculum outline and performance measures;

(c) a copy of any assessment instruments that will be used;

(d) the number of inmates anticipated to participate in program services at any given time; and

(e) the screening criteria requirements for inmates to enroll and participate.

(2) Pursuant to Section 64-13e-103 of the Utah Code, the program must be approved by the department, and approval is subject to the funds appropriated by the legislature.

(3) The department screening committee shall evaluate the information provided by a provider to determine its viability to assist the department in meeting its programming goals, based on the needs of the current inmate population.

R251-115-5. Program Provider Requirements.

(1) Potential providers for substance abuse or sex offender programs in contract county facilities shall:

(a) hold a valid license through DOPL to provide treatment in a mental health profession in the State of Utah;

(b) be pre-approved by the department if providing sex offender treatment;

(c) adhere to the requirements as outlined by the laws of the State of Utah and department policy

(d) appear in court or BOPP hearings, when there is reasonable notification, as needed without additional compensation; and

(e) provide reports as needed by the courts, BOPP or the department.

(2) County jail providers of sex offender treatment shall be in compliance with the UDC approved sex offender treatment program. Detailed structure/criteria of the UDC sex offender treatment program will be made available to county jail providers upon request. Approved county jail sex offender treatment programs shall be subject to at least yearly peer reviews from the department's Sex Offender Treatment Program Director or designee.

(3) County jail providers of substance abuse treatment shall be in compliance with the UDC approved substance abuse treatment program. Detailed structure/criteria of the UDC substance abuse treatment program will be made available to county jail providers upon request. Approved county jail substance abuse treatment programs shall be subject to at least yearly peer reviews from the department's Substance Abuse Treatment Program Director or designee or by a representative from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

R251-115-6. Program Compliance Review Process.

(1) UDC peer reviews shall be conducted at least yearly to review compliance with the UDC approved program curriculum and treatment protocols in accordance with the UDC sex offender treatment program or UDC substance abuse treatment program. Reviews shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) intake documents;

(b) discharge summaries;

(c) group and individual session notes; and

(d) confidential notes.

(2) A report showing the result of the peer review will be submitted in writing to the jail commander within ten (10) working days of the review.

(3) If any noncompliance is cited, the jail commander shall have ten(10) working days after receiving the report to submit a written plan to bring the program into compliance or to begin the appeal process.

R251-115-7. Program Noncompliance Appeal Process.

(1) The jail commander shall have ten (10) working days to submit a written plan to bring the program into compliance

(a) after receiving the result of the peer review citing noncompliance; or

(b) after a final decision is made on an appeal.

(2) The following is the appeal process for noncompliance:

(a) Within ten (10) working days of receiving the report, the jail commander may appeal any cited noncompliance to the Director of IPP.

(b) The Director of IPP has five (5) working days after receiving the written plan or appeal to review, make a determination and inform the jail commander in writing of the noncompliance status.

(c) If the Director of IPP denies the appeal or rejects the written plan, the jail commander may appeal the decision in

writing to the UDC Programming Director within five (5) working days of receiving the response from the Director of IPP.

(d) The UDC Programming Director has five (5) working days after receipt of the appeal from the jail commander to review and respond in writing to the jail commander with a copy of the response provided to the sheriff.

(e) Should the contract facility sheriff not be satisfied with the findings and response the jail commander has received after utilizing the two (2) level review/appeal process, the sheriff may request a review by the Executive Director of Corrections. This request shall:

(i) be in writing and be made within ten (10) working days of receipt of the decision received from the UDC Programming Director; and

(ii) specify why the responses provided in the first two (2) levels did not remedy the request.

(f) The Executive Director of Corrections has ten (10) working days to review the request from the sheriff and provide a final decision to the appeal. A copy of the Executive Director's decision will be distributed as appropriate.

R251-115-8. Program Appropriated Funds: Notice of Funding.

(1) Projections for the 73% contract county facility programming funding shall be evaluated by UDC monthly by using the previous month's payments, the current month's billings, the remaining appropriated funds and the department's programming needs.

(2) The UDC shall notify each participating contract county facility if all appropriated funds have been expended.

(3) If the department projects these funds will be exhausted during the following month, those funds remaining shall be dispersed proportionally across all participating contract county facilities.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-101. Utah State Board of Education Procedures.
R277-101-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Board leadership" means the duly elected Utah State Board of Education Chair and Vice-chair.

C. "Chair" means duly elected Chairman of the Board, Vice-chair, or Chair of a Board standing committee.

D. "Conflict of interest" means a business, family, monetary or relationship concern that may cause a reasonable person to be unduly influenced or that creates the appearance of undue influence.

E. "Health, safety, and welfare of students" means such concerns as adequate and safe buildings and facilities and transportation vehicles, required immunizations and health screenings, required criminal background checks and reviews on potential teachers and employees, required curriculum that allows for complete transferability of credit and other similar standards and protections.

F. "Official action" taken by local school boards or charter school governing boards means action taken in appropriately advertised board meetings, where votes and minutes are recorded and available for public review.

G. "State or federal law or regulations" means federal law and regulations including Department of Agriculture regulations that govern the Child Nutrition Program as it operates in Utah public schools, the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA), including federal and state implementing regulations and state administrative rules.

H. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-101-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, Section 52-4-1 which directs that the actions of the Board be taken openly and that its deliberations be conducted openly and by Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to describe procedures to be followed by the Board in its conduct of the public's business in order to:

(1) hear from those who desire to be heard on public education matters in the state;

(2) effectively and efficiently utilize the time of the Board;

(3) enable staff to provide timely and essential information; and

(4) balance desire for public information with other demands on the Board's time.

R277-101-3. Public Participation.

A. Citizens may attend meetings of the Board. The Board welcomes public participation during Board meetings.

B. Citizens may speak to the Board when acknowledged and recognized by the Board Chair:

(a) to issues not on the agenda during the time designated for public comment.

(i) Priority shall be given to those individuals or groups who, prior to the meeting, have submitted a written request to address the Board, including a brief description of the issue to be addressed.

(ii) No action shall be taken by the Board during the public comment portion of the meeting.

(iii) At the Board's discretion, a Board member may request that an item raised during public comment be placed on a future agenda for possible action.

(iv) The Chair may limit the time available for individual comments; number of comments and time limits shall be stated prior to the public comment portion of the agenda.

(v) The Chair may request groups to designate a spokesperson.

(b) to items on the agenda during the time designated for public comment, or at the discretion of and as invited by the Chair, when the item is properly before the Board or committee. The Chair may request that public comments be provided in writing.

C. All presentations to the Board or one of its committees shall exemplify courteous behavior and appropriate language.

D. Following any presentation to the Board or one of its committees, individuals and groups may remain as spectators at the meeting.

E. Additional comments to the Board or committees may only be made as recognized and invited by the Board Chair during a meeting.

R277-101-4. Reconsideration on Previous Board Action.

A. The Board has discretion to reconsider any decision it has made.

B. A motion to reconsider shall be made in a meeting of the Board that satisfies requirements of Section 52-4 by a Board member who voted on the prevailing side of the previous Board vote.

C. A motion to reconsider requires a second.

D. A motion to reconsider a previous Board decision shall be ruled in order by the Board Chair only with adequate time for Board members to receive information and discuss the issue, as determined by the presiding Board officer.

E. The Board Chair shall determine the procedures for the reconsideration discussion; for instance:

(1) The Board Chair shall determine if the Board shall accept public testimony and how long the discussion shall continue;

(2) The Board Chair shall determine if the reconsideration vote may take place at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting if such meeting allows time for adequately providing information to Board members;

(3) The Board Chair shall determine if more information is necessary prior to a vote, even if the Board vote is to be held at the same Board meeting.

F. The Board shall consider and hear available evidence, including documentation of detrimental or positive consequences specifically to school districts, schools or other entities, that may occur if the Board reverses a previous decision.

G. The motion to reconsider shall pass if two-thirds of the total membership of the Board votes in favor of the motion.

H. If a motion to reconsider fails, the Board shall not consider a motion on the same or substantially similar motion to reconsider in the same meeting.

I. A Board vote taken upon reconsideration of the same or substantially similar issue is the final administrative decision by the Board.

R277-101-5. Board Waiver of Administrative Rules.

A. Criteria for waiver of Board Rules:

(1) The Board shall consider waiver requests consistent with its constitutional responsibility for general control and supervision of the public education system.

(2) Prior to waiver, the Board shall consider whether a local board's or local charter governing board's request could be accomplished through means other than waiver of Board rules.

(3) The Board shall waive rules only following a thorough review of available data and shall make data driven decisions.

(4) The Board shall not waive rules:

(a) that are required by and adopt criteria from federal or state law or regulations;

(b) that negatively affect the health, safety or welfare of public education students;

(c) if the waiver could reasonably result in discrimination or harassment of public school students or employees;

(d) that benefit one element or segment of the public education system to the detriment of another.

(5) Waivers shall always include an effective time period for the waiver, public review and accountability provisions and a sunset date.

(6) Prior to consideration by the Board, waivers requested by charter schools shall be presented to and considered by the State Charter School Board. Information and documentation of this action shall be available to the Board.

(7) All Board evaluations, considerations, and decisions shall be made in the Board's sole discretion.

B. Procedures for waiver of Board rules:

(1) A local board of education or a charter school governing board may request a waiver from Board rule(s) in writing consistent with USOE timelines and on forms available from the USOE by submitting to the Board a written request showing a vote by the local board requesting the waiver in an open board meeting.

(2) Complete waiver requests shall be reviewed first by a Board Committee during a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

(3) The Board Committee designated by Board leadership shall review the request, solicit additional information or testimony, if helpful, and make a recommendation for consideration by the full Board of Education.

(4) Board leadership or a Board Committee shall make a reasonable determination of the time or Committee meetings necessary for careful review of request(s) for waiver of Board rules; Board leadership may consolidate consideration of duplicate or similar requests.

(5) At a minimum, the following shall be required from local boards of education or local charter governing boards seeking a waiver of Board rules:

(a) student achievement data that support the requested waiver;

(b) data demonstrating the cost effectiveness, without sacrificing student achievement, of the waiver request;

(c) a draft proposed agreement that outlines USOE and local board responsibilities, data gathering and reporting timelines if a waiver is granted by the Board.

(6) Upon direction by the Board, a local board or charter governing board shall make a presentation to an assigned Board Committee.

(7) Board leadership shall notify the local board of a proposed timeline for the Board to consider the request for waiver and provide a written decision, including an agreement between the Board and the local governing board, to the local board.

C. Public process and documents:

(1) Materials presented to the Board by the local board shall be public documents.

(2) Materials and draft agreements between the Board and the local board shall be protected draft documents.

(3) Final agreements between the Board and local governing boards shall be public documents and available for review by the public upon request consistent with the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 2.

(4) Any breach of confidentiality while the discussion of agreements is in progress may compromise the fairness of the Board decision and may delay the discussion or Board decision or both.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-103. USOE Government Records and Management Act.
R277-103-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "GRAMA" means the Government Records and Management Act as enacted by the 1992 Utah Legislature, Sections 63G-2-201 through 6G-2-310.

C. "Superintendent" means the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

D. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-103-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Section 63G-2-204 which allows a governmental entity to make rules regarding the entity's records and by Section 53A-1-401(3) which authorizes the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide procedures for appropriate access to government records.

R277-103-3. Allocation of Responsibilities Within the USOE.

Both the USOE and the Board shall be considered a single governmental entity for the purposes of this rule and the Superintendent shall be considered the head of the entity.

R277-103-4. Requests for Access.

A. Requests for access to USOE government records should be written and directed to the USOE Records Officer, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

B. Response to a request submitted to persons other than the designee or not made in writing may be delayed.

C. Appeals to access determinations shall be directed to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction according to time limits and provisions of Section 63G-2-401.

R277-103-5. Fees.

A. A fee schedule for the direct and indirect costs of duplicating or compiling a record may be obtained from the USOE by contacting the designated Records Officer locate at 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

B. Payment of past fees or future estimated fees expected to exceed $50.00 or both may be required before the USOE Records Officer begins to process a request.

C. There shall be no charge made by the Board or the USOE for:

(1) inspection of records;

(2) a reasonable request that requires the segregation of records; or

(3) an inspection of the requested records to determine the requester's right to access.

D. Waiver of Fees

(1) Fees for duplication and compilation of a record may be waived under the circumstances described in Section 63G-2-203(4) or other circumstances as determined by the USOE on a case by case basis, including accumulative costs of less than $2.00, for use by school districts or other entities controlled by the Board, or any affidavit from the requester claiming impecuniosity.

(2) Requests for waivers shall be made to the designated USOE Records Officer.

R277-103-6. The USOE as Custodian of District Records.

A. When the USOE acts as the custodian of local school district records and does not regularly use or access that school district's data or information, the USOE may refer requests for that information to the local school district.

B. If the USOE acts as a custodian of records, information or data for local school districts, the USOE shall request from those districts the following:

(1) Designation of what data may be provided to whom upon request;

(2) Notice of classification(s) if the data are classified; and

(3) The name and title of a school district records officer or contact person to whom the USOE shall direct requests for access to the information or records.

R277-103-7. Other Requests.

A. For Research Purposes

(1) Access to private or controlled records for research purposes is allowed by Section 63G-2-202(8).

(2) Such requests shall be made to the designated Records Officer.

B. To Amend a Record

(1) An individual may contest the accuracy or completeness of a document pertaining to him owned by the USOE pursuant to Section 63G-2-603.

(2) The request to amend shall be made in writing to the designated Records Officer.

(3) Appeals of requests to amend a record shall be handled as informal hearings under the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63G-4.

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1992 63G-2-101 through 310
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63G-4
53A-1-401(3)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-110. Legislative Supplemental Salary Adjustment.
R277-110-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools (CACTUS)" means the electronic file maintained on all licensed Utah educators. The file includes information such as:

(1) personal directory information;
(2) educational background;
(3) endorsements;
(4) employment history;
(5) professional development information; and
(6) a record of disciplinary action taken against the educator.

C. "District or charter school" means a public school funded by the Utah State Legislature through the Minimum School Program.

D. "Educator" means a teacher or other individual as defined by the Utah State Legislature in 53A-17a-153.

E. "Educator Salary Adjustments" means salary increases paid annually in equal amounts to educators as defined in 53A-17a-153(1). The adjustment amount for 2007-08 was $2500. The adjustment amount for 2008-09 is $1700.

F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

G. "USDB" means Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

R277-110-2. 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 allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and Section 53A-17a-153(6) which authorizes the Board to make rules regarding educator salary adjustments.

B. The purpose of this rule is to outline a consistent method for enacting educator salary adjustments in accordance with Section 53A-17a-153, Educator Salary Adjustments.

R277-110-3. Procedures.

A. Each school district, charter school and USDB shall:

(1) have employee evaluation procedures consistent with Title 53A, Chapter 10; schools exempt from Title 53A, Chapter 10 shall have employee evaluation procedures in place to participate in the Program and receive funds under Section 53A-17a-153.

(2) put the Educator Salary Adjustment appropriation into the school district's, charter school's or USDB's salary schedule each year that an educator salary adjustment is appropriated by the Legislature;

(3) ensure the amount of the Educator Salary Adjustment is the same for each full-time-equivalent educator position in the school district, charter school, or the USDB;

(4) ensure that each person who is not a full-time educator receives a proportional salary adjustment based on the number of hours the person works in his current assignment as an educator;

(5) ensure that each educator who receives a salary adjustment for school year 2007-08 or 2008-09 or both has received a satisfactory or above job performance rating in his most recent evaluation concluded in the school year prior to the year for which the adjustment is made; new hires are considered to have met this requirement by successfully completing the position hiring process and being selected for an educator position.

B. Once an educator qualifies for an adjustment in a designated school year, the adjustment becomes an ongoing part of the educator's salary.

C. The educator shall be:

(1) a classroom teacher (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(2) speech pathologist (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(3) librarian or media specialist (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(4) preschool teacher (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(5) school building level administrator (2007-08);
(6) mentor teacher (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(7) teacher specialist (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(8) teacher leader (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(9) guidance counselor (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(10) audiologist (2007-08 and 2008-09);
(11) psychologist (2007-08 and 2008-09); or
(12) social worker as defined in 53A-17a-153 (1) (2007-08 and 2008-09).

D. The educator shall be licensed, employed by a school district, charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and hold a current license issued under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional Practices Act.

E. Each school district, charter school, and the USDB shall annually note on the appropriate salary schedule:

(1) the amount of the Educator Salary Adjustment;
(2) the positions qualifying for the adjustment;
(3) that a satisfactory or better performance rating is required to receive the adjustment; and

F. For the 2008-09 school year, school districts, charter schools and the USDB shall note satisfactory performance ratings.

G. The USOE shall remit to school districts, charter schools and USDB, through monthly bank transfers and allotment memos beginning in July of each year, an estimated educator salary adjustment amount to be adjusted in November of each year to match the number of qualified educators in the CACTUS data base system.

H. Adjustments to CACTUS after November 15 of each year shall not count towards the amount for Educator Salary Adjustments until the following year.

I. Educator Salary Adjustments may not be included when calculating the weighted average compensation adjustment for non-administrative licensed staff.

R277-110-4. Reports.

A. School districts, charter schools and USDB shall maintain adequate accounting records to submit an annual report summarizing the uses and recipients of Educator Salary Adjustment funds to USOE each year by November 1 on USOE-designated forms.

(1) School districts, charter schools and USDB, shall
(a) Maintain the information by program and;
(b) Carry over any unused balances within the program for use in the following year.

(2) Reports shall balance with amounts reported on the AFR (Annual Financial Report) and the APR (Annual Program Report).

(3) Failure to submit the required reports on a timely basis may result in withholding of school district, charter school or USDB funds until the report is submitted in an acceptable format and is complete, or may render the school district, charter school or USDB, ineligible for participation in the Educator Salary Adjustment program the following year.

(4) Failure to remedy allocation of funds not in accordance with Section 53A-17a-153, Educator Salary Adjustment, and R277-110, Legislative Supplemental Salary Adjustment, shall also result in withholding of school district, charter school or USDB funds for the Educator Salary Adjustment program until an appropriate remedy is implemented and verified.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-112. Prohibiting Discrimination in the Public Schools.
R277-112-1. Definitions.

"Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

R277-112-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of the public education system in the Board.

B. The purpose of this rule is to establish standards prohibiting discrimination in the public school system, specifically in programs under the supervision of the Board.

R277-112-3. Standards.

A. The Board does not advocate, permit, or practice discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, or disability. This rule incorporates by reference the following:

(1) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(2) Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000c et seq., which provides standards and training for educators relative to the desegregation of schools receiving Federal financial assistance;

(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(4) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., which prohibits discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(5) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(6) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and also prohibits discrimination against an individual because of his or her association with another individual of a particular race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Title VII also covers types of wage discrimination not covered by the Equal Pay Act;

(7) Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. 206 et. seq., as amended in the Fair Labor Standards Act, which prohibits sex discrimination in pay under an equal work standard;

(8) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

B. The Board shall take action consistent with:

(1) all regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted under the statutes named in R277-112-3A(1) through R277-112-3A(8) and effective as of October 11, 2011;

(2) all state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, or disability and effective as of October 11, 2011.

C. All programs, activities, schools, institutions, and local education agencies under the general control and supervision of the Board shall adopt policies and rules prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, or disability.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-115. Material Developed with State Public Education Funds.
R277-115-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State board of Education.

B. "LEA" means a local education agency directly responsible for the public education of Utah students, including traditional local school boards and charter school boards.

C. "Material" means all copyrightable works, including writings, lectures, musical or dramatic compositions, sound recordings, films, videotapes and other pictorial reproductions, computer programs, listings, flow charts, manuals, codes, instructions, and software.

D. "Utah Public Employees Ethics Act" means the provisions established in Section 67-16-1-14.

E. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-115-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board and by Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide that education materials developed by LEAs or a public education employee using state public education funds are available to Utah educators, that educators licensed by the Board are not personally enriched, consistent with the Utah Public Employees Ethics Act, by developing education materials as part of their public education employment and that the Board receives appropriate and accurate acknowledgment for materials produced or provided or both by the Board for LEAs.

R277-115-3. Reprint or Reproduction of Materials Funded or Provided by the Board.

A. The Board or its designee may grant permission to a requester to reprint or reproduce material that was developed or provided for use by public educators with funds controlled by the Board.

(1) Requests for permission to reprint or reproduce materials shall be submitted to the Board in writing or electronically and shall describe:

(a) the specific material to be reproduced or reprinted;

(b) the number of copies requested;

(c) the purpose and intended recipient of the materials;

(d) any proposed cost to recipients.

(2) Requests shall be reviewed and granted on a case-by-case basis.

(3) Any authorized use of Board materials shall require the materials to state in a conspicuous place that the materials were produced or distributed or both using public State Board of Education funds and that the material is reprinted or reproduced with permission from the Board.

(4) The Board may request a copy of the reproduction or reprinted material to be sent to the Board.

B. An individual, entity or organization may not expressly assert or imply Board authorization, including use of the Board seal, of the use of materials reprinted or reproduced with Board funds without express authorization by the Board or its designee.

R277-115-4. Materials Developed or Distributed by LEAs Using Public Education Funds.

A. If an LEA develops education materials with public education funds, the LEA shall make the materials available to Utah educators upon request at a cost not to exceed the LEA's actual cost.

B. An LEA may request that the materials are attributed to the LEA that developed the materials.

C. If a public education employee creates or develops education materials as part of the employee's public education employment, the materials are the property of the employer. Sale or other use of the materials may not personally enrich the public employee, consistent with Section 67-16-4(1)(c).

KEY: copyright, materials
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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-116. Utah State Board of Education Internal Audit Procedure.
R277-116-1. Definitions.

A. "Appointing authority" means the Board.

B. "Audit" means internal reviews or analyses or a combination of both of Utah State Board of Education programs, activities and functions that may address one or more of the following objectives:

(1) to verify the accuracy and reliability of USOE or Board records;

(2) to assess compliance with management policies, plans, procedures, and regulations;

(3) to assess compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations;

(4) to evaluate the efficient and effective use and protection of Board, state, or federal resources; or

(5) to verify the appropriate protection of USOE assets;

(6) to review and evaluate internal controls over USOE accounting systems, administrative systems, electronic data processing systems, and all other major systems necessary to ensure the fiscal and administrative accountability of the USOE.

C. "Audit Committee" means a standing committee appointed by the Board which shall consist of all members of the Finance Committee. The Chair of the Audit Committee shall be either the Board Chair or Board Vice Chair.

D. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

E. "Internal Auditor" means person or persons appointed by the Superintendent with the consent of the Audit Committee and the full Board to direct the internal audit function for the Board and USOE.

F. "LEA" means any local education agency under the supervision of the Board including any sub unit of school districts, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, charter schools, regional service centers, area technology centers and vocational programs.

G. "Superintendent" means the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is the Agency Head within the meaning of the Utah Internal Audit Act.

H. "Survey work" means an internal review of Board rules, statutes, federal requirements and a limited sample of an LEA's programs, activities or documentation that may give rise to or refute the need for a more comprehensive audit. The preliminary or limited information derived from survey work is a part of the ongoing audit process and may be provided as a draft to the Audit Committee, to the Board or to the Superintendent upon request.

I. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-116-2. 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 allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, Section 53A-1-401(4) which directs the Board to adopt rules to promote quality, efficiency and productivity and to eliminate unnecessary duplication in the public education system, Section 53A-1-405 which makes the Board responsible for verifying audits of local school districts, Section 53A-1-402(1)(e) which directs the Board to develop rules and minimum standards regarding cost effectiveness measures, school budget formats and financial accounting requirements for the local school districts, Section 53A-17a-147(2) which directs the Board to assess the progress and effectiveness of local school districts and programs funded under the Minimum School Program and report its findings to the Legislature, and by Section 63I-5-101 through 401 which provides standards and procedures for the Board, as the appointing authority for the USOE, to establish an internal audit program.

B. The purpose of this rule is to outline the Board's criteria and procedures for internal audits of programs under its supervision.

R277-116-3. Audit Committee Responsibilities.

The Audit Committee shall:

A. determine the priority for survey work or audits to be performed based on recommendations from the Internal Auditor, Audit Committee requests or correspondence, other Board member requests, or USOE staff recommendations;

B. consent to the appointment or removal of the Internal Auditor.

C. review and approve the annual internal audit plan and budget;

D. review internal and external audit reports, survey work, follow-up reports, and quality assurance reviews of the Internal Auditor;

E. meet at each regularly scheduled Board meeting with the Internal Auditor to discuss ongoing audits, audit priorities and progress, and other issues;

F. distribute drafts or preliminary versions of audits only to Board members, as requested, or auditees. Internal audits that have not been reviewed in final form by the Audit Committee, the auditee, and the Board are drafts and, as such, are not public records;

G. determine the distribution of audit findings in any or all stages or reports to other Board members as well as to other interested parties;

H. review the findings and recommendations of the Internal Auditor and make recommendations for action on the findings to the Board; and

I. evaluate the Internal Auditor at least annually in a formal evaluation process.

R277-116-4. Internal Auditor Authority and Responsibilities.

A. The Internal Auditor shall work closely with and receive regular supervision from the Superintendent.

B. The Internal Auditor shall report initially to the Superintendent. Following the Superintendent's response, the Internal Auditor reports to the Audit Committee and ultimately to the Board.

C. The Internal Auditor's work shall be determined primarily by a risk assessment developed by the Internal Auditor and approved by the Audit Committee at least annually. The risk assessment shall:

(1) consider public education programs for which the Board has responsibility;

(2) consider and evaluate which public education programs, activities or responsibilities are most critical to:

(a) student safety;

(b) student achievement;

(c) efficient management of public education resources; and

(d) the priorities of public education as determined by the Board.

D. The Internal Auditor shall meet with the Audit Committee or the Board, at the direction of either, to inform both the Audit Committee and the Board of progress on assigned audits and any additional information or assignments requested by the Audit Committee or the Board.

E. The Internal Auditor shall conduct audits as recommended by the Audit Committee, and as directed by the Board, including economy and efficiency audits, program audits, and financial-related audits of any program, function, LEA, or division under the Board's supervision, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

F. The Internal Auditor shall immediately notify the Audit Committee and the Board of any irregularity or serious

deficiency discovered in the audit process or of any impediment or conflict to accomplishing an audit as directed by the Board.

G. The Internal Auditor shall submit a written report to the Audit Committee and the Board of each authorized audit within a reasonable time after completion of the audit.

H. The Internal Auditor shall maintain the classification of any public records consistent with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

I. Audit Committee members, Board members and USOE employees shall maintain information acquired in the audit process in the strictest confidence consistent with the Public Employees Ethics Act, Section 67-14-4.

J. The Internal Auditor shall have access to all records, personnel, and physical materials relevant and necessary to conduct audits of all programs and agencies supervised by the Board. All public education entities shall cooperate fully with Internal Auditor requests; The Internal Auditor is not required to issue subpoenas or make GRAMA requests under Section 63G-2-202 to receive requested information from public education entities.

R277-116-5. Audit Plans.

A. An audit plan shall be prepared by the Internal Auditor and shall:

(1) be reviewed regularly by both the Superintendent and the Audit Committee;

(2) identify the individual audits to be conducted during each year;

(3) determine the adequacy and efficiency of the USOE's internal monitoring and control of programs and personnel;

(4) identify the related resources to be devoted to each of the respective audits; and

(5) ensure that audits that evaluate the efficient and effective use of public education resources are adequately represented in the plan.

B. The Internal Auditor shall submit the audit plan first to the Superintendent for review, next to the Audit Committee for review, modification, update, and approval. Each audit plan shall expressly state an anticipated completion date.

C. The Internal Auditor shall:

(1) ensure that audits are conducted in accordance with professional auditing standards such as those published by the Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc., the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and, when required by other law, regulation, agreement, contract, or policy, in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States;

(a) all reports of audit findings issued by internal audit staff shall include a statement that the audit was conducted according to the appropriate standards;

(b) public release of reports of audit findings shall comply with the conditions specified by state laws and rules governing the USOE.

(2) report concerns to the Audit Committee or the Board that arise as the result of survey work or audits that necessitate a direct review of the Superintendent's activities or actions;

(3) report significant audit matters that cannot be appropriately addressed by the Audit Committee and the Board to either the Office of Legislative Auditor General or the Office of the State Auditor;

(4) report quarterly to the full Board those issues which have the potential of opening up the Board, Superintendent, or USOE to liability or litigation;

(5) conduct at least annually a risk assessment of the entire public education system and report the findings to the Audit Committee; and

(6) regularly attend all Board meetings.

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53A-1-402(1)(e)
53A-17a-147(2)
63I-5-101 through 401

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-400. School Emergency Response Plans.
R277-400-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Emergency" means a natural or man-made disaster, accident, act of war, or other circumstance which could reasonably endanger the safety of school children or disrupt the operation of the school.

C. "Emergency Preparedness Plan" means policies and procedures developed to promote the safety and welfare of students, protect school property, or regulate the operation of schools during an emergency occurring within a school district or a school.

D. "Emergency Response Plan" means a plan developed by a school district or school to prepare and protect students and staff in the event of school violence emergencies.

R277-400-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution Article X Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to establish general criteria for both Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response plans required of schools and school districts in the event of natural disasters or school violence emergencies. This rule also directs school districts and charter schools to develop prevention, intervention, and response measures and to prepare staff and students to respond promptly and appropriately to school violence emergencies.

R277-400-3. Establishing School District Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response Plans.

A. By July 1 of each year, each local board of education/local charter school board shall certify to the Board that its plan has been practiced at the school level, presented to and reviewed by its teachers, administrators, students and their parents, local law enforcement, and public safety representatives consistent with Section 53A-3-402(18).

B. As a part of a local board of education's/local charter school board's annual application for Safe and Drug Free School funds, the local board of education/local charter school board shall reference its Emergency Response plan.

C. The plan(s) shall be designed to meet individual school needs and features. A school district may direct schools within the school district to develop and implement individual plans.

D. The local board of education/local charter school board shall appoint a committee to prepare plan(s) or modify existing plan(s) to satisfy this rule. The committee shall consist of appropriate school and community representatives which may include school and school district administrators, teachers, parents, community and municipal governmental officers, and fire and law enforcement personnel. Governmental agencies and bodies vested with responsibility for directing and coordinating emergency services on local and state levels shall be included on the committee.

E. The local board of education/local charter school board shall appoint appropriate persons at least once every three years to review the plan(s).

F. The Board shall develop Emergency Response plan models under Section 53A-3-402(18)(d).

R277-400-4. Notice and Preparation.

A. A copy of the plan(s) for each school within a school district shall be filed in the school district superintendent's office. A charter school plan shall be maintained by the local charter school board.

B. At the beginning of each school year, parents and staff shall receive a written notice of relevant sections of school district and school plans which are applicable to that school.

C. Each school shall designate an Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Response week prior to April 30 of each school year. Community, student, teacher awareness, or training, such as those outlined in R277-400-7 and 8, would be appropriate activities offered during the week.

R277-400-5. Plan(s) Content--Educational Services and Student Supervision.

The plan shall contain measures which assure that, during an emergency, school children receive reasonably adequate educational services and supervision during school hours.

A. Evacuation procedures shall assure reasonable care and supervision of children until responsibility has been affirmatively assumed by another responsible party.

B. Release of a child below ninth grade at other than regularly scheduled hours is prohibited unless the parent or another responsible person has been notified and has assumed responsibility for the child. An older child may be released without such notification if a school official determines that the child is reasonably responsible and notification is not practicable.

C. School districts and charter schools shall, to the extent reasonably possible, provide educational services to school children whose regular school program has been disrupted by an extended emergency.

R277-400-6. Emergency Preparedness Training.

The plan shall contain measures which assure that school children receive emergency preparedness training.

A. School children shall be provided with training appropriate to their ages in rescue techniques, first aid, safety measures appropriate for specific emergencies, and other emergency skills.

B. Fire drills:

(1) During each school year, elementary schools shall conduct fire drills at least once each month during school sessions. A fire drill in secondary schools shall be conducted at least every two months, for a total of four fire drills during the nine month school year. The first fire drill shall be conducted within the first two weeks of the school year for both elementary and secondary schools. An exception may be made, subject to the approval of the local fire chief, to postpone a fire drill due to severe weather conditions.

(2) Fire drills shall include the complete evacuation of all persons from the school building or portion thereof used for educational purposes. An exception may be made for the staff member responsible for notifying the local fire department and handling emergency communications.

(3) When required by the local fire chief, the local fire department shall be notified prior to each drill.

(4) When a fire alarm system is provided, fire drills shall be initiated by activation of the fire alarm system.

C. Schools shall hold at least one drill for other emergencies during the school year.

D. Resources and materials available for training shall be identified in the plan.

R277-400-7. Emergency Response Training.

A. Each school district and local charter school board shall provide an annual training for school district and school building staff on employees roles, responsibilities and priorities in the emergency response plan.

B. School districts and local charter school boards shall require schools to conduct at least one annual drill for school violence emergencies.

C. School districts and local charter school boards shall require schools to review existing security measures and

procedures within their schools and make adjustments as needs demonstrate and funds are available.

D. School districts and local charter school boards shall develop standards and protections to the extent practicable for participants and attendees at school-related activities, with special attention to those off school property.

E. School districts and schools shall coordinate with local law enforcement and other public safety representatives in appropriate drills for school safety emergencies.

R277-400-8. Prevention and Intervention.

A. School districts and local charter school boards shall provide schools, as part of their regular curriculum, comprehensive violence prevention and intervention strategies such as resource lessons and materials on anger management, conflict resolution, and respect for diversity and other cultures.

B. As part of the violence prevention and intervention strategies, schools may provide age-appropriate instruction on firearm safety (not use) including appropriate steps to take if a student sees a firearm or facsimile in school.

C. School districts and local charter school boards shall also develop, to the extent resources permit, student assistance programs such as care teams, school intervention programs, and interagency case management teams.

D. In developing student assistance programs, school districts and local charter school boards are encouraged to coordinate with and seek support from other state agencies and the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-400-9. Cooperation With Governmental Entities.

A. As appropriate, a local board of education or local charter school board may enter into cooperative agreements with other governmental entities to assure proper coordination and support during emergencies.

B. School districts and local charter school boards shall cooperate with other governmental entities, as reasonably feasible, to provide emergency relief services. The plan(s) shall contain procedures for assessing and providing school facilities, equipment, and personnel to meet public emergency needs.

C. The plan(s) developed under R277-400-5 shall delineate communication channels and lines of authority within the school district, charter school, city, county, and state.

(1) the Board, through its superintendent, is the chief officer for emergencies involving more than one school district, charter school, or state or federal aid;

(2) the local board, through its superintendent, is the chief officer for school district emergencies;

(3) the local charter school board through its director is the chief officer for local charter school emergencies;

(4) direction and control of emergency operations shall be exercised by the executive heads of government and school districts and charter schools. Local governments, school districts, and charter schools retain their autonomy and identity throughout all levels of emergency operations;

(5) personnel and resources received from outside sources shall be incorporated into the structure of the local government, school district, and charter school.

R277-400-10. Fiscal Procedures.

The plan(s) under R277-400-5 shall address procedures for recording school district or charter school funds expected for emergencies, for assessing and repairing damage, and for seeking reimbursement for emergency expenditures.

KEY: emergency preparedness, disasters, safety, safety education

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53A-1-402(1)(b)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-407. School Fees.
R277-407-1. Definitions.

A. Fee: 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 a school. For purposes of this policy, charges related to the National School Lunch Program are not fees.

B. "LEA" means a local education agency, including local school boards/public school districts and charter schools.

C. Optional Project: A project chosen and retained by a student in lieu of a meaningful and productive project otherwise available to the student which would require only school-supplied materials.

D. "Provision in Lieu of Fee Waiver" means an alternative to fee payment and waiver of fee payment. A plan under which fees are paid in installments or under some other delayed payment arrangement is not a waiver or provision in lieu of fee waiver.

E. Student Supplies: Items which are the personal property of a student which, although used in the instructional process, are also commonly purchased and used by persons not enrolled in the class or activity in question and have a high probability of regular use in other than school-sponsored activities. The term includes pencils, papers, notebooks, crayons, scissors, basic clothing for healthy lifestyle classes, and similar personal or consumable items over which a student retains ownership. The term does not include items such as the foregoing for which specific requirements such as brand, color, or a special imprint are set in order to create a uniform appearance not related to basic function.

F. "Supplemental Security Income for children with disabilities (SSI)" is a benefit administered through the Social Security Administration that provides payments for qualified children with disabilities in low income families.

G. "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)," (formerly AFDC) provides monthly cash assistance and food stamps to low-income families with children under age 18 through the Utah Department of Workforce Services.

H. Textbook: Book, workbook, and materials similar in function which are required for participation in a course of instruction.

I. Waiver: Release from the requirement of payment of a fee and from any provision in lieu of fee payment.

R277-407-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Article X, Sections 2 and 3 of the Utah Constitution which vests general control and supervision of the public education system in the State Board of Education and provides that public elementary and secondary schools shall be free except that fees may be imposed in secondary schools if authorized by the Legislature. Section 53A-12-102(1) authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding student fees. This rule is consistent with the State Board of Education document, Principles Governing School Fees, adopted by the State Board of Education on March 18, 1994. This rule is also consistent with the Permanent Injunction, Doe v. Utah State Board of Education, Civil No. 920903376.

B. The purpose of this rule is:

(1) to permit the orderly establishment of a reasonable system of fees;

(2) to provide adequate notice to students and families of fee and fee waiver requirements; and

(3) to prohibit practices that would exclude those unable to pay from participation in school-sponsored activities.

R277-407-3. Classes and Activities During the Regular School Day.

A. No fee may be charged in kindergarten through sixth grades for materials, textbooks, supplies, or for any class or regular school day activity, including assemblies and field trips.

B. Textbook fees may only be charged in grades seven through twelve.

C. If a class is established or approved which requires payment of fees or purchase of materials, tickets to events, etc., in order for students to participate fully and to have the opportunity to acquire all skills and knowledge required for full credit and highest grades, the class shall be subject to the fee waiver provisions of R277-407-6.

D. Students of all grade levels may be required to provide materials for their optional projects, but a student may not be required to select an optional project as a condition for enrolling in or completing a course. Project-related courses must be based upon projects and experiences that are free to all students.

E. Schools shall provide school supplies for K-6 students. A student may, however, be required to replace supplies provided by the school which are lost, wasted, or damaged by the student through careless or irresponsible behavior.

F. An elementary school or teacher may provide to parents or guardians a suggested list of supplies. The suggested list shall contain the express language in Section 53A-12-102(2)(c).

G. Secondary students may be required to provide their own student supplies, subject to the provisions of Section R277-407-6.

R277-407-4. School Activities Outside of the Regular School Day.

A. Fees may be charged, subject to the provisions of Section R277-407-6, in connection with any school-sponsored activity which does not take place during the regular school day, regardless of the age or grade level of the student, if participation is voluntary and does not affect a student's grade or ability to participate fully in any course taught during the regular school day.

B. Fees related to extracurricular activities may not exceed limits established by the LEA. Schools shall collect these fees consistent with LEA policies and state law.

R277-407-5. General Provisions.

A. No fee may be charged or assessed in connection with any class or school-sponsored or supported activity, including extracurricular activities, unless the fee has been set and approved by the LEA and distributed in an approved fee schedule or notice in accordance with this rule.

B. Fee schedules and policies for the entire LEA shall be adopted at least once each year by the LEA in a regularly scheduled public meeting of the LEA. Provision shall be made for broad public notice and participation in the development of fee schedules and waiver policies. Minutes of LEA meetings during which fee and waiver policies are developed or adopted, together with copies of approved policies, shall be kept on file by the LEA and made available upon request.

C. Each LEA shall adopt procedures to reasonably ensure that the parent or guardian of each child who attends school within the LEA receives written notice of all current and applicable fee schedules and fee waiver policies, including easily understandable procedures for obtaining waivers and for appealing a denial of waiver, as soon as possible prior to the time when fees become due. Copies of the schedules and waiver policies shall be included with all registration materials provided to potential or continuing students.

D. No present or former student may be denied receipt of transcripts or a diploma for failure to pay school fees. A reasonable charge may be made to cover the cost of duplicating or mailing transcripts and other school records. No charge may

be made for duplicating or mailing copies of school records to an elementary or secondary school in which the student is enrolled or intends to enroll.

E. To preserve equal opportunity for all students and to limit diversion of money and school and staff resources from the basic school program, each LEA's fee policies shall be designed to limit student expenditures for school-sponsored activities, including expenditures for activities, uniforms, clubs, clinics, travel, and subject area and vocational leadership organizations, whether local, state, or national.

F. Donations or contributions may be solicited and accepted in accordance with LEA policies, but all such requests must clearly state that donations and contributions are voluntary. A donation is a fee if a student is required to make a donation in order to participate in an activity.

G. In the collection of school fees, LEAs shall comply with statutes and State Tax Commission rules regarding the collection of state sales tax.

R277-407-6. Waivers.

A. An LEA shall provide, as part of any fee policy or schedule, for adequate waivers or other provisions in lieu of fee waivers to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or school-sponsored or supported activity because of an inability to pay a fee.

The LEA fee waiver policy shall include procedures to ensure that:

(1) at least one person at an appropriate administrative level is designated in each school to administer the policy and grant waivers;

(2) the process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives is administered fairly, objectively, and without delay, and avoids stigma and unreasonable burdens on students and parents;

(3) students who have been granted waivers or provisions in lieu of fee waivers are not treated differently from other students or identified to persons who do not need to know;

(4) fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of fee waivers are available to any student whose parent is unable to pay the fee in question; fee waivers shall be verified by a school or LEA administrator consistent with requirements of Section 53A-12-103(5);

(5) the LEA requires documentation of fee waivers consistent with Section 53A-12-103(5);

(6) schools and the LEA submit fee waiver compliance forms consistent with Doe v. Utah State Board of Education, Civil No. 920903376 that affirm compliance with provisions of the Permanent Injunction and provisions of Section 53A-12-103(5);

(7) the LEA does not retain required fee waiver verification documentation for protection of privacy and confidentiality of family income records consistent with 53A-12-103(6);

(8) textbook fees are waived for all eligible students in accordance with Sections 53A-12-201 and 53A-12-204 of the Utah Code and this Section;

(9) parents are given the opportunity to review proposed alternatives to fee waivers;

(10) a timely appeal process is available, including the opportunity to appeal to the LEA or its designee;

(11) any requirement that a given student pay a fee is suspended during any period during which the student's eligibility for waiver is being determined or during which a denial of waiver is being appealed; and

(12) the LEA provides for balancing of financial inequities among schools so that the granting of waivers and provisions in lieu of fee waivers do not produce significant inequities through unequal impact on individual schools.

B. A student is eligible for fee waiver as follows:

(1) income verification consistent with Section 53A-12-103(5);

(2) the student receives (SSI) Supplemental Security Income (ONLY THE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES THE SSI BENEFIT QUALIFIES FOR FEE WAIVERS);

(3) the family receives TANF (currently qualified for financial assistance or food stamps);

(4) the student is in foster care (under Utah or local government supervision);

(5) the student is in state custody.

C. In lieu of income verification, supporting documents shall be required for each special category of fee waiver-eligible students:

(1) For TANF, a letter of decision covering the period for which fee waiver is sought from Utah Department of Workforce Services;

(2) For SSI, a benefit verification letter from Social Security;

(3) For state custody or foster care, the youth in custody required intake form and school enrollment letter or both provided by the case worker from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services or the Utah Juvenile Justice Department.

D. CASE BY CASE DETERMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT QUALIFY UNDER ONE OF THE FOREGOING STANDARDS but who, because of extenuating circumstances such as, but not limited to, exceptional financial burdens such as loss or substantial reduction of income or extraordinary medical expenses, are not reasonably capable of paying the fee.

E. Expenditures for uniforms, costumes, clothing, and accessories (other than items of typical student dress) which are required for school attendance, participation in choirs, pep clubs, drill teams, athletic teams, bands, orchestras, and other student groups, and expenditures for student travel as part of a school team, student group, or other school-approved trip, are fees requiring approval of the LEA, and are subject to the provisions of this section, consistent with Doe v. Utah State Board of Education, Civil No. 920903376, p. 43.

F. Student Records

(1) An LEA or school may pursue reasonable methods to collect fees, but shall not exclude students from school or withhold official student records, including written or electronic grade reports, diploma, or transcripts, for fees owed.

(2) An LEA or school may withhold the official student records of a student responsible for lost or damaged school property consistent with Section 53A-11-806, but may not withhold a student's records that would prevent a student from attending school or being properly placed in school.

(3) Consistent with Section 53A-11-504, a school requested to forward a certified copy of a transferring student's record to a new school shall comply within 30 school days of the request.

G. Charges for class rings, letter jackets, school photos, school yearbooks, and similar articles not required for participation in a class or activity are not fees and are not subject to the waiver requirements.

R277-407-7. Fee Waiver Reporting Requirements.

Beginning with fiscal year 1990-91, each LEA shall attach to its annual S-3 statistical report for inclusion in the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's annual report the following:

(1) a summary of the number of students in the LEA given fee waivers, the number of students who worked in lieu of a waiver, and the total dollar value of student fees waived by the LEA;

(2) a copy of the LEA's fee and fee waiver policies;

(3) a copy of the LEA's fee schedule for students; and

(4) the notice of fee waiver criteria provided by the LEA

to a student's parent or guardian.

(5) consistent fee waiver compliance forms provided by the Utah State Office of Education and required by Doe v. Utah State Board of Education, Civil No. 920903376.

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Doe v. Utah State Board of Education, Civil No. 920903376

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-410. Accreditation of Schools.
R277-410-1. Definitions.

A. "Accreditation" means the formal process for evaluation and approval under the Standards for Accreditation of the Northwest Accreditation Commission or the accreditation standards of the Board, available from the Utah State Office of Education Accreditation Specialist.

B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

C. "Elementary school" for the purpose of this rule means grades K-6 in whatever kind of school the grade levels exists.

D. "Middle school" for the purpose of this rule means grades 7-8 in whatever kind of school the grade levels exist.

E. "Northwest" means the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the regional accrediting association of which Utah is a member.

F. "Secondary school" for the purpose of this rule means a school that includes grades 9-12 that offers credits toward high school graduation or diplomas or both in whatever kind of school the grade levels exist.

G. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-410-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, by Section 53A-1-402(1)(c)(i) which directs the Board to adopt rules for school accreditation, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to specify accreditation procedures and responsibility for public schools for which accreditation is required and for nonpublic schools which voluntarily request Northwest accreditation.

R277-410-3. Accreditation of Public Schools.

A. The USOE has responsibility to facilitate accreditation by the Board for Utah public schools. The Board is not responsible for the accreditation of nonpublic schools, including private, parochial, or other independent schools.

B. Utah public secondary schools, as defined in R277-410-1F, including charter schools, shall be members of Northwest and be accredited by Northwest, except as exempted by R277-412-3C and R277-413-3K.

C. Utah public elementary and middle schools, as defined in R277-410-1C and D, including charter schools, that desire accreditation shall be members of Northwest and meet the requirements of R277-413. Northwest accreditation is optional for Utah elementary and middle schools.

D. All Northwest accredited schools shall complete the annual accreditation report and file the report in accordance with USOE procedures.

E. If a school includes grade levels for which accreditation is both mandatory and optional, the school shall be accredited in its entirety.

R277-410-4. Transfer or Acceptance of Credit.

A. Utah public schools shall accept transfer credits from accredited secondary schools consistent with R277-705-3.

B. Utah public schools may accept transfer credits from other credit sources consistent with R277-705-3.

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53A-1-401(3)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-411. Elementary School Accreditation.
R277-411-1. Definitions.

A. "Accreditation" means formal Northwest and Board approval of a school that has met standards considered by the Board to be essential for the operation of a quality school program.

B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

C. "Elementary school" for the purpose of this rule means grades K-6 in whatever kind of school the grade levels exists.

D. "Northwest" means the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the regional accrediting association of which Utah is a member.

E. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-411-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, by Section 53A-1-402(1)(c) which directs the Board to adopt rules for school accreditation, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to:

(1) specify the standards and procedures by which elementary schools may become accredited by Northwest, the USOE, and the Board; and

(2) establish an accreditation program of appropriate and high standards of attainment to assist schools in maintaining and improving education programs.

R277-411-3. Elementary School Accreditation.

A. Elementary schools desiring accreditation shall be members of Northwest and meet the standards required for such accreditation as outlined in R277-413.

B. The accreditation of Utah elementary schools is optional; interested elementary schools may apply to Northwest for accreditation.

C. Accreditation shall take place under the direction of the USOE acting as an agent for Northwest.

D. The accreditation status and date of most recent accreditation of the school shall be available from the USOE upon request.

KEY: accreditation

April 1, 2005	**Art X Sec 3**
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	53A-1-401(3)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-412. Junior High and Middle School Accreditation.
R277-412-1. Definitions.

A. "Accreditation" means formal Northwest and Board approval of a school that has met standards considered by the Board to be essential for the operation of a quality school program.

B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

C. "Junior high school" for the purpose of this rule means any combination of grades 7-9.

D. "Middle school" for the purpose of this rule means grades 7-8 in whatever kind of school the grade levels exist.

E. "Northwest" means the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the regional accrediting association of which Utah is a member.

F. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-412-2. 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-1-402(1)(c) which directs the Board to adopt rules for school accreditation, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to specify the standards and procedures by which junior high and middle schools may choose to become accredited by Northwest with facilitation by the Board.

R277-412-3. Middle School Accreditation.

A. The accreditation process for junior high and middle schools shall take place under the direction of the USOE acting as an agent for Northwest.

B. Middle schools, which desire accreditation, shall be members of Northwest and meet all the requirements and standards outlined in R277-413. They may apply for accreditation through Northwest.

C. Public junior high and middle schools that include 9th grade shall be visited and assigned status by the USOE using the Northwest accreditation standards. The schools are not required, however, to be members of Northwest or file annual reports.

D. The Northwest accreditation standards provided in R277-413 are applicable to junior high and middle schools in their entirety if the schools include 9th grade consistent with R277-412-3C.

E. The accreditation status and date of most recent accreditation of the school shall be available from the USOE upon request.

KEY: accreditation

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	53A-1-401(3)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-437. Student Enrollment Options.
R277-437-1. Definitions.

A. "Available school or program" means a school or program currently designated under the law and this rule by a district as open to nonresident students.

B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

C. "District of residence" means a student's school district of residence under Section 53A-2-201.

D. "Nonresident student" means a student attending or seeking to attend a school other than the designated school of residence.

E. "Residual per student expenditure" means the expenditure based on the most recent State Superintendent's Annual Report according to the following formula:

(1) Take total expenditures before interfund transfer for:

(a) maintenance and operation;

(b) tort liability; and

(c) capital projects.

(2) Subtract from the sum of (1), above:

(a) resident district's taxes collected under the Minimum School Program;

(b) state revenue;

(c) federal revenue; and

(d) expenditures for site acquisition or new facility construction (new facility construction includes remodeling that increases building square footage or other major remodeling, if approved by the USOE Director of Finance).

(3) Divide the remainder of (1) and (2) above by the total student membership of the district as reported in the most recent State Superintendent's Annual Report.

F. "Safety emergency" means a situation in which:

(1) enrollment in a specific school is necessary to protect the health of the student as determined by a specific medical recommendation from a medical doctor; or

(2) enrollment in a specific school is necessary to protect the emotional or physical safety of a student, based on documentation/evidence provided by the student's previous school, the parent(s)/guardian(s), a clinical psychologist who is tracking the student, or cumulative information.

G. "School of residence" means the school which a student would normally attend in the student's district of residence.

H. "School into which the school's students feed" for purposes of this rule means school boundaries and feeder systems as determined by the local board of education which may change over time.

I. "Serious infraction of the law or school rules" means chronic misbehavior by a student which is likely, if it were to continue after the student was admitted, to endanger persons or property, cause serious disruptions in the school, or to place unreasonable burdens on school staff.

J. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-437-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which places general control and supervision of the public school system under the Board, by 53A-1-402(1)(b) which directs the Board to establish rules and minimum standards for access to programs and by 53A-2-210 which directs the Board to provide a formula by rule for resident students who attend school districts under Section 53A-2-206.5 et seq. This rule is consistent with federal laws and regulations, including the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C., Chapter 33, Section 1412 as amended by Public Law 102-119, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (ESEA), P.L. 107-110.

B. The purpose of this rule is:

(1) to establish necessary definitions;

(2) to establish a formula for the residual per pupil expenditure for school districts to reimburse each other for full and part-time nonresident students;

(3) to summarize school, school district, and state responsibilities under Section 53A-2-206.5; and

(4) to provide a standard statewide open enrollment form required under Section 53A-2-207(4)(b).

R277-437-3. Local School Board and District Responsibilities.

A. Prior to September 30, 2008, a local board shall announce policies describing procedures for students to follow in applying to attend schools other than their respective schools of residence. Local school boards shall designate which schools and programs will be available for open enrollment during the coming school year consistent with the definitions and timelines of Section 53A-2-206.5 et seq.

B. The school district shall adjust timelines for open enrollment applications if the district is developing a district-wide reconfiguration of its schools consistent with Section 53A-2-206.5(1).

C. A school district may establish longer or broader timelines for enrollment than required by law.

D. If construction, remodeling, or other circumstances beyond the control of the local board do not reasonably permit the local board to make sufficiently accurate enrollment projections for a given school to determine whether the school should be designated as available for open enrollment for the coming year, the local board shall designate delays and procedures consistent with Section 53A-2-207(4)(c).

E. As required under Subsection 53A-2-210(2), a resident district shall pay to a nonresident district one-half of the resident district's residual per student expenditure for each resident student properly registered in the nonresident district.

F. Each local board shall establish a procedure to consider appeals of any denial of initial or continued enrollment of a nonresident student under Subsection 53A-2-209(1).

G. A local board of education may deny enrollment of nonresident students for reasons identified in R277-437-1I.

H. There shall be no presumption of eligibility for students to participate in activities governed by the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) if students transfer under Section 53A-2-206.5.

R277-437-4. State Board of Education Responsibilities.

A. Capacity for special education classrooms shall:

(1) be consistent with Utah Special Education Caseload Guidelines; and

(2) depend on staffing and funding constraints of the receiving school district.

B. A standard enrollment options application form shall be available on the USOE website by May 15, 2008.

R277-437-5. Transportation.

A school district may transport its students to schools in other districts under Subsection 53A-2-210(3)(b)(i).

KEY: public education, enrollment options

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	53A-2-210
	53A-2-206.5 et seq.

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-491. School Community Councils.
R277-491-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Candidate" means a parent or school employee who has filed for election to the school community council.

C. "Contested race" means the election of members to a school community council when there are more candidates than open positions.

D. "Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specifically designated.

E. "Educator" means a person who holds a current license and is employed by the school district where the person's child attends school.

F. "Parent" means the parent or guardian of a student attending a school district public school.

G. "Parent or guardian member":

(1) means a member of a school community council who is a parent or guardian of a student who is attending the school; will be enrolled at the school at any time during the parent's or guardian's initial term of office; or was enrolled at the school during the parent or guardian member's initial term of office;

(2) may not include an educator who is employed at the school.

H. "School administrator" means a school principal, school assistant principal or designee as specifically assigned by the school district.

I. "School community" means the geographic area designated by the school district as the attendance area with reasonable inclusion of the parents or legal guardians of additional students who are attending the school.

J. "School community council" means the council organized at each school district public school as established in Section 53A-1a-108 and R277-491. The council includes the principal or designee, school employee members and parent members. There shall be at least a two parent member majority.

K. "School employee member" means a member of a school community council who is a person employed at a school by the school or school district, including the principal.

L. "Secure ballot box" means a closed container prepared by the school for the deposit of secret ballots for the school community council elections.

M. "Student" means a child in public school grades kindergarten through twelve counted on the audited October 1 Fall Enrollment Report.

N. "USDB" means the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

O. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-491-2. 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 and by Section 53A-1-401(3) which permits the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. Local boards of education for school districts and the State Charter School Board for state-sponsored charter schools are responsible for school community council operations, plans, oversight, and training.

C. The purpose of this rule is to:

(1) provide procedures and clarifying information to school community councils to assist them in fulfilling school community council responsibilities consistent with Section 53A-1a-108(3);

(2) provide direction to school districts and schools in establishing and maintaining school community councils whose primary focus is to develop, approve, and assist in implementing school improvement plans, and advise school/school district administrators consistent with Sections 53A-1a-108(3) and 53A-16-101.5;

(3) provide a framework and support for improved academic achievement of students that is locally driven from within individual schools, through critical review of testing results and other indicators of student success, by establishing meaningful, measurable goals and implementing research-based programs and processes to reach the goals;

(4) encourage increased participation of the parents, school employees and others that support the purposes of the school community councils; and

(5) encourage compliance with the law.

R277-491-3. School Community Council Member Election Provisions.

A. Notice of the school community council elections shall be provided at least 10 days prior to the elections. The notice shall include the dates and times of the election, the positions that are up for election and instructions about becoming a candidate.

B. Parents may stand for election as parent members of a school community council at a school consistent with the definition of parent member in R277-491-1G.

C. Parents may vote for the school community council parent members if their child(ren) are enrolled at the school.

D. School community councils may establish procedures that allow for ballots to be clearly marked and mailed to the school in the case of geography or school distances that would otherwise discourage parent participation. Hand-delivered or mailed ballots shall meet the same timelines for voters voting in person.

E. Entire school districts or schools may allow parents to vote by electronic ballot. If school districts/schools allow voting by electronic means, the opportunity shall be clearly explained on the school district/school website including:

(1) directions for electronic voting;

(2) security provisions for electronic voting;

(3) statement to parents and community members that violations of a school district's/school's voting procedures may disqualify a parent's vote or invalidate a specific school election, or both;

(4) how a parent may vote by paper ballot, if preferred.

F. Ballots and voting are required only in the event of a school community council contested race. Ballots and the results of each election shall be maintained for three years.

G. School community councils are encouraged to establish clear and written:

(1) procedures that are consistent with state law, Board rules, and local board policies;

(2) procedures for the election of school community council chairs, co-chairs or vice chairs;

(3) timelines and procedures for school community council elections that may include receiving information from applicants in a timely manner; and

(4) additional clarification and procedures to assist in the efficient operation of school community councils consistent with the law.

H. Elections shall begin no later than 30 days after the first day of school. Voting for parent/guardian members shall extend for at least three consecutive school days and be completed no later than 35 days after the first day of school.

I. Following the election, if there are more parent members who are educators in the district than parents who are not educators in the district elected to the council, the parents on the council shall appoint additional parent members until the number of parent members who are not educators exceeds the number of parent educators in the district.

J. Following the election, the principal shall enter and sign a Principal's Assurance Form that assures the school community council at the school was elected, and that vacancies were filled,

as necessary, and that the school community council is properly constituted consistent with Section 53A-1a-108 and R277-477 and R277-491. The form shall be completed and uploaded to the School LAND Trust website.

K. School community council members who were duly elected prior to May 8, 2012 shall be allowed to complete the term for which they were elected. All school community council members shall satisfy requirements of Section 53A-1a-108 in subsequent terms.

R277-491-4. School Community Council School/School Administrator Responsibilities.

A. A school administrator may not serve as chair or co-chair of the school community council.

B. A school or school district administrator shall not prohibit or discourage a school community council from discussing any issue or concern not prohibited by law raised by any school community council member.

C. The school principal shall provide the following information to the school community:

(1) Notice of dates, times and location of school community council elections at least 10 days before the elections are held, including:

(a) timely notice of school community council positions that are up for election;

(b) instructions for applying to become a school community council member together with timelines for submitting information and applications.

(2) The school community council chair or designee shall post the school community council meeting information (time, place and date of meeting; meeting agenda and previous meeting draft minutes) on the school's website at least one week prior to each meeting.

D. The school community council chair, assisted by the school administrator, shall provide the following information on the school website and in at least one other direct delivery method ensuring that all parents are notified as provided in Section 53A-1a-108:

(1) Within the first six weeks of the school year, a list of the members of the school community council and each member's direct email or phone number, or both, and the school community council meeting schedule;

(2) By November 15 of each year, a summary of the annual report about how the School LAND Trust Program funds were used to enhance or improve academic excellence at the school, consistent with Section 53A-1a-108.1(5)(b).

E. The school community council chair, assisted by the school administrator, shall act in compliance with Section 53A-1a-108 including:

(1) ensuring that council members receive annual training about the requirements of Sections 53A-1a-108, 53A-1a-108.1 and 53A-16-101.5;

(2) posting draft minutes of the most recent meeting on the school website at least one week prior to the next meeting;

(3) posting the agenda and location of the upcoming meeting on the school's website at least one week prior to the meeting;

(4) assuring that written minutes are kept consistent with Section 53A-1a-108.1(8);

(5) assuring that written minutes are maintained, as approved, for three years as the official record of action taken at each meeting; and

(6) adopting a set of rules of order and procedures that the council shall follow to conduct a meeting. The rules shall be followed in conducting meetings, be posted on the school website and available at each meeting, and other required or appropriate activities.

F. School community council responsibilities do not allow for closed meetings, consistent with Section 53A-1a-108.1.

R277-491-5. Parent Rights and Responsibilities.

A. Parents of students attending a school shall receive notice of open school community council positions and of elections consistent with Section 53A-1a-108.

B. Parents of students attending a school shall have access to schedules, agendas, minutes and decisions consistent with Sections 53A-1a-108(4) and (5).

C. School community council parent members shall participate fully in the development of various school plans described in Section 53A-1a-108(3) including, at a minimum:

(1) School Improvement Plan;

(2) School LAND Trust Plan;

(3) Reading Achievement Plan (for elementary schools);

(4) Professional Development Plan; and

(5) Child Access Routing Plan.

D. Parents shall receive timely notice of school community council timelines and procedures that affect parent member elections, school community council meeting information and other parent rights or opportunities, consistent with state law, Board rules, and local board policy.

E. School websites shall fully communicate the opportunities provided to parents about serving on the school community council and how parents can directly influence the expenditure of the School LAND Trust funds. The website should include the dollar amount received each year through the program.

R277-491-6. Additional School Community Council Information and Provisions.

A. School community councils shall set the beginning terms for school community council members consistent with Section 53A-1a-108(5)(g).

B. Training for members of school community councils shall be provided under the direction of local boards of education, including providing applicable sections of the statutes and Board rules to council members.

C. School community councils shall report on plans, programs, and expenditures, including detailed descriptions of expenditures for professional development, at least annually to local boards of education and cooperate with the legislative and USOE monitoring, and audits.

D. School community councils may establish procedures and requirements for parent notification and election timelines that are not inconsistent with Sections 53A-1a-108, 53A-16-101.5, 52-4-101 et. seq., this rule, or local board policy.

E. Public schools that are secure facilities, juvenile detention facilities, hospital program schools, and other small special programs may receive all funds available to schools with school community councils if the schools demonstrate and document a good faith effort to recruit members, have meetings and publicize results as recognized and affirmed by local boards of education.

F. School community councils shall encourage greater participation on the school community council and may recruit potential applicants to apply for open positions on the council.

G. Local boards of education may ask school community councils to address local issues at the school community council level for discussion before bringing the issues to local boards of education. School community councils may be asked for information to inform local board decisions.

H. Local boards of education shall provide copies of statutory information (Section 53A-1a-108, School community councils authorized -- Duties -- Composition -- Election procedures and selection of members; Section 53A-1a-108.1, School Community Councils - Open and public meeting requirements; Section 53A-1a-108.5, School improvement plan; Section 53A-16-101.5, School LAND Trust Program -- Purpose -- Distribution of funds -- School plans for use of funds) to school community council members.

I. Local boards of education, and the State Charter School Board for state-sponsored charter schools, shall report approval dates of required plans to the USOE. School community councils are encouraged to advise and inform elected local board members.

J. Local boards of education make decisions in governing school districts with superintendents and principals acting under the direction and in behalf of local board of education in all areas of governance, including implementing approved School Improvement and School LAND Trust Program plans.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-497. School Grading System.
R277-497-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "LEA" means a local education agency, including local school boards/public school districts, charter schools, and, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

R277-497-2. 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-1-1113 which directs the Board to adopt rules to implement a school grading system, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide consistent definitions, standards and procedures for LEAs to report school data through a school grading system.

R277-497-3. Board Responsibilities.

A. Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the Board shall implement a school grading system. The school grading system shall include the following elements:

(1) A report of school academic performance in language arts, writing, math, and science expressed in a grading system (A,B,C,D,F), for academic achievement including:

(a) student assessed proficiency, and

(b) student assessed growth.

(2) Academic achievement shall be based on:

(a) student performance on the Board-approved grade/subject level assessments, and

(b) college and career readiness indicators, such as graduation rates.

B. The Board shall use generally accepted standards of validity and reliability to determine the appropriate requirements for letter grades that combine to make up a school report through the school grading system.

C. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year data, the Board shall:

(1) implement a school grading system that makes data and reports available to parents, educators and the public. The report shall include the elements described in R277-497-3A.

(2) School data and reports shall be available to parents, educators and the public through a public website that facilitates the comparison of public schools based on the school grading system and demographics.

D. The Board-implemented school grading system shall include test scores for students with disabilities consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1401(3).

E. After the 2012-2013 school year, the Board shall:

(1) seek and review evaluation information on the calculations and methodologies used to determine academic achievement reports and consider modifications to refine and improve the process and availability of the information.

R277-497-4. LEA Responsibilities.

A. LEAs shall provide accurate and timely data as required under R277-484 to allow for the development of the school reports.

B. LEAs shall use the school reports as a communication tool to inform parents and the community about school performance.

C. LEAs shall ensure that the school reports are available for all parents.

R277-497-5. School Responsibilities.

A. Schools shall provide data for the school reports as provided in R277-484.

B. Schools shall cooperate with the Board and LEAs to ensure that the school reports are available for all parents.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-500. Educator Licensing Renewal, Timelines, and Required Fingerprint Background Checks.
R277-500-1. Definitions.

A. "Acceptable alternative professional learning activities" means activities that may not fall within a specific category under R277-500-5 but are consistent with this rule.

B. "Accredited" means a teacher preparation program accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

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 received formal approval by the Northwest Accreditation Commission.

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 LEA, accredited private school, or USOE, or who was employed by a Utah public LEA or accredited private school in a role covered by the license for at least three years in the individual's renewal period.

E. "Active educator license" means a license that is currently valid for employment in a position requiring an educator license.

F. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

G. "College/university course" means a course taken through an institution approved under Section 53A-6-108.

H. "Course work successfully completed" for purposes of this rule means the student earns a grade C or better in approved university or university level course work or USOE professional learning credit.

I. "Documentation of professional learning activities" means:

(1) an original student transcript of university/college courses;

(2) a LEA or USOE-sponsored electronic record of professional learning activities;

(3) summary, explanation, or copy of the product of a professional learning activity signed by the educator's supervisor or a licensed administrator ;

(4) certificate of completion for an approved professional learning conference, workshop, institute, symposium, educational travel experience or staff development;

(5) an agenda or conference program demonstrating sessions and duration of professional learning activities.

J. "Educational research" means conducting research on education issues or investigating education innovations.

K. "Inactive educator" means an individual holding a valid license issued by the Board who is not currently employed by a Utah public LEA or accredited private school and who was employed by a Utah public LEA or accredited private school in a role covered by the license for less than three years in the individual's renewal period.

L. "Inactive educator license" means a license issued by the Board, other than a suspended or revoked license, that is currently not valid due to the holder's failure to complete requirements for license renewal.

M. "Level 1 license" means a Utah professional educator license issued upon completion of an approved preparation program or an alternative preparation program, or to an applicant that holds an educator license issued by another state or country that has also met all ancillary requirements established by law or rule.

N. "Level 2 license" means a Utah professional educator license issued after satisfaction of all requirements for a Level 1 license and:

(1) 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 LEA or accredited private school;

(2) at least three years of successful education experience in a Utah public LEA or accredited private school or one year of successful education experience in a Utah public LEA or accredited private school and at least three years of successful education experience in a public LEA or accredited private school outside of Utah;

(3) additional requirements established by law or rule.

O. "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 or an accredited private school, or holds a Speech-Language Pathology area of concentration and has obtained American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) certification.

P. "License" means an authorization which permits the holder to serve in a professional capacity in a public LEA or accredited private school.

Q. "Licensed administrator" means an individual holding an active educator license that is valid for employment in a public school administrative position.

R. "License renewal 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.

S. "National Board Certification" means the successful completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBTPS) process, a three-year process, that may include national content-area assessment, an extensive portfolio, and assessment of video-taped classroom teaching experience.

T. "Professional growth plan" means a plan created and reviewed annually by an active educator and the educator's direct supervisor that details the professional goals of the educator based on the Utah Effective Teaching and Educational Leadership Standards consistent with R277-520 and related to the educator's self-assessment and formal evaluation required under Section 53A-8a-301.

U. "Professional learning" means engaging in activities that improve or enhance an educator's practice.

V. "Professional learning plan" means a document prepared by a Utah educator consistent with this rule.

W. "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. The final determination of a university level course is made by the USOE.

X. "UPPAC" means the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission under Section 53A-6-301 through 307.

Y. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

Z. "USOE professional learning credit" means courses, approved by the USOE under R277-519-3, in which educators may participate to renew a license, teach in another subject area, or teach at another grade level.

AA. "Verification of employment" means official documentation of employment as an educator listing the educator's assignment and years of service, signed by the supervising administrator.

R277-500-2. 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 learning 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 learning plan, and documentation of activities consistent with Title 53A, Chapter 6.

R277-500-3. Educator License Renewal Requirements.

A. Professional Learning Plan for Active Educators

(1) An active educator, in collaboration with his supervisor, shall develop and maintain a professional learning plan as a subset of the educator's professional growth plan.

(2) The professional learning plan shall outline the professional learning activities in which the educator will participate during the educator's current license renewal cycle;

(3) The professional learning plan shall be developed by taking into account:

(a) the educator's professional goals;

(b) curriculum relevant to the educator's current or anticipated assignment;

(c) goals and priorities of the LEA and school;

(d) available student data relevant to the educator's current or anticipated assignment;

(e) feedback from the educator's yearly evaluation required under Section 53A-8a-301;

(f) the requirements under R277-522 if the educator is a Level 1 licensed educator.

(4) The professional learning plan for active educators shall include two hours of professional learning on youth suicide prevention consistent with Section 53A-1-603.

(5) The professional learning plan shall be reviewed and signed annually by the educator and supervisor and may be adjusted as appropriate.

(6) The educator is responsible for creation of the professional learning plan in collaboration with the designated supervisor.

(7) The educator is responsible for maintaining documentation associated with the plan and the annual review of the plan.

(8) The LEA may create tools or policies or both to assist educators in meeting this responsibility.

B. Professional Learning Plan for Inactive Educators

(1) All inactive educators intending to renew an educator license shall, in collaboration with a licensed administrator, develop and maintain a professional learning plan.

(2) The professional learning plan shall outline the professional learning activities in which the educator will participate during the educator's current license renewal cycle.

(3) The plan shall take into account:

(a) the educator's professional goals;

(b) current license areas of concentration and endorsements;

(c) current trends relevant to the educator's current license areas of concentration and endorsements;

(d) the Utah Core Curriculum relevant to the educator's current license areas of concentration and endorsements;

(4) The professional learning plan shall be reviewed and signed by the educator and a licensed administrator at the beginning of the license renewal cycle and again at the end of the license renewal cycle.

(5) The educator is responsible for developing the professional learning plan and maintaining documentation of the plan.

C. License Renewal Points

(1) To be valid for renewal, the professional learning plan shall document that the educator has earned the appropriate number of license renewal points as defined in R277-500-3.

(2) License holders may accrue license renewal points beginning with the date of each new license renewal.

(3) A Level 1 license holder shall earn at least 100 license renewal points in each three year period. A Level 1 license may only be renewed consistent with R277-504-3(D).

(4) A Level 2 license holder shall earn at least 200 license renewal points in each 5 year period.

(5) A Level 3 license holder shall earn at least 200 license renewal points in each 7 year period.

D. Documentation

(1) Each Utah license holder shall be responsible for maintaining documentation supporting completion of the professional learning plan.

(2) It is the educator's responsibility to retain documentation of professional learning activities with appropriate signatures.

(3) All documentation relevant to the professional learning plan shall be retained by the educator for a minimum of two years from the designated renewal date.

E. Fingerprint Background Check and Educator Ethics Review

(1) A fingerprint background check shall be required for the renewal of any Utah educator license beginning July 1, 2009 consistent with Section 53A-6-401.

(2) No license may be renewed until the completion of the background check and receipt and review of the report by the USOE.

(3) The background check shall be completed within one calendar year prior to the date of license renewal.

(4) If an educator license holder's fingerprint background check is incomplete or under review by the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), the educator license holder's CACTUS file will direct the reviewer of the file to the USOE for further information. An educator license cannot be renewed until the background check process is complete.

(5) Completion of the USOE Educator Ethics Review shall be required for the renewal of a Utah educator license beginning January 1, 2011.

(6) No license may be renewed prior to the completion of the USOE Educator Ethics Review.

(7) The Ethics Review shall be completed within one calendar year prior to license renewal.

R277-500-4. Educator License Renewal Procedures.

A. An active educator license holder shall satisfy the final review and obtain the appropriate signatures regarding completion of the professional learning plan between January 1 and June 30 of the educator's assigned renewal year.

(1) A Level 2 or 3 educator license holder who has completed all additional requirements for renewal shall complete the online renewal provided by USOE between January 1 and June 30 of the educator's assigned renewal year.

(2) A Level 1 educator license holder who has completed all additional requirements for renewal shall submit the Professional Learning Plan Completion Form to the USOE between January 1 and June 30 of the educator's assigned renewal year. Forms that are not complete or do not bear original signatures shall not be processed.

(3) An educator's failure to complete the online process or submit the completion form consistent with deadlines in this rule shall result in beginning anew the administrative licensure process, including all attendant fees and criminal background checks.

B. An inactive educator license holder shall satisfy the final review and obtain the appropriate signatures regarding completion of the professional learning plan within one calendar year prior to the date on which the inactive educator license holder is directed/scheduled to renew the license.

(1) A Level 2 or 3 educator license holder who has completed all additional requirements for renewal shall complete the online renewal process provided by USOE between January 1 and June 30 of the educator's assigned renewal year.

(2) A Level 1 educator license holder who has completed all additional requirements for renewal shall submit the Professional Learning Plan Completion Form to the USOE between January 1 and June 30 of the educator's assigned renewal year. Forms that are not complete or do not bear original signatures shall not be processed.

(3) An educator's failure to complete the online process or submit the completion form consistent with deadlines shall result in beginning anew the licensure process, including all attendant fees and criminal background checks.

C. Educators seeking renewal from an inactive status or requesting level changes shall be charged a fee set by the USOE. Educators with active licenses shall be charged a renewal fee consistent with R277-502

D. The USOE shall audit a random sample of approximately ten percent of the annual online renewals. Educators selected for audit:

(1) shall submit the Professional Learning Plan Completion Form with the appropriate signatures to the USOE in a timely manner.

(2) shall receive a warning letter and may be referred to UPPAC if documentation is not submitted as requested.

(3) shall be referred to UPPAC for possible license discipline if the documentation reveals fraudulent or unprofessional actions.

E. The USOE may, at its own discretion, review or audit renewal transactions including the professional learning plan, signatures, and documentation of professional learning activities.

R277-500-5. Categories of Acceptable Activities for License Renewal.

A. Active educators may earn licensure renewal points based on their employment in a position requiring a Utah educator license during their license cycle.

(1) Only years of employment with satisfactory performance evaluations may be counted for license renewal points.

(2) A Level 1 license holder may earn 25 license renewal points per year of employment to a maximum of 50 points per license cycle.

(3) A Level 2 or 3 license holder may earn 35 license renewal points per year of employment to a maximum of 105 points per license cycle.

B. A college/university course:

(1) shall be successfully completed with a C or better, or a pass.

(2) Each semester hour, as recorded on an official transcript, equals 18 license renewal points.

C. USOE professional learning credit:

(1) shall be State-approved under R277-519-3;

(2) shall be successfully completed through attendance and required project(s).

(3) Each semester credit hour equals 15 license renewal points.

(4) Approval may be requested from the USOE by LEAs through a request submitted through the USOE-sponsored online professional learning tracking system.

(5) Approval shall be requested from the USOE at least four weeks prior to the beginning date of the scheduled professional learning activity and may be denied if not approved in advance.

D. LEA-sponsored or approved professional learning activities:

(1) shall be approved by the LEA at least four weeks prior to the scheduled activity;

(2) may include LEA or school based professional learning such as:

(a) participating in professional learning communities;

(b) development of LEA or school curriculum;

(c) planning and implementation of a school improvement plan;

(d) mentoring a Level 1 teacher;

(e) engaging in instructional coaching;

(f) conducting action research;

(g) studying student work with colleagues to inform instruction.

(3) Each clock hour of scheduled professional learning activity time equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 25 points per activity per year.

E. Acceptable alternative professional learning 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 the educator's supervisor, by a licensed administrator if the educator is an inactive educator, or with prior written approval by the USOE.

(3) Each clock hour of participation equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 25 points per activity.

F. Conferences, workshops, institutes, symposia, or staff-development programs:

(1) Acceptable workshops and programs shall be approved by the educator's supervisor, by a licensed administrator if the educator is an inactive educator, or with prior written approval by the USOE.

(2) Each clock hour of participation equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 25 points per activity.

G. Content and pedagogy testing:

(1) Acceptable tests include those approved by the Board.

(2) Each Board-approved test score report submitted, with a passing score, equals 25 license renewal points.

(3) Each test must be related to the educator's current or potential license area(s) or endorsement(s).

(4) No more than two test score reports may be submitted in a license cycle.

H. Utah university sponsored cooperating teachers:

(1) An educator working as a cooperating teacher with one or more student teachers may earn license renewal points.

(2) Each clock hour spent supervising, collaborating with, and mentoring assigned student teachers equals one license renewal point not to exceed 25 points per license renewal cycle.

I. Service in a leadership role in a national, state-wide, or LEA-recognized professional education organization:

(1) Acceptable service shall be approved by the educator's supervisor or by a licensed administrator if the educator is an inactive educator.

(2) Each clock hour of participation equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 10 points per year.

J. Educational research and innovation that results in a final, demonstrable product:

(1) Acceptable activities shall be approved by the educator's supervisor or by a licensed administrator if the educator is an inactive educator.

(2) The research activity shall be consistent with school and LEA policy.

(3) Each clock hour of participation equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 35 points per activity.

K. Substituting in a Utah public LEA or accredited private school:

(1) shall be considered an acceptable professional learning activity only for inactive educators paid and authorized as substitutes.

(2) Two hours of documented substitute time equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 25 points per year or 50 points per license cycle.

(3) Verification of hours shall be documented on LEA or school letterhead, list dates of employment, and signed by the supervising administrator.

L. Paraprofessional or volunteer service in a Utah public

LEA or accredited private school:

(1) shall be considered an acceptable professional learning activity only for inactive educators.

(2) Three hours of documented paraprofessional or volunteer service equals one license renewal point, not to exceed 25 points per year or 50 points per license cycle.

(3) Verification of hours shall be documented on LEA or school letterhead, list dates of service, and signed by the supervising administrator.

M. Credit for LEA lane change or other purposes is determined by the LEA and is awarded at the LEA's discretion. USOE professional learning credit should not be assumed to be credit for LEA purposes, such as salary or lane change credit.

R277-500-6. Board Directive to Educator License Holders for Fingerprint Background Check.

A. The USOE may direct a Utah educator license holder to have a criminal fingerprint background check under Section 53A-6-401 for good cause shown.

B. If an educator license holder fails to comply with the directive in a reasonable time, following reasonable notice, and adequate due process, the educator license holder's license may be put into a pending status in the educator's CACTUS file subject to the educator license holder's compliance with the directive.

C. The Board or its designee may review an educator license holder's compliance with the directive prior to the final decision about the educator license holder's license status.

D. The provisions and requirements of this rule shall apply to educators seeking licensure renewal beginning July 1, 2012.

R277-500-7. Exceptions or Waivers to this Rule.

A. The USOE may make exceptions to the provisions of this rule for unique and compelling circumstances.

B. Exceptions may only be made consistent with the purposes of this rule and the authorizing statutes.

C. 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 Licensing, USOE.

D. Approval or disapproval of the request shall be made in a timely manner and is not subject to administrative appeal.

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R277. Education, Administration.
R277-524. Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications.
R277-524-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Core academic subjects or areas" means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

C. "Direct supervision of a licensed teacher" means:

(1) the teacher prepares the lesson and plans the instruction support activities the paraprofessional carries out, and the teacher evaluates the achievement of the students with whom the paraprofessional works; and

(2) the paraprofessional works in close and frequent proximity with the teacher.

D. "Eligible school," for purposes of this rule and the Paraeducator Funding Program, means a Title I school that has not achieved adequate yearly progress, as defined by ESEA, in the same subject area for two consecutive years or is one of the state's lowest-performing Title I priority schools as defined by ESEA.

E. "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.

F. "Paraeducator funding" means supplemental state funding provided under Section 53A-17a-168 to Title I schools identified as in need of improvement under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title IX, Part A, 20 U.S.C. 7801 to hire additional paraeducators to assist students in achieving academic success.

G. "Paraprofessional" or "paraeducator" means an individual who works under the supervision of a teacher or other licensed/certificated professional who has identified responsibilities in the public school classroom.

R277-524-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, Section 53A-1-401(3) which gives the Board authority to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, Section 53A-1-402(1)(a)(i)which requires the Board to establish rules and minimum standards for the public schools regarding the qualification and certification of educators and ancillary personnel who provide direct student services, and NCLB, P.L. 107-110, Title 1, Sec, 1119 which requires that each local education agency receiving assistance under this part shall ensure that all paraprofessionals shall be appropriately qualified.

B. The purpose of this rule is to designate appropriate assignments of paraprofessionals and qualifications for paraprofessionals hired before and after January 6, 2002 consistent with NCLB requirements.

C. This rule establishes the formula for distribution of Paraeducator funding under Section 53A-17a-168 to eligible schools. The rule provides minimum standards for use of funds and reporting requirements.

R277-524-3. Appropriate Assignments or Duties for Paraprofessionals.

Paraprofessionals may:

A. provide individual or small group assistance or tutoring to students under the direct supervision of a licensed teacher during times when students would not otherwise be receiving instruction from a teacher.

B. assist with classroom organization and management, such as organizing instructional or other materials;

C. provide assistance in computer laboratories;

D. conduct parental involvement activities;

E. provide support in library or media centers;

F. act as translators;

G. provide supervision for students in non-instructional settings.

R277-524-4. Requirements for Paraprofessionals.

A. Paraprofessionals hired before January 6, 2002 who function under R277-504-3A, and working in programs supported by Title I funds shall satisfy one of the following prior to January 6, 2006:

(1) The individual has completed at least two years (minimum of 48 semester hours) at an accredited higher education institution; or

(2) The individual has obtained an associates (or higher) degree from an accredited higher education institution; or

(3) The individual has satisfied a rigorous state assessment, approved by the Board, that demonstrates:

(a) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or

(b) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate; or

(4) The individual has satisfied a rigorous local assessment, approved by the local board, that demonstrates:

(a) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or

(b) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate.

B. Paraprofessionals hired after January 6, 2002 in programs supported by Title I funds shall satisfy R277-524-4B(1)(2)(3) or (4).

(1) Individual shall have earned a secondary school diploma or a recognized equivalent; and

(2) The individual has completed at least two years (minimum of 48 semester hours) at an accredited higher education institution; or

(3) The individual has obtained an associates (or higher) degree from an accredited higher education institution; or

(4) The individual has satisfied a rigorous state or local assessment about the individual's knowledge of an ability to assist students in core courses under NCLB.

C. The individual shall satisfactorily complete a criminal background check if he will have significant unsupervised access to students consistent with Section 53A-3-410.

R277-524-5. Variances.

The provisions of this rule do not apply to:

A. paraprofessionals who are proficient in English and a language other than English who provide translator services; or

B. paraprofessionals who have only parental involvement or similar responsibilities.

R277-524-6. Use of Funds.

Local education agencies may use Title I funds in addition to other funds available and identified by the local education agency to support ongoing training and professional development for paraprofessionals.

R277-524-7. Board Responsibilities.

A. The Board shall annually distribute funds provided under Section 53A-17a-168 to eligible Title I schools. The funds shall be divided equally among eligible schools.

B. The Board shall submit an annual report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the implementation of this program.

R277-524-8. Responsibilities of Eligible Schools Receiving

Paraeducator Funding.

A. Paraeducators hired with these funds shall meet the qualifications under R277-524-4.

B. Paraeducators hired with these funds shall provide additional aid in the classroom to assist students in achieving academic success as defined in R277-524-3A.

C. Schools that accept the Paraeducator Funding shall demonstrate, as required by USOE reporting, that funds are used to supplement other state and federal funds to provide paraeducator services.

D. Schools accepting these funds shall provide an annual report as directed by the USOE that includes the following:

(1) the number of paraeducators hired with program money;

(2) school funding, in addition to funds provided under this rule, the school used to supplement program money to hire paraeducators; and

(3) accountability measures, including student test scores and other student assessment elements for students served by the program.

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P.L. 107-110, Title 1, Sec. 1119

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-617. Smart School Technology Program.
R277-617-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Independent Evaluating Committee" means the committee established under Section 53A-1-709 (b).

C. "Smart School Technology Program (Program)" means a three-year program developed by a selected technology provider for a customized whole-school technology deployment plan individualized for each school selected by the Board.

D. "Technology," for purposes of this rule, means technology provided as examples under Section 53A-1-709(7) or other technology approved by the independent evaluating committee.

E. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

F. "Whole-school technology deployment plan" means a plan:

(1) developed and implemented in a selected public school;

(2) that involves every student and every teacher;

(3) that uses technology identified in the school's application; and

(4) that will assist the school staff in improving student academic achievement during the period of the Program.

R277-617-2. Authority and Purpose.

A. This rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests the general control and supervision of public education in the Board, by Section 53A-1-401(3) which authorizes the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities, and by Section 53A-1-709(8)(d) that directs the Board to make rules specifying procedures and criteria to be used for selecting schools that may participate in the Program.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide criteria and procedures for the Board to select schools to participate in the Smart School Technology Program.

R277-617-3. School Selection Criteria.

A. The independent evaluating committee shall select a minimum of 3 schools and a maximum of 10 schools, based on number of applicants, cost of developing/implementing Program in the applicant schools, school needs, funds available and other relevant information.

B. Public schools that include grade levels K-12 are eligible.

C. The independent evaluating committee shall recommend and the Board shall select proposals from schools that represent, to the extent possible, geographic, economic and demographic diversity.

R277-617-4. Procedures.

A. A Program application shall be available from the USOE by June 3, 2012.

B. The application must be received by the USOE before June 29, 2012.

C. All applications shall be evaluated by the independent evaluating committee and a joint recommendation provided to the Board by July 20, 2012.

D. The Board shall make final school selections at the August, 2012 meeting of the Board.

R277-617-5. Evaluation.

The Program shall be evaluated and reports submitted by the Board consistent with Section 53A-1-709(9).

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53A-1-401(3)
53A-1-709(8)(d)

R277. Education, Administration.
R277-800. Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.
R277-800-1. Definitions.

A. "Accessible media producer" means companies or agencies that create fully-accessible specialized, student-ready formats for curriculum materials, such as Braille, large print, audio, or digital books.

B. "Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind with members, responsibilities, and other provisions under Section 53A-25b-203 and R277-800-4.

C. "Assessment" means the process of documenting, usually in measurable terms, knowledge, skills, attitudes and abilities pertaining to the fields of vision and hearing. These assessments may include the following areas of focus:

(1) valid, reliable and appropriate assessments given to determine eligibility for placement and services by a team of qualified professionals and the student's parent(s);

(2) functional assessments accomplished by observation and measurement of daily living skills and functional use of vision or hearing;

(3) academic evaluations as part of the Utah Performance Assessment System for Student (U-PASS), criterion reference tests (CRTs), or the Utah Alternative Assessment with appropriate accommodations as indicated on the individual education program (IEP).

D. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

E. "Campus-Based Program" means a program provided by USDB that offers an alternative to an outreach program for students who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or deafblind (ages three to 22). Services are provided by qualified USDB staff at a USDB site.

F. "The Chafee Amendment to the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 121" (Chafee Amendment) is a federal law that allows an authorized entity to reproduce or distribute copyrighted materials in specialized formats for students who are blind or have other print disabilities without the need to obtain permission of the copyright owner. Authorized entities are governmental or nonprofit organizations that have a primary mission to provide copyrighted works in specialized formats for students who are blind or have other print disabilities.

G. "Child Find" means activities and strategies designed to locate, evaluate and identify individuals eligible for services under the IDEA.

H. "Consultation" means a meeting for discussion or the seeking of advice.

I. "Designated LEA" means the local education agency assigned by a student's IEP or Section 504 team to have primary responsibility for ensuring that all rights and requirements regarding individual student assessment, eligibility services and procedural safeguards are satisfied consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. 1400, Part B, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

J. "Deafblindness" or "deafblind" means written verification provided by a medical professional stating that an individual has concomitant hearing and visual impairments, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for students with deafness or students with blindness. The definition of deafblindness also includes the provisions of 53A-25b-102 and 301.

K. "Educational Resource Center" (ERC) is a center under the direction of the USDB that provides information, technology, and instructional materials to assist Utah children with sensory impairments in progressing in the curriculum. It is also the mission of the ERC to facilitate access to materials, information and training for teachers and parents of children with sensory impairments.

L. "Hearing impairment/deafness" ('hard of hearing' for purposes of this rule) is defined as follows:

(1) Hearing impairment is an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a student's educational performance but that is not included under the definition of deafness.

(2) Deafness is a hearing impairment that is so severe that the student is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, and that adversely affects a student's educational performance.

M. "Local education agency" (LEA) means an agency that has administrative control and direction for public education. School districts, charter schools, and the USDB are LEAs.

N. "National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) is a central national repository that receives file sets in the NIMAS from publishers to maintain, catalogue and house for future reference file sets for states to use with students who have print disabilities and require accessible alternate formats.

O. "National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard" (NIMAS) means the electronic standard that enables all producers of alternate formats for students with print disabilities to work from one standard format available from publishers for this purpose.

P. "Outreach program" is a program provided by the USDB that offers an alternative to a campus-based program for students who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or deafblind (ages three to 22). Services are provided at a student's resident school or at a designated school by a qualified teacher of the blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or deafblind.

Q. "Related services" means those supportive services that are necessary for the appropriate implementation of the IEP. These may include but are not limited to speech pathology, audiology, low vision services, orientation and mobility, school counselor, transportation, school nurse, occupational therapy, or physical therapy.

R. "Section 504 accommodation plan" required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 means a plan designed to accommodate an individual who has been determined, as a result of an evaluation, to have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

S. "Technical assistance" means assistance to public education employees or licensed educators, and parents and families in significant areas of need by someone who has the expertise necessary to give council and training in designated areas.

T. "USDB" means the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

U. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

V. "Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC) is a center that receives NIMAS electronic file sets and produces them in the accessible alternate format required by students with print disabilities.

W. Visual impairment (including blindness) is an impairment in vision that, even with correction, adversely affects a student's educational performance. The term includes both partial sight and blindness that adversely affects a student's educational performance.

X. "WPU" means weighted pupil unit, the basic unit used to calculate the amount of state funds for which a school district or charter school is eligible.

R277-800-2. 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-25B-201 which describes the authority of the Board regarding the USDB, Section 53A-25b-203 which directs the Board to appoint Advisory Council members and assign a USOE staff member as a liaison between

the Board and the Advisory Council, Section 53A-25b-302 which directs the Board to establish entrance policies and procedures to be considered, consistent with IDEA, for student placement recommendations at the USDB, Section 53A-25b-501 to establish USIMAC and outline collaboration and operating procedures for USIMAC and USDB resources, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

B. The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures for the operation of the USDB and the USDB outreach programs and services.

R277-800-3. Board Authority Over and Support for USDB.

A. Consistent with Section 53A-25b-201, The Board is the governing board of the USDB.

B. The USDB superintendent, appointed consistent with Section 53A-25b-201(2), is subject to the direction of the Board and its executive officer, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

C. The Board shall appoint the USDB superintendent on the basis of outstanding qualifications.

(1) The USDB superintendent's term of office is for two years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(2) The Board shall set the USDB superintendent's compensation for services.

(3) The USDB superintendent shall have, at a minimum, an annual evaluation, as directed by the Board.

(4) The USDB superintendent qualifications shall be established by the Board.

(5) The duties of the USDB superintendent shall be established by the Board.

D. The Board shall direct the USOE to support, provide assistance and work cooperatively with the USDB in providing services to designated Utah students.

E. The Board shall assign a liaison to provide appropriate supervision to the USDB to ensure compliance with the law.

F. The Board and USOE staff, as assigned, shall assist the USDB and its superintendent and associate superintendents in adopting policies and preparing an annual budget that are consistent with the law.

(1) The Board shall approve the annual budget and expenditures of USDB.

(2) The USDB superintendent shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint an associate superintendent to administer the Utah School for the Deaf and an associate superintendent to administer the Utah School for the Blind. Qualifications of the associate superintendents shall be aligned with the requirements of Section 53A-25b-201.

(3) The USDB superintendent and associates may hire staff and teachers as needed for the USDB. Teachers and related service providers shall be appropriately licensed and credentialed or both for their specific assignments and support staff properly trained and supervised for their assignment.

(4) In employment practices and decisions, the USDB and the USDB superintendent shall maintain the accreditation of the USDB school and programs.

(5) The USDB superintendent and associates shall communicate regularly and effectively with the USOE and provide a written report to the Board at least annually in adequate time prior to the November legislative interim meeting or as requested by the Board.

(6) The USDB report shall contain:

(a) a financial report;

(b) a report on the activities of the superintendent and associate superintendents;

(c) a report on activities to involve parents and constituency, including school district and charter school personnel and advocacy groups, in the governance of the school and implementation of service delivery plans for students with sensory impairments; and

(d) a report on student achievement including student achievement data that provides longitudinal data for both current and previous students served by USDB, graduation rates, and students exiting USDB and their educational placements after exiting.

(7) USDB shall ensure that each child/student served by USDB is assigned a unique student identifier (SSID) to allow for annual data collection and reporting of achievement of current and past students.

(8) USDB shall provide the USOE with a listing of past and current children/students, including the assigned unique student identifier, served by USDB by September 1 of each year to facilitate the required data collection.

R277-800-4. USDB Advisory Council.

A. The Board shall establish the Advisory Council for USDB and appoint and support Advisory Council members as directed in Section 53A-25b-201. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide advice and recommendations to the Board and USDB administration regarding the instruction of students and the needs of children and students with sensory impairments served statewide by USDB.

B. The Advisory Council shall have not more than 11 Board-appointed voting members and shall include members as qualified under Section 53A-25b-201.

C. Advisory Council members shall be appointed for two year terms and may serve no more than three consecutive terms. Advisory Council members serve at the pleasure of the Board.

D. If an Advisory Council member resigns or is asked to resign, the Board shall appoint another member in a timely manner by seeking nominations.

E. The Board shall assist the Advisory Council in developing and passing by-laws establishing procedures for nominating and recommending dismissal of Advisory Council members, and setting ethical standards for Advisory Council members.

(1) The bylaws shall include operating procedures for the Advisory Council; and

(2) the bylaws may allow for representation on the Advisory Council of constituencies within the USDB community.

F. Advisory Council membership and school community council membership:

(1) Members of the Advisory Council may serve as school community council members under Section 53A-1a-108(4) and R277-491.

(2) The USDB school community council and election process shall be consistent with Section 53A-1a-108 and R277-491.

(3) The USDB may implement electronic voting and consider encouraging school community council participation through electronic meetings and technology that facilitate participation of parents of USDB students in voting and school community council meetings.

R277-800-5. USDB or Student's District of Residence/Charter School as Designated LEA.

A. To be eligible to receive services from the USDB, a student must be a resident of Utah and meet requirements of Section 53A-25b-301.

B. A student's placement at USDB, in a school/school district or charter school shall be determined by the student's IEP under IDEA or Section 504 accommodation plan. USDB services for students who are school-age shall be limited to those on an IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan.

C. Consistent with Section 53A-25b-301(3)(c), an IEP team or Section 504 team shall determine the appropriate placement for each blind, deaf or deafblind student consistent

with IDEA using the Blind/Visually Impaired Guidelines, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guidelines, or Deafblind Guidelines, as guidance. The USDB Guidelines are hereby incorporated by reference and included with this rule.

D. It is the responsibility of the student's district of residence or charter school to conduct Child Find under R277-800-1F, and to convene the initial IEP or Section 504 team meeting in order to determine a student's placement.

(1) A representative from the student's district of residence or charter school and a representative from the USDB shall be invited to the student's initial IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan meeting.

(2) The parental preference shall be considered in the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan process consistent with Section 53A-25b-301(3)(c). The final placement decision, as documented on the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan, shall document a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for the student and shall not be determined solely by parent preference.

E. When USDB is the designated LEA, USDB has full responsibility for all services defined in the IEP/Section 504 accommodation plan. A representative from the district of residence or charter school remains a required member of the IEP or Section 504 accommodation team.

F. When the district of residence or charter school is the LEA designated to provide services to a student with an IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan, the district of residence or charter school has the responsibility for providing instruction and services for the student except that the USDB may be designated by the team as a related service provider. The USDB remains a required member of the student's IEP or 504 accommodation plan team.

G. The IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan shall clearly define what services are to be provided by the related service provider(s).

H. The IEP or Section 504 team shall determine the designated LEA for student placement.

I. Parent complaints regarding student placement at district of residence or USDB:

(1) If a parent is dissatisfied with a student's placement at USDB or district of residence or charter school, the parent may access dispute resolution procedures, consistent with Utah State Board of Education Special Education Rules, August 2007.

(2) If a student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan provides for services to be provided by both the USDB and district of residence, or for the USDB and district of residence to share responsibility for serving a student, the parent may access dispute resolution procedures consistent with Utah State Board of Education Special Education Rules, August 2007.

R277-800-6. LEA and Board Interagency Agreement.

A. The Board, USOE and LEAs, with assistance from the USDB shall develop an Interagency Agreement that further explains roles, services, and financial obligations to students and participating entities and a basic process for resolving disagreements among the parties to the Agreement.

B. The Board shall also designate a USOE arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators to resolve disagreements among the USOE, the USDB, and LEAs regarding services to blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind students in order to provide services.

R277-800-7. USDB Programs and Services-Student Eligibility.

A. The USDB shall provide services and resources only for students who are deaf, blind or deafblind.

(1) A student with multiple disabilities whose disabilities include blindness, deafness or deafblindness may receive USDB services consistent with the student's IEP.

(2) Non-disabled preschool-age children may participate in USDB funded preschool programs consistent with the requirements of IDEA that students with disabilities must be served in the least restrictive environment and that groups or classes of students with disabilities must include non-disabled peers. Non-disabled children participating in these programs shall pay fees or tuition or both in order to participate.

B. When the USDB is the designated LEA, the USDB shall provide all appropriate services to the student consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan. Services may include:

(1) USDB instructional supports:

(a) assessments for eligibility, placement, and educational programming and evaluation;

(b) Utah Augmentative Communication Team (UAAACT) assessments to determine assistive technology needs;

(c) augmentative communication devices;

(d) assistive technology as needed;

(e) educational technology as needed;

(f) access to ERC;

(g) extended school year as determined by the IEP team;

(2) USDB related services to support student needs:

(a) audiology services as needed;

(b) behavior intervention;

(c) low vision services;

(d) nursing;

(e) occupational therapy;

(f) orientation and mobility;

(g) psychology;

(h) physical therapy;

(i) speech and language therapy;

(j) social work as needed;

(k) transportation, consistent with the USDB transportation policy.

(3) Services for students who are deaf/hard of hearing:

(a) American Sign Language/English bilingual instruction;

(b) auditory/oral instruction;

(c) auditory therapy;

(d) cued speech transliteration;

(e) American Sign Language interpretation;

(f) oral transliteration.

(4) Services for students who are blind/visually impaired:

(a) Braille instruction;

(b) instruction in the expanded core curriculum;

(c) environmental awareness;

(d) orientation and mobility support.

(5) Services for students who are deafblind:

(a) deafblind consultant;

(b) communication intervener.

C. When the USDB is determined by the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan team to act as the outreach program provider, the USDB shall provide technical assistance, consultation, and professional development on issues related to sensory disabilities available to LEAs from the USDB at no charge. Services consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan may include:

(1) assessments for eligibility, placement, and educational programming and evaluation;

(2) assistive and educational technology;

(3) technology demonstration labs;

(4) transition planning;

(5) audiology services as needed;

(6) instructional strategies;

(7) instructional materials;

(8) Braille or large print or both;

(9) communication methodologies;

(10) accommodations as necessary for educational gain;

(11) modifications as necessary for educational gain;

(12) educational interventions;

(13) low vision services;
(14) occupational therapy;
(15) physical therapy;
(16) psychology;
(17) speech/language pathology;
(18) vision and hearing screening;
(19) interpreter training.

D. The following services shall be provided by the USDB to the LEA of a student with sensory disabilities at no cost to the LEA:

(1) deafblind services (as determined through the IEP):
(a) consultation with the student's teacher, parent and the student;
(b) communication intervener.
(2) orientation and mobility;
(3) diagnostic services:
(a) Utah Augmentative Communication Team (UAAACT) assessments to determine assistive technology needs;
(b) deafblind state assessment and coaching team.

E. The following designated services shall be available from USDB at no charge for LEAs with less than three percent of the total Utah student population:

(1) outreach teacher:
(a) sensory-specific services to students:
(i) instruction;
(ii) assessments for eligibility, placement, and educational programming and evaluation;
(iii) monitoring of student progress.
(b) supports to classroom teacher:
(i) consultation;
(ii) technical assistance.
(2) Related services to support the student:
(a) audiology;
(b) low vision services.
(3) The USOE shall designate annually the LEAs that meet the three percent eligibility standards for specific identified services.

F. LEAs may contract with USDB to provide the following services, if qualified personnel are available:

(1) outreach teacher;
(2) related services;
(3) ASL interpretation;
(4) assessment;
(5) assistive and educational technology instruction.

G. The following materials are available to LEAs on loan from the USDB. The duration of the loan and immediate availability of resources may vary:

(1) ERC:
(a) textbooks (Braille, large print);
(b) teaching aids;
(c) library materials;
(d) professional library;
(e) described and captioned media.
(2) technology loan programs (limited to 30 days):
(a) assistive and adaptive technology loan program;
(b) related services technology loan program.
(3) The USDB shall develop a policy and process for publishing annually a list of materials available for loan, LEAs to whom materials may be loaned, and loan periods.
(a) The policy shall emphasize communication among LEAs and the USDB about availability of resources. Resources shall be determined by a student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan; the origin of the resources may be determined between an LEA and the USDB.
(b) The USDB shall develop a protocol for use in reviewing and ordering materials not immediately available when requested, as part of a student's education program.
(c) Students/parents/guardians are on notice that materials are loaned for the use of the student for a designated period for educational purposes. If loaned materials are lost, stolen, or damaged intentionally or due to student negligence, the student/parent/guardian shall be responsible to reimburse the LEA or USDB for the costs of the materials.

R277-800-8. Payment by LEAs for USDB Services Beyond USDB Obligation.

A. Certain services provided by USDB personnel, employees or contract employees are identified in R277-800-7 and shall be provided to LEAs at no cost consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan.

B. Other services and resources may be available to LEAs from the USDB for a reasonable charge or fee paid by the LEA, to the extent of resources or personnel available. These services include:

(1) outreach teachers;
(2) related services;
(3) American Sign Language;
(4) student assessment; and
(5) assistive and educational technology instruction.

C. The USOE, USDB and LEAs shall determine appropriate fees, consistent statewide, for services subject to review by the Board, and notice to LEAs and parents of children currently receiving services from the USDB. The USDB shall review and publish its fee schedule for services to LEAs annually.

R277-800-9. Assessment of USDB Students with Visual and Hearing Impairments Served in LEAs of Residence.

A. Students shall be assessed consistent with Section 53A-1-601 et seq., R277-402, R277-700, R277-705, IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitations Act, and Section 53A-25B-304.

B. The USDB shall establish an assessment policy and guidelines to implement required assessments and address:

(1) appropriate, complete and timely evaluations of students;
(2) procedures for administration of assessments in addition to those required by the law, as determined by IEPs, Section 504 accommodation plans and individual teachers;
(3) complete and accurate required assessments available to eligible students consistent with state and school district assessment timelines and availability of materials for non-disabled students;
(4) staff training and preparation on appropriate administration of assessments and reporting of assessment results; and
(5) procedures to ensure appropriate interpretation of assessments and results for parents and use of assessment results by USDB personnel.

R277-800-10. Outreach Programs.

A. The USDB and school districts or charter schools may negotiate to share the costs for providing more efficient, cost-effective, and convenient services to students who are deaf, blind, or deafblind in public school classrooms in locations other than the USDB campus.

B. School districts or charter schools shall provide:

(1) classroom(s);
(2) basic instructional materials;
(3) physical education, music, media, school lunch, and other programs and services, consistent with those programs and services provided to other students within the school district or charter school;
(4) administrative support;
(5) basic secretarial services;
(6) special education related services.

C. The USDB shall provide:

(1) classroom instructors, including aides;
(2) instructional materials specific to the disability of the

students.

D. The responsibilities of the USDB and a school district or charter school may be reassigned as negotiated between the school district or charter school and the USDB.

E. A school district or charter school shall claim the state WPU if the school district or charter school provides all items or services identified in R277-800-10B.

R277-800-11. USDB Fiscal Procedures.

A. The USDB shall keep fiscal, program and accounting records as required by the Board and shall submit reports required by the Board.

B. The USDB shall follow state standards for fiscal procedures, auditing and accounting, consistent with Section 53A-25b-105.

C. The USDB is a public state entity under the direction of the Board and as such is subject to state laws identified in Section 53A-25b-105 including State Money Management Act, Open and Public Meetings Act, Risk Management, State Building Board and Division of Facilities Construction and Management, Information Technology Services, Archives and Records Services, Utah Procurement Code, Budgetary Procedures Act, and Utah State Personnel Management Act.

D. The USDB shall prepare and present an annual budget to the Board that includes no more than a five percent carryover of any one fund, including reimbursement funds from federal programs.

E. Federal reimbursement funds (IDEA and Medicaid) shall be recovered quarterly during the year. Reimbursement amounts shall be identified in the current year's or no later than the subsequent year's budget.

F. The revenue from the federal land grant designated for the maintenance of the School for the Blind and for the School for the Deaf shall be used solely for the benefit of USDB students and the recommended or designated use of the fund is subject to review by the Board.

R277-800-12. Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC).

A. The Board authorizes the establishment of the USIMAC to produce core instructional materials in alternative formats to ensure that all students with print disabilities qualified under the Chafee Amendment receive their materials in a timely manner.

B. The USIMAC shall provide materials for all students with print disabilities who are qualified under the Chafee Amendment or otherwise eligible through an IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan.

C. The USOE shall oversee the operations of the USIMAC.

D. The USDB is the fiscal agent and operates the USIMAC to the extent of funds received annually from the Utah Legislature.

E. LEAs may purchase accessible instructional materials using their own funding or request the production of accessible instructional materials in alternate formats from the USIMAC in accordance with established procedures to ensure timely access for students with print disabilities.

F. For LEA textbook requests submitted by April 1 of the preceding school year, the USIMAC shall provide the textbook in the requested alternate format by the beginning of the following school year.

G. The USDB ERC shall serve as the repository and distribution center for the USIMAC.

H. Operation of the USIMAC

(1) Qualifying students: A student qualifies for accessible instructional materials from USIMAC (Braille, audio, large print, digital formats) following LEA determination that the student has a print disability in accordance with the Chafee Amendment, IDEA, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

(2) Costs for developing core instructional materials:

(a) Textbooks for blind, vision impaired or deafblind students served by the USDB or LEAs shall be requested by the LEA consistent with the student's IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan.

(b) When an LEA requests a core instructional textbook that was published before August 2006, the USIMAC shall conduct a search for the textbook within existing resources and, if available, the textbook shall be sent to the ERC for distribution to the LEA.

(i) If the textbook is not available within existing resources, the USIMAC will conduct a search to determine if the textbook is available for purchase through another source.

(ii) If the textbook is available through the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) the textbook shall be ordered and sent to the ERC for distribution to the LEA.

(iii) If the textbook is not available from APH, but is available from another accessible media producer, the textbook shall be purchased and sent to the ERC for distribution to the LEA.

(iv) If the textbook is not available for purchase, the USIMAC will produce the textbook and send it to the ERC for distribution.

(A) The USIMAC shall purchase the LEA-requested textbook in accordance with copyright law. The cost of the student edition textbook shall be charged to the requesting LEA.

(B) The USIMAC shall produce the textbook in the LEA requested alternate format in accordance with the cost sharing outlined in the Interagency Agreement described in R277-800-6.

(c) The sharing of costs for purchases described in R277-800-12 shall be outlined in the Interagency Agreement described in R277-800-6.

(d) For textbooks published since August 2006, the USIMAC shall follow the same procedures outlined in R277-800-12H(2)(b). If the USIMAC is unable to obtain the NIMAS file set in a timely manner as a result of publisher negligence, the Board shall authorize USIMAC to seek damages from publisher(s) as a result of the failure to meet contract provisions.

(3) Textbook publishers required to meet NIMAS requirements:

(a) All approved textbook contracts for the state of Utah for instructional materials published since August 2006 shall include a provision for making NIMAS file sets available through the NIMAC in accordance with IDEA and USOE Instructional Materials Contract timelines.

(b) If the USIMAC is unable to obtain the NIMAS file set from the NIMAC because the publisher fails to provide the NIMAS file set to the NIMAC in accordance with IDEA and USOE Instructional Materials Contract timelines, the USIMAC shall bill the textbook publisher the difference in the cost of producing the alternate format textbook without benefit of the NIMAS file set.

(c) The publisher shall be advised of the rule; the Utah Instructional Materials Commission under R277-469 shall not approve textbooks and materials from publishers that have a pattern of not providing materials and textbooks for students with disabilities in a timely manner, consistent with the law and Board rules.

(d) Requests for audio books shall be accessed through the USIMAC as appropriate or through other sources. Membership required for other sources is the responsibility of the LEA designated as the responsible entity for serving the student in the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-107. General Requirements: Breakdowns.
R307-107-1. Applicability and Timing.

(1) The owner or operator of a source shall report breakdowns to the director within 24 hours of the incident via telephone, electronic mail, fax, or other similar method.

(2) A detailed written description of the circumstance of the incident as described in R307-107-2, including a corrective program directed at preventing future such incidents, shall be submitted within 14 days of the onset of the incident.

(3) For those breakdowns involving only emissions that are monitored in accordance with R307-170, the reporting requirements of R307-170 shall satisfy the reporting deadlines of R307-107-1(1) and (2). In all other respects, the requirements in R307-107-1(2) and R307-107-2 shall be considered to apply in addition to the requirements of R307-170.

R307-107-2. Reporting.

(1) The breakdown incident report shall include the cause and nature of the event, estimated quantity of emissions (total and excess), time of emissions and any relevant evidence, including, but not limited to, evidence that:

(a) There was an equipment malfunction beyond the reasonable control of the owner or operator;

(b) The excess emissions could not have been avoided by better operation, maintenance or improved design of the malfunctioning component;

(c) To the maximum extent practicable, the source maintained and operated the air pollution control equipment and process equipment in a manner consistent with good practice for minimizing emissions, including minimizing any bypass emissions;

(d) Any necessary repairs were made as quickly as practicable, using off-shift labor and overtime as needed and as possible;

(e) All practicable steps were taken to minimize the potential impact of the excess emissions on ambient air quality; and

(f) The excess emissions are not part of a recurring pattern that may have been caused by inadequate operation or maintenance, or inadequate design of the malfunctioning component.

(2) The burden of proof is on the owner or operator of the source to provide sufficient information to demonstrate the elements listed in R307-107-2(1).

R307-107-3. Enforcement Discretion.

The director will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, the information submitted in R307-107-1 and 2 to determine whether to pursue enforcement action.

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R307. Environmental Quality, Air Quality.
R307-202. Emission Standards: General Burning.
R307-202-1. Applicability.

R307-202-4 through R307-202-8 applies to general burning within incorporated community under the authority of county or municipal fire authority.

R307-202-2. Definitions.

(1) "Attainment areas" means any area that meets the national primary and secondary ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for the pollutant.

(2) "County or municipal fire authority" means the public official so designated with the responsibility, authority, and training to protect people, property, and the environment from fire, within their respective area of jurisdiction.

(3) "Federal Class I Area" means an area that consists of national parks exceeding 6,000 acres, wilderness areas and national memorial parks exceeding 5,000 acres, and all international parks that were in existence on August 7, 1977. See Clean Air Act section 162(a).

(4) "Fire hazard" means a hazardous condition involving combustible, flammable, or explosive material that represents a substantial threat to life or property if not immediately abated, as declared by the county or municipal fire authority.

R307-202-3. Exclusions.

As provided in Section 19-2-114, the provisions of R307-202 are not applicable to:

(1) Except for areas zoned as residential, burning incident to horticultural or agricultural operations of:

(a) Prunings from trees, bushes, and plants; and

(b) Dead or diseased trees, bushes, and plants, including stubble.

(2) Burning of weed growth along ditch banks for clearing these ditches for irrigation purposes;

(3) Controlled heating of orchards or other crops during the frost season to lessen the chances of their being frozen so long as the emissions from this heating do not cause or contribute to an exceedance of any national ambient air quality standards and is consistent with the federally approved State Implementation Plan; and

(4) The controlled burning of not more than two structures per year by an organized and operating fire department for the purpose of training fire service personnel when the National Weather Service clearing index is above 500. See also Section 11-7-1(2)(a).

R307-202-4. Prohibitions.

(1) No open burning shall be done at sites used for disposal of community trash, garbage and other wastes.

(2) No person shall burn under this rule when the director issues a public announcement under R307-302. The director will distribute such announcement to the local media notifying the public that a mandatory no-burn period is in effect for the area where the burning is to occur.

R307-202-5. General Requirements.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, no person shall set or use an open outdoor fire for the purpose of disposal or burning of petroleum wastes; demolition or construction debris; residential rubbish; garbage or vegetation; tires; tar; trees; wood waste; other combustible or flammable solid, liquid or gaseous waste; or for metal salvage or burning of motor vehicle bodies.

(2) The county or municipal fire authority shall approve burning based on the predicted meteorological conditions and whether the emissions would impact the health and welfare of the public or cause or contribute to an exceedance of any national ambient air quality standard.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as relieving any person conducting open burning from meeting the requirements of any applicable federal, state or local requirements concerning disposal of any combustible materials.

(4) The county or municipal fire authority that approves any open burning permit will retain a copy of each permit issued for one year.

R307-202-6. Open Burning - Without Permit.

The following types of open burning do not require a permit when not prohibited by other local, state or federal laws and regulations, when it does not create a nuisance, as defined in Section 76-10-803, and does not impact the health and welfare of the public.

(1) Devices for the primary purpose of preparing food such as outdoor grills and fireplaces;

(2) Campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes where such fires are under control of a responsible person and the combustible material is clean, dry wood or charcoal; and

(3) Indoor fireplaces and residential solid fuel burning devices except as provided in R307-302-2.

R307-202-7. Open Burning - With Permit.

(1) No person shall knowingly conduct open burning unless the open burning activities may be conducted without a permit pursuant to R307-202-6 or the person has a valid permit for burning on a specified date or period, issued by the county or municipal fire authority having jurisdiction in the area where the open burning will take place.

(2) A permit applicant shall provide information as requested by the county or municipal fire authority. No permit or authorization shall be deemed valid unless the issuing authority determines that the applicant has provided the required information.

(3) Persons seeking an open burning permit shall submit to the county or municipal fire authority an application on a form provided by the director for each separate burn.

(4) A permit shall be valid only on the lands specified on the permit.

(5) No material shall be burned unless it is clearly described and quantified as material to be burned on a valid permit.

(6) No burning shall be conducted contrary to the conditions specified on the permit.

(7) Any permit issued by a county or municipal fire authority shall be subject to the local, state, and federal rules and regulations.

(8) Open burning is authorized by the issuance of a permit, as stipulated within this rule, for specification in R307-202-7(10). These permits can only be issued when not prohibited by other local, state, or federal laws and regulations and when a nuisance as defined in Section 76-10-803 is not created and does not impact the health and welfare of the public.

(9) Individual permits, as stipulated within this rule, for the types of burning listed in R307-202-7(10) may be issued by a county or municipal fire authority when the clearing index is 500 or greater. When the clearing index is below 500, all permits issued for that day will be null and void until further notice from the county or municipal fire authority. Additionally, anyone burning on the day when the clearing index is below 500 or is found to be violating any part of this rule shall be liable for a fine in accordance with R307-130.

(10) Types of open burning for which a permit may be granted are:

(a) Except in nonattainment and maintenance areas, open burning of tree cuttings and slash in forest areas where the cuttings accrue from pulping, lumbering, and similar operations, but excluding waste from sawmill operations such as sawdust

and scrap lumber.

(b) Open burning of trees and brush within railroad rights-of-way provided that dirt is removed from stumps before burning, and that tires, oil more dense than #2 fuel oil, tar, or other materials which can cause severe air pollution are not present in the materials to be burned, and are not used to start fires or to keep fires burning.

(c) Open burning of a fire hazard that a county or municipal fire authority determines cannot be abated by any other viable option.

(d) Open burning of highly explosive materials when a county or municipal fire authority, law enforcement agency or governmental agency having jurisdiction determines that onsite burning or detonation in place is the only reasonably available method for safely disposing of the material.

(e) Open burning for the disposal of contraband in the possession of public law enforcement personnel provided they demonstrate to the county or municipal fire authority that open burning is the only reasonably available method for safely disposing of the material.

(f) Open burning of clippings, bushes, plants and prunings from trees incident to property clean-up activities, including residential cleanup, provided that the following conditions have been met:

(i) Within only the counties of Washington, Kane, San Juan, Iron, Garfield, Beaver, Piute, Wayne, Grand and Emery, the county or municipal fire authority may issue a permit between March 1 and May 30 when the clearing index is 500 or greater. The county or municipal fire authority may issue a permit between September 15 to November 15 for such burning to occur when the state forester has approved the burning window under Section 65A-8-211 and the clearing index is 500 or greater.

(ii) In all other areas of the state, the county or municipal fire authority may issue a permit between March 30 and May 30 for such burning to occur when the clearing index is 500 or greater. The county or municipal fire authority may issue a permit between September 15 and October 30 for such burning to occur when the state forester has approved the burning window under Section 65A-8-211 and the clearing index is 500 or greater.

(iii) Such burnings occur in accordance with state and federal requirements;

(iv) Materials to be burned are thoroughly dry; and

(v) No trash, rubbish, tires, or oil are included in the material to be burned, used to start fires, or used to keep fires burning.

(g) Except for nonattainment and maintenance areas, the director may grant a permit for types of open burning not specified in R307-202-7(3) on written application if the director finds that the burning is consistent with the federally approved State Implementation Plan and does not cause or contribute to an exceedance of any national ambient air quality standards.

(i) This permit may be granted once the director has reviewed the written application with the requirements and criteria found within this rule at R307-202-7.

(ii) Open Burning Permit Criteria.

(A) The director or the county or municipal fire authority shall consider the following factors in determining whether, and upon what conditions, to issue an open burning permit:

(I) The location and proximity of the proposed burning to any building, other structures, the public, and federal Class I areas that might be impacted by the smoke and emissions from the burn;

(II) Burning will only be conducted when the clearing index is 500 or above; and

(III) Whether there is any practical alternative method for the disposal of the material to be burned.

(B) Methods to minimize emissions and smoke impacts may include, but are not limited to:

(I) The use of clean auxiliary fuel;

(II) Drying the material prior to ignition; and

(III) Separation for alternative disposal of materials that produce higher levels of emissions and smoke during the combustion process.

(C) Open burning permits are not valid during periods when the clearing index is below 500 or publicly announced air pollution emergencies or alerts have been declared in the area of the proposed burn.

(D) For burns of piled material, all piles shall be reasonably dry and free of dirt.

(E) Open burns shall be supervised by a responsible person who shall notify the local fire department and have available, either on-site or by the local fire department, the means to suppress the burn if the fire does not comply with the terms and conditions of the permit.

(F) All open burning operations shall be subject to inspection by the director or county or municipal fire authority. The permittee shall maintain at the burn site the original or a copy of the permit that shall be made available without unreasonable delay to the inspector.

(G) If at any time the director or the county or municipal fire authority granting the permit determines that the permittee has not complied with any term or condition of the permit, the permit is subject to partial or complete suspension, revocation or imposition of additional conditions. All burning activity subject to the permit shall be terminated immediately upon notice of suspension or revocation. In addition to suspension or revocation of the permit, the director or county or municipal fire authority may take any other enforcement action authorized under state or local law.

R307-202-8. Special Conditions.

(1) Open burning for special purposes or under unusual or emergency circumstances may be approved by the director if it is consistent with the federally approved State Implementation Plan and does not cause or contribute to an exceedance of any national ambient air quality standards.

(a) This permit may be granted once the director has reviewed the written application with the requirements and criteria in R307-202-7.

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R311. Environmental Quality, Environmental Response and Remediation.
R311-401. Utah Hazardous Substances Priority List.
R311-401-1. Definitions.

The definitions in Section 19-6-302 are adopted and incorporated by reference as part of this rule.

R311-401-2. Hazardous Substances Priority List.

Pursuant to Section 19-6-311 of the Utah Hazardous Substances Mitigation Fund Act the hazardous substances priority list is hereby established as presented below. The listed sites are eligible to be addressed under the authority of Section 19-6-311 et seq. U.C.A. 1953 as amended.

(a) National Priority List Sites. The Federal Register publication dates are indicated below.

TABLE

SITE NUMBER	SITE NAME	FEDERAL REGISTER PUBLICATION DATE
1	Hill Air Force Base	July 22, 1987
2	Monticello Vicinity Properties	June 10, 1986
3	Ogden Defense Depot	July 22, 1987
4	Portland Cement Sites 2 and 3	June 10, 1986
5	Rose Park Sludge Pit	September 8, 1983
6	Utah Power and Light, American Barrel	October 4, 1989
7	Sharon Steel	August 30, 1990
8	Tooele Army Depot, North	August 30, 1990
9	Monticello Mill Site	November 21, 1989
10	Midvale Slag	February 11, 1991
11	Wasatch Chemical, Lot 6	February 11, 1991
12	Petrochem Recycling Corp./ Ekotek Plant	October 14, 1992
13	Jacobs Smelter	February 4, 2000
14	Intermountain Waste Oil Refinery	May 11, 2000
15	International Smelting and Refining	July 27, 2000
16	Bountiful/Woods Cross 5th South PCE Plume	September 13, 2001
17	Davenport and Flagstaff Smelters	April 30, 2003
18	Eureka Mills	September 5, 2002
19	Five Points PCE Plume	September 19, 2007
20	U.S. Magnesium	November 4, 2009

(b) Proposed National Priority List Sites. The Federal Register publication dates are indicated below.

TABLE

SITE NUMBER	SITE NAME	FEDERAL REGISTER PUBLICATION DATE
1	Richardson Flat Tailings	February 7, 1992
2	Murray Smelter	January 18, 1994

(c) Scored Sites
Reserved.

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R317. Environmental Quality, Water Quality.
R317-6. Ground Water Quality Protection.
R317-6-1. Definitions.

1.1 "Aquifer" means a geologic formation, group of geologic formations or part of a geologic formation that contains sufficiently saturated permeable material to yield usable quantities of water to wells and springs.

1.2 "Background Concentration" means the concentration of a pollutant in ground water upgradient or lateral hydraulically equivalent point from a facility, practice or activity which has not been affected by that facility, practice or activity.

1.3 "Best Available Technology" means the application of design, equipment, work practice, operation standard or combination thereof at a facility to effect the maximum reduction of a pollutant achievable by available processes and methods taking into account energy, public health, environmental and economic impacts and other costs.

1.4 "Best Available Technology Standard" means a performance standard or pollutant concentration achievable through the application of best available technology.

1.5 "Board" means the Utah Water Quality Board.

1.6 "Class TDS Limit" means the upper boundary of the TDS range for an applicable class as specified in Section R317-6-3.

1.7 "Community Drinking Water System" means a public drinking water system which serves at least fifteen service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least twenty-five year-round residents.

1.8 "Comparable Quality (Source)" means a potential alternative source or sources of water supply which has the same general quality as the ground water source.

1.9 "Comparable Quantity (Source)" means a potential alternative source of water supply capable of reliably supplying water in quantities sufficient to meet the year-round needs of the users served by the ground water source.

1.10 "Compliance Monitoring Point" means a well, seep, spring, or other sampling point used to determine compliance with applicable permit limits.

1.11 "Contaminant" means any physical, chemical, biological or radiological substance or matter in water.

1.12 "Conventional Treatment" means normal and usual treatment of water for distribution in public drinking water supply systems including flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, disinfection and storage.

1.13 "Discharge" means the release of a pollutant directly or indirectly into subsurface waters of the state.

1.14 "Existing Facility" means a facility or activity that was in operation or under construction after August 14, 1989 and before February 10, 1990.

1.15 "Economically Infeasible" means, in the context of a public drinking water source, the cost to the typical water user for replacement water would exceed the community's ability to pay.

1.16 "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Utah Water Quality Board.

1.17 "Facility" means any building, structure, processing, handling, or storage facility, equipment or activity; or contiguous group of buildings, structures, or processing, handling or storage facilities, equipment, or activities or combination thereof.

1.18 "Gradient" means the change in total water pressure head per unit of distance.

1.19 "Ground Water" means subsurface water in the zone of saturation including perched ground water.

1.20 "Ground Water Quality Standards" means numerical contaminant concentration levels adopted by the Board in or under R317-6-2 for the protection of the subsurface waters of the State.

1.21 "Infiltration" means the movement of water from the land surface into the pores of rock, soil or sediment.

1.22 "Institutional Constraints" means legal or other restrictions that preclude replacement water delivery and which cannot be alleviated through administrative procedures or market transactions.

1.23 "Interim Action Reports For Petroleum Releases" means plans prepared specifically to document cleanup of petroleum releases resulting primarily from transportation spills not regulated by the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste or Division of Environmental Response and Remediation that are submitted to the local health department and should include the following information: map of the location where the spill occurred, sketch of where confirmation samples were collected, quantity of fuel spilled, quantity of soil removed, soil disposal location, certified laboratory analysis report including total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) analyzed in the appropriate molecular weight range, and actions taken to control the source and protect public safety, public health, and water quality.

1.24 "Lateral Hydraulically Equivalent Point" means a point located hydraulically equal to a facility and in the same ground water with similar geochemistry such that the ground water at that point has not been affected by the facility.

1.25 "Limit of Detection" means the concentration of a chemical below which it can not be detected using currently accepted sampling and analytical techniques for drinking water as determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

1.26 "Local Health Department" means a city-county or multi-county local health department established under Title 26A.

1.27 "New Facility" means a facility for which construction or modification is initiated after February 9, 1990.

1.28 "Non Sensitive Area" means industrial and manufacturing areas previously contaminated and areas not likely to affect human health and exceed groundwater standards or background concentrations.

1.29 "Permit Limit" means a ground water pollutant concentration limitation specified in a Ground Water Discharge Permit and may include protection levels, class TDS limits, ground water quality standards, alternate concentration limits, permit-specific ground water quality standards, or limits stipulated in the application and use of best available technology. For facilities permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2, a permit limit is a ground water pollutant concentration limitation specified in R317-6-6.2.B.

1.30 "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, company or body politic, including any agency or instrumentality of the federal, state, or local government.

1.31 "Point of Discharge" means the area within outermost location at which effluent or leachate has been stored, applied, disposed of, or discharged; for a diked facility, the outermost edge of the dikes.

1.32 "Pollutant" means dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, sewage, sewage sludge, garbage, munitions, trash, chemical wastes, petroleum hydrocarbons, biological materials, radioactive materials, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt and industrial, municipal and agricultural waste discharged into waters of the state.

1.33 "Pollution" means such contamination, or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of any waters of the State, or such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, or solid substance into any waters of the state as will create a nuisance or render such waters harmful or detrimental or injurious to public health, safety, or welfare, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

1.34 "Professional Engineer" means any person qualified to practice engineering before the public in the state of Utah and

professionally registered as required under the Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act rules (UAC 156-22).

1.35 "Professional Geologist" means any person qualified to practice geology before the public in the State of Utah and professionally registered as required under the Professional Geologist Licensing Act rules (UAC R156-76).

1.36 "Protection Level" means the ground water pollutant concentration levels specified in R317-6-4.

1.37 "Sensitive Area" means those areas that are located near residences, waters of the state, wetlands, or any area where exposure to humans or significant environmental impact is likely to occur.

1.38 "Substantial Treatment" means treatment of water utilizing specialized treatment methods including ion exchange, reverse osmosis, electrodialysis and other methods needed to upgrade water quality to meet standards for public water systems.

1.39 "Technology Performance Monitoring" means the evaluation of a permitted facility to determine compliance with best available technology standards.

1.40 "Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)" means the quantity of dissolved material in a sample of water which is determined by weighing the solid residue obtained by evaporating a measured volume of a filtered sample to dryness; or for many waters that contain more than 1000 mg/l, the sum of the chemical constituents.

1.41 "Radius of Influence" means the radial distance from the center of a well bore to the point where there is no lowering of the water table or potentiometric surface because of pumping of the well; the edge of the cone of depression.

1.42 "Upgradient" means a point located hydraulically above a facility such that the ground water at that point has not been impacted by discharges from the facility.

1.43 "Vadose Zone" means the zone of aeration including soil and capillary water. The zone is bound above by the land surface and below by the water table.

1.44 "Waste" see "Pollutant."

1.45 "Water Table" means the top of the saturated zone of a body of unconfined ground water at which the pressure is equal to that of the atmosphere.

1.46 "Water Table Aquifer" means an aquifer extending downward from the water table to the first confining bed.

1.47 "Waters of the State" means all streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, water courses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, public or private, which are contained within, flow through, or border upon this state or any portion thereof; except bodies of water confined to and retained within the limits of private property, and which do not develop into or constitute a nuisance or a public health hazard, or a menace to fish and wildlife, shall not be considered to be "waters of the state" under this definition.

1.48 "Zone of Influence" means the area contained by the outer edge of the drawdown cone of a water well.

R317-6-2. Ground Water Quality Standards.

2.1 The following Ground Water Quality Standards as listed in Table I are adopted for protection of ground water quality.

TABLE 1
GROUND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Parameter	Milligrams per liter (mg/l) unless noted otherwise and based on analysis of filtered sample except for Mercury and organic compounds
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	
Color (units)	15.0
Corrosivity (characteristic)	noncorrosive
Odor (threshold number)	3.0
pH (units)	6.5-8.5
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	
Bromate	0.01
Chloramine (as Cl_2)	4
Chlorine (as Cl_2)	4
Chlorine Dioxide	0.8
Chlorite	1.0
Cyanide (free)	0.2
Fluoride	4.0
Nitrate (as N)	10.0
Nitrite (as N)	1.0
Total Nitrate/Nitrite (as N)	10.0
METALS	
Antimony	0.006
Asbestos (fibers/l and > 10 microns in length)	$7.0x10^6$
Arsenic	0.05
Barium	2.0
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.1
Copper	1.3
Lead	0.015
Mercury	0.002
Selenium	0.05
Silver	0.1
Thallium	0.002
Zinc	5.0
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	
Pesticides and PCBs	
Alachlor	0.002
Aldicarb	0.003
Aldicarb sulfone	0.002
Aldicarb sulfoxide	0.004
Atrazine	0.003
Carbofuran	0.04
Chlordane	0.002
Dalapon (sodium salt)	0.2
Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002
2, 4-D	0.07
Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2, 4-) (2,4D)	0.07
Dinoseb	0.007
Diquat	0.02
Endothall	0.1
Endrin	0.002
Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)	0.00005
Glyphosate	0.7
Heptachlor	0.0004
Heptachlor epoxide	0.0002
Lindane	0.0002
Methoxychlor	0.04
Oxamyl (Vydate)	0.2
Pentachlorophenol	0.001
Picloram	0.5
Polychlorinated Biphenyls	0.0005
Simazine	0.004
Toxaphene	0.003
2, 4, 5-TP (Silvex)	0.05
VOLATILE ORGANIC CHEMICALS	
Benzene	0.005
Benzo (a) pyrene (PAH)	0.0002
Carbon tetrachloride	0.005
1, 2 - Dichloroethane	0.005
1, 1 - Dichloroethylene	0.007
1, 1, 1-Trichloroethane	0.200
Dichloromethane	0.005
Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	0.4
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	0.006
Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)	0.00000003
para - Dichlorobenzene	0.075
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.6
cis-1,2 dichloroethylene	0.07
trans-1,2 dichloroethylene	0.1
1,2 Dichloropropane	0.005
Ethylbenzene	0.7
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05
Monochlorobenzene	0.1
Styrene	0.1
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005
Toluene	1
Trichlorobenzene (1,2,4-)	0.07

Trichloroethane (1,1,1-)	0.2
Trichloroethane (1,1,2-)	0.005
Trichloroethylene	0.005
Vinyl chloride	0.002
Xylenes (Total)	10

OTHER ORGANIC CHEMICALS

Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	0.06
(Monochloroacetic acid)	
(Dichloroacetic acid)	
(Trichloroacetic acid)	
(Bromoacetic acid)	
(Dibromoacetic acid)	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	0.08

RADIONUCLIDES

The following are the maximum contaminant levels for Radium-226 and Radium-228, and gross alpha particle radioactivity, beta particle radioactivity, photon radioactivity, and uranium concentration:

Combined Radium-226 and Radium-228	5pCi/l
Gross alpha particle activity, including Radium-226 but excluding Radon and Uranium	15pCi/l
Uranium	0.030 mg/l

Beta particle and photon radioactivity

The average annual concentration from man-made radionuclides of beta particle and photon radioactivity from man-made radionuclides shall not produce an annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ greater than four millirem/year.

Except for the radionuclides listed below, the concentration of man-made radionuclides causing four millirem total body or organ dose equivalents shall be calculated on the basis of a two liter per day drinking water intake using the 168 hour data listed in "Maximum Permissible Body Burden and Maximum Permissible Concentration Exposure", NBS Handbook 69 as amended August 1962, U.S. Department of Commerce. If two or more radionuclides are present, the sum of their annual dose equivalent to the total body or to any organ shall not exceed four millirem/year.

Average annual concentrations assumed to produce a total body or organ dose of four millirem/year:

Radionuclide	Critical Organ	pCi per liter
Tritium	Total Body	20,000
Strontium-90	Bone Marrow	8

2.2 A permit specific ground water quality standard for any pollutant not specified in Table 1 may be established by the Executive Secretary at a level that will protect public health and the environment. This permit limit may be based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maximum contaminant level goals, health advisories, risk based contaminant levels, standards established by other regulatory agencies and other relevant information.

R317-6-3. Ground Water Classes.

3.1 GENERAL

The following ground water classes are established: Class IA - Pristine Ground Water; Class IB - Irreplaceable Ground Water; Class IC - Ecologically Important Ground Water; Class II - Drinking Water Quality Ground Water; Class III - Limited Use Ground Water; Class IV - Saline Ground Water.

3.2 CLASS IA - PRISTINE GROUND WATER

Class IA ground water has the following characteristics:

A. Total dissolved solids of less than 500 mg/l.

B. No contaminant concentrations that exceed the ground water quality standards listed in Table 1.

3.3 CLASS IB - IRREPLACEABLE GROUND WATER

Class IB ground water is a source of water for a community public drinking water system for which no reliable supply of comparable quality and quantity is available because of economic or institutional constraints.

3.4 CLASS IC - ECOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT GROUND WATER

Class IC ground water is a source of ground water discharge important to the continued existence of wildlife habitat.

3.5 CLASS II - DRINKING WATER QUALITY GROUND WATER

Class II ground water has the following characteristics:

A. Total dissolved solids greater than 500 mg/l and less than 3000 mg/l.

B. No contaminant concentrations that exceed ground water quality standards in Table 1.

3.6 CLASS III - LIMITED USE GROUND WATER

Class III ground water has one or both of the following characteristics:

A. Total dissolved solids greater than 3000 mg/l and less than 10,000 mg/l, or;

B. One or more contaminants that exceed the ground water quality standards listed in Table 1.

3.7 CLASS IV - SALINE GROUND WATER

Class IV ground water has total dissolved solids greater than 10,000 mg/l.

R317-6-4. Ground Water Class Protection Levels.

4.1 GENERAL

A. Protection levels are ground water pollutant concentration limits, set by ground water class, for the operation of facilities that discharge or would probably discharge to ground water.

B. For the physical characteristics (color, corrosivity, odor, and pH) and radionuclides listed in Table 1, the values listed are the protection levels for all ground water classes.

4.2 CLASS IA PROTECTION LEVELS

A. Class IA ground water will be protected to the maximum extent feasible from degradation due to facilities that discharge or would probably discharge to ground water.

B. The following protection levels will apply:

1. Total dissolved solids may not exceed the greater of 1.25 times the background or background plus two standard deviations.

2. When a contaminant is not present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 0.1 times the ground water quality standard value, or the limit of detection.

3. When a contaminant is present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 1.25 times the background concentration, 0.25 times the ground water quality standard, or background plus two standard deviations; however, in no case will the concentration of a pollutant be allowed to exceed the ground water quality standard.

4.3 CLASS IB PROTECTION LEVELS

A. Class IB ground water will be protected as an irreplaceable source of drinking water.

B. The following protection levels will apply:

1. Total dissolved solids may not exceed the lesser of 1.1 times the background value or 2000mg/l.

2. When a contaminant is not present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 0.1 times the ground water quality standard, or the limit of detection.

3. When a contaminant is present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 1.1 times the background concentration or 0.1 times the ground water quality standard; however, in no case will the concentration of a pollutant be allowed to exceed the ground water quality standard.

4.4 CLASS IC PROTECTION LEVELS

Class IC ground water will be protected as a source of water for potentially affected wildlife habitat. Limits on

increases of total dissolved solids and organic and inorganic chemical compounds will be determined in order to meet applicable surface water standards.

4.5 CLASS II PROTECTION LEVELS

A. Class II ground water will be protected for use as drinking water or other similar beneficial use with conventional treatment prior to use.

B. The following protection levels will apply:

1. Total dissolved solids may not exceed the greater of 1.25 times the background value or background plus two standard deviations.

2. When a contaminant is not present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 0.25 times the ground water quality standard, or the limit of detection.

3. When a contaminant is present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 1.25 times the background concentration, 0.25 times the ground water quality standard, or background plus two standard deviations; however, in no case will the concentration of a pollutant be allowed to exceed the ground water quality standard.

4.6 CLASS III PROTECTION LEVELS

A. Class III ground water will be protected as a potential source of drinking water, after substantial treatment, and as a source of water for industry and agriculture.

B. The following protection levels will apply:

1. Total dissolved solids may not exceed the greater of 1.25 times the background concentration level or background plus two standard deviations.

2. When a contaminant is not present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 0.5 times the ground water quality standard, or the limit of detection.

3. When a contaminant is present in a detectable amount as a background concentration, the concentration of the pollutant may not exceed the greater of 1.5 times the background concentration or 0.5 times the ground water quality standard or background plus two standard deviations; however, in no case will the concentration of a pollutant be allowed to exceed the ground water quality standard. If the background concentration exceeds the ground water quality standard no increase will be allowed.

4.7 CLASS IV PROTECTION LEVELS

Protection levels for Class IV ground water will be established to protect human health and the environment.

R317-6-5. Ground Water Classification for Aquifers.

5.1 GENERAL

A. When sufficient information is available, entire aquifers or parts thereof may be classified by the Board according to the quality of ground water contained therein and commensurate protection levels will be applied.

B. Ground water sources furnishing water to community drinking water systems with ground water meeting Class IA criteria are classified as Class IA.

5.2 CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE

A. The Board may initiate classification or reclassification.

B. A petition for classification or reclassification must be performed under the direction, and bear the seal, of a professional engineer or professional geologist.

C. Boundaries for class areas will be delineated so as to enclose distinct ground water classes as nearly as known facts permit. Boundaries will be based on hydrogeologic properties, existing ground water quality and for Class IB and IC, current use. Parts of an aquifer may be classified differently.

D. The petitioner requesting reclassification will provide sufficient information to determine if reclassification is in the best interest of the beneficial users.

E. A petition for classification or reclassification shall include:

1. factual data supporting the proposed classification;

2. a description of the proposed ground waters to be classified or reclassified;

3. potential contamination sources;

4. ground water flow direction;

5. current beneficial uses of the ground water; and

6. location of all water wells in the area to be classified or reclassified.

F. One or more public hearings will be held to receive comment on classification and reclassification proposals.

G. The Board will determine the disposition of all petitions for classification and reclassification, except as provided in R317-6-5.2.H.

H. Ground water proximate to a facility for which an application for a ground water discharge permit has been made may be classified by the Executive Secretary for purposes of making permitting decisions.

R317-6-6. Implementation.

6.1 DUTY TO APPLY FOR A GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

A. No person may construct, install, or operate any new facility or modify an existing or new facility, not permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2, which discharges or would probably result in a discharge of pollutants that may move directly or indirectly into ground water, including, but not limited to land application of wastes; waste storage pits; waste storage piles; landfills and dumps; large feedlots; mining, milling and metallurgical operations, including heap leach facilities; and pits, ponds, and lagoons whether lined or not, without a ground water discharge permit from the Executive Secretary. A ground water discharge permit application should be submitted at least 180 days before the permit is needed.

B. All persons who constructed, modified, installed, or operated any existing facility, not permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2, which discharges or would probably result in a discharge of pollutants that may move directly or indirectly into ground water, including, but not limited to: land application of wastes; waste storage pits; waste storage piles; landfills and dumps; large feedlots; mining, milling and metallurgical operations, including heap leach facilities; and pits, ponds, and lagoons whether lined or not, must have submitted a notification of the nature and location of the discharge to the Executive Secretary before February 10, 1990 and must submit an application for a ground water discharge permit within one year after receipt of written notice from the Executive Secretary that a ground water discharge permit is required.

C. No person may construct, install, or operate any new liquid waste storage facility or modify an existing or new liquid waste storage facility for a large animal feeding operation not permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2A.17, which discharges or would probably result in a discharge of pollutants that may move directly or indirectly into ground water, without a ground water discharge permit from the Executive Secretary. A ground water discharge permit application should be submitted at least 180 days before the permit is needed and the applicant must comply with the requirements of R317-1-2 for submitting plans and specifications and obtaining a construction permit.

6.2 GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT BY RULE

A. Except as provided in R317-6-6.2.C, the following facilities are considered to be permitted by rule and are not required to obtain a discharge permit under R317-6-6.1 or comply with R317-6-6.3 through R317-6-6.7, R317-6-6.9 through R317-6-6.11, R317-6-6.13, R317-6-6.16, R317-6-6.17 and R317-6-6.18:

1. facilities with effluent or leachate which has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Executive Secretary to conform and will not deviate from the applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards, protection levels or other permit limits and which does not contain any contaminant that may present a threat to human health, the environment or its potential beneficial uses of the ground water. The Executive Secretary may require samples to be analyzed for the presence of contaminants before the effluent or leachate discharges directly or indirectly into ground water. If the discharge is by seepage through natural or altered natural materials, the Executive Secretary may require samples of the solution be analyzed for the presence of pollutants before or after seepage;

2. water used for watering of lawns, gardens, or shrubs or for irrigation for the revegetation of a disturbed land area except for the direct land application of wastewater;

3. application of agricultural chemicals including fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides including but not limited to, insecticides fungicides, rodenticides and fumigants when used in accordance with current scientifically based manufacturer's recommendations for the crop, soil, and climate and in accordance with state and federal statutes, regulations, permits, and orders adopted to avoid ground water pollution;

4. water used for irrigated agriculture except for the direct land application of wastewater from municipal, industrial or mining facilities;

5. flood control systems including detention basins, catch basins and wetland treatment facilities used for collecting or conveying storm water runoff;

6. natural ground water seeping or flowing into conventional mine workings which re-enters the ground by natural gravity flow prior to pumping or transporting out of the mine and without being used in any mining or metallurgical process;

7. leachate which results entirely from the direct natural infiltration of precipitation through undisturbed materials;

8. wells and facilities regulated under the underground injection control (UIC) program;

9. land application of livestock wastes, within expected crop nitrogen uptake;

10. individual subsurface wastewater disposal systems approved by local health departments or large subsurface wastewater disposal systems approved by the Board;

11. produced water pits, and other oil field waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities regulated by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining in accordance with Section 40-6-5(3)(d) and R649-9, Disposal of Produced Water;

12. reserve pits regulated by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in accordance with Section 40-6-5(3)(a) and R649-3-7, Drilling and Operating Practices;

13. storage tanks installed or operated under regulations adopted by the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board;

14. coal mining operations or facilities regulated under the Coal Mining and Reclamation Act by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM). The submission of an application for ground water discharge permit under R317-6-6.2.C may be required only if the Executive Secretary, after consideration of recommendations, if any, by DOGM, determines that the discharge violates applicable ground water quality standards, applicable Class TDS limits, or is interfering with a reasonable foreseeable beneficial use of the ground water. DOGM is not required to establish any administrative or regulatory requirements which are in addition to the rules of DOGM for coal mining operations or facilities to implement these ground water regulations;

15. hazardous waste or solid waste management units managed or undergoing corrective action under R315-1 through R315-14;

16. solid waste landfills permitted under the requirements of R315-303;

17. animal feeding operations, as defined in UAC R317-8-3.5(2) that use liquid waste handling systems, which are not located within Zone 1 (100 feet) for wells in a confined aquifer or Zone 2 (250 day time of travel) for wells and springs in unconfined aquifers, in accordance with the Public Drinking Water Regulations UAC R309-600, and which meet either of the following criteria:

a) operations constructed prior to the effective date of this rule which incorporated liquid waste handling systems and which are either less than 4 million gallons capacity or serve fewer than 1000 animal units, or

b. operations with fewer than the following numbers of confined animals:

i. 1,500 slaughter and feeder cattle,

ii. 1,050 mature dairy cattle, whether milked or dry cows,

iii. 3,750 swine each weighing over 25 kilograms (approximately 55 pounds),

iv. 18,750 swine each weighing 25 kilograms or less (approximately 55 pounds),

v. 750 horses,

vi. 15,000 sheep or lambs,

vii. 82,500 turkeys,

viii. 150,000 laying hens or broilers that use continuous overflow watering but dry handle wastes,

ix. 45,000 hens or broilers,

x. 7,500 ducks, or

xi. 1,500 animal units

18. animal feeding operations, as defined in UAC R317-8-3.5(2), which do not utilize liquid waste handling systems;

19. mining, processing or milling facilities handling less than 10 tons per day of metallic and/or nonmetallic ore and waste rock, not to exceed 2500 tons/year in aggregate unless the processing or milling uses chemical leaching;

20. pipelines and above-ground storage tanks;

21. drilling operations for metallic minerals, nonmetallic minerals, water, hydrocarbons, or geothermal energy sources when done in conformance with applicable regulations of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining or the Utah Division of Water Rights;

22. land application of municipal sewage sludge for beneficial use, at or below the agronomic rate and in compliance with the requirements of 40 CFR 503, July 1, 2000 edition;

23. land application of municipal sewage sludge for mine-reclamation at a rate higher than the agronomic rate and in compliance with 40 CFR 503, July 1, 2000 edition;

24. municipal wastewater treatment lagoons receiving no wastewater from a significant industrial discharger as defined in R317-8-8.2(12); and

25. facilities and modifications thereto which the Executive Secretary determines after a review of the application will have a de minimis actual or potential effect on ground water quality.

B. No facility permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2.A may cause ground water to exceed ground water quality standards or the applicable class TDS limits in R317-6-3.1 to R317-6-3.7. If the background concentration for affected ground water exceeds the ground water quality standard, the facility may not cause an increase over background. This section, R317-6-6.2B. does not apply to facilities undergoing corrective action under R317-6-6.15A.3.

C. The submission of an application for a ground water discharge permit may be required by the Executive Secretary for any discharge permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2 if it is determined that the discharge may be causing or is likely to cause increases above the ground water quality standards or applicable class TDS limits under R317-6-3 or otherwise is interfering or may interfere with probable future beneficial use of the ground water.

6.3 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Unless otherwise determined by the Executive Secretary, the application for a permit to discharge wastes or pollutants to ground water shall include the following complete information:

A. The name and address of the applicant and the name and address of the owner of the facility if different than the applicant. A corporate application must be signed by an officer of the corporation. The name and address of the contact, if different than above, and telephone numbers for all listed names shall be included.

B. The legal location of the facility by county, quarter-quarter section, township, and range.

C. The name of the facility and the type of facility, including the expected facility life.

D. A plat map showing all water wells, including the status and use of each well, Drinking Water source protection zones, topography, springs, water bodies, drainages, and man-made structures within a one-mile radius of the discharge. The plat map must also show the location and depth of existing or proposed wells to be used for monitoring ground water quality. Identify any applicable Drinking Water source protection ordinances and their impacts on the proposed permit.

E. Geologic, hydrologic, and agricultural description of the geographic area within a one-mile radius of the point of discharge, including soil types, aquifers, ground water flow direction, ground water quality, aquifer material, and well logs.

F. The type, source, and chemical, physical, radiological, and toxic characteristics of the effluent or leachate to be discharged; the average and maximum daily amount of effluent or leachate discharged (gpd), the discharge rate (gpm), and the expected concentrations of any pollutant (mg/l) in each discharge or combination of discharges. If more than one discharge point is used, information for each point must be given separately.

G. Information which shows that the discharge can be controlled and will not migrate into or adversely affect the quality of any other waters of the state, including the applicable surface water quality standards, that the discharge is compatible with the receiving ground water, and that the discharge will comply with the applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards, class protection levels or an alternate concentration limit proposed by the facility.

H. For areas where the ground water has not been classified by the Board, information on the quality of the receiving ground water sufficient to determine the applicable protection levels.

I. A proposed sampling and analysis monitoring plan which conforms to EPA Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans, EPA QA/G-5 (EPA/600/R-98/018, February 1998) and includes a description, where appropriate, of the following:

1. ground water monitoring to determine ground water flow direction and gradient, background quality at the site, and the quality of ground water at the compliance monitoring point;

2. installation, use and maintenance of monitoring devices;

3. description of the compliance monitoring area defined by the compliance monitoring points including the dimensions and hydrologic and geologic data used to determine the dimensions;

4. monitoring of the vadose zone;

5. measures to prevent ground water contamination after the cessation of operation, including post-operational monitoring;

6. monitoring well construction and ground water sampling which conform where applicable to the Handbook of Suggested Practices for Design and Installation of Ground-Water Monitoring Wells (EPA/600/4-89/034, March 1991), ASTM Standards on Ground Water and Vadose Investigations (1996), Practical Guide for Ground Water Sampling EPA/600/2-85/104, (November 1985) and RCRA Ground Water Monitoring Technical Enforcement Guidance Document (1986), unless otherwise specified by the Executive Secretary;

7. description and justification of parameters to be monitored;

8. quality assurance and control provisions for monitoring data.

J. The plans and specifications relating to construction, modification, and operation of discharge systems.

K. The description of the ground water most likely to be affected by the discharge, including water quality information of the receiving ground water prior to discharge, a description of the aquifer in which the ground water occurs, the depth to the ground water, the saturated thickness, flow direction, porosity, hydraulic conductivity, and flow systems characteristics.

L. The compliance sampling plan which in addition to the information specified in the above item I includes, where appropriate, provisions for sampling of effluent and for flow monitoring in order to determine the volume and chemistry of the discharge onto or below the surface of the ground and a plan for sampling compliance monitoring points and appropriate nearby water wells. Sampling and analytical methods proposed in the application must conform with the most appropriate methods specified in the following references unless otherwise specified by the Executive Secretary:

1. Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, twentieth edition, 1998; Library of Congress catalogue number: ISBN: 0-87553-235-7.

2. E.P.A. Methods, Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, 1983; Stock Number EPA-600/4-79-020.

3. Techniques of Water Resource Investigations of the U.S. Geological Survey, (1998); Book 9.

4. Monitoring requirements in 40 CFR parts 141 and 142, 2000 ed., Primary Drinking Water Regulations and 40 CFR parts 264 and 270, 2000 ed.

5. National Handbook of Recommended Methods for Water-Data Acquisition, GSA-GS edition; Book 85 AD-2777, U.S. Government Printing Office Stock Number 024-001-03489-1.

M. A description of the flooding potential of the discharge site, including the 100-year flood plain, and any applicable flood protection measures.

N. Contingency plan for regaining and maintaining compliance with the permit limits and for reestablishing best available technology as defined in the permit.

O. Methods and procedures for inspections of the facility operations and for detecting failure of the system.

P. For any existing facility, a corrective action plan or identification of other response measures to be taken to remedy any violation of applicable ground water quality standards, class TDS limits or permit limit established under R317-6-6.4E. which has resulted from discharges occurring prior to issuance of a ground water discharge permit.

Q. Other information required by the Executive Secretary.

R. All applications for a groundwater discharge permit must be performed under the direction, and bear the seal, of a professional engineer or professional geologist.

S. A closure and post closure management plan demonstrating measures to prevent ground water contamination during the closure and post closure phases of an operation.

6.4 ISSUANCE OF DISCHARGE PERMIT

A. The Executive Secretary may issue a ground water discharge permit for a new facility if the Executive Secretary determines, after reviewing the information provided under R317-6-6.3, that:

1. the applicant demonstrates that the applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards protection levels, and permit limits established under R317-6-6.4E will be met;

2. the monitoring plan, sampling and reporting

requirements are adequate to determine compliance with applicable requirements;

3. the applicant is using best available technology to minimize the discharge of any pollutant; and

4. there is no impairment of present and future beneficial uses of the ground water.

B. The Board may approve an alternate concentration limit for a new facility if:

1. The applicant submits a petition for an alternate concentration limit showing the extent to which the discharge will exceed the applicable class TDS limits, ground water standards or applicable protection levels and demonstrates that:

a. the facility is to be located in an area of Class III ground water;

b. the discharge plan incorporates the use of best available technology;

c. the alternate concentration limit is justified based on substantial overriding social and economic benefits; and,

d. the discharge would pose no threat to human health and the environment.

2. One or more public hearings have been held by the Board in nearby communities to solicit comment.

C. The Executive Secretary may issue a ground water discharge permit for an existing facility provided:

1. the applicant demonstrates that the applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards and protection levels will be met;

2. the monitoring plan, sampling and reporting requirements are adequate to determine compliance with applicable requirements;

3. the applicant utilizes treatment and discharge minimization technology commensurate with plant process design capability and similar or equivalent to that utilized by facilities that produce similar products or services with similar production process technology; and,

4. there is no current or anticipated impairment of present and future beneficial uses of the ground water.

D. The Board may approve an alternate concentration limit for a pollutant in ground water at an existing facility or facility permitted by rule under R317-6-6.2 if the applicant for a ground water discharge permit shows the extent the discharge exceeds the applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards and applicable protection levels that correspond to the otherwise applicable ground water quality standards and demonstrates that:

1. steps are being taken to correct the source of contamination, including a program and timetable for completion;

2. the pollution poses no threat to human health and the environment; and

3. the alternate concentration limit is justified based on overriding social and economic benefits.

E. An alternate concentration limit, once adopted by the Board under R317-6-6.4B or R317-6-6.4D, shall be the pertinent permit limit.

F. A facility permitted under this provision shall meet applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards, protection levels and permit limits.

G. The Board may modify a permit for a new facility to reflect standards adopted as part of corrective action.

6.5 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The Executive Secretary shall publish a notice of intent to approve in a newspaper in the affected area and shall allow 30 days in which interested persons may comment to the Board. Final action will be taken by the Executive Secretary following the 30-day comment period.

6.6 PERMIT TERM

A. The ground water discharge permit term will run for 5 years from the date of issuance. Permits may be renewed for 5-year periods or extended for a period to be determined by the Executive Secretary but not to exceed 5 years.

B. In the event that new ground water quality standards are adopted by the Board, permits may be reopened to extend the terms of the permit or to include pollutants covered by new standards. The holder of a permit may apply for a variance under the conditions outlined in R317-6-6.4.D.

6.7 GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT RENEWAL

The permittee for a facility with a ground water discharge permit must apply for a renewal or extension for a ground water discharge permit at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the existing permit. If a permit expires before an application for renewal or extension is acted upon by the Executive Secretary, the permit will continue in effect until it is renewed, extended or denied. Permit renewals with significant changes to the original permit must be performed under the direction, and bear the seal, of a professional engineer or professional geologist.

6.8 TERMINATION OF A GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A ground water discharge permit may be terminated or a renewal denied by the Executive Secretary if one of the following applies:

A. noncompliance by the permittee with any condition of the permit where the permittee has failed to take appropriate action in a timely manner to remedy the permit violation;

B. the permittee's failure in the application or during the permit approval process to disclose fully all significant relevant facts at any time;

C. a determination that the permitted facility endangers human health or the environment and can only be regulated to acceptable levels by plan modification or termination; or

D. the permittee requests termination of the permit.

6.9 PERMIT COMPLIANCE MONITORING

A. Ground Water Monitoring

The Executive Secretary may include in a ground water discharge permit requirements for ground water monitoring, and may specify compliance monitoring points where the applicable class TDS limits, ground water quality standards, protection levels or other permit limits are to be met.

The Executive Secretary will determine the location of the compliance monitoring point based upon the hydrology, type of pollutants, and other factors that may affect the ground water quality. The distance to the compliance monitoring points must be as close as practicable to the point of discharge. The compliance monitoring point shall not be beyond the property boundaries of the permitted facility without written agreement of the affected property owners and approval by the Executive Secretary.

B. Performance Monitoring

The Executive Secretary may include in a ground water discharge permit requirements for monitoring performance of best available technology standards.

6.10 BACKGROUND WATER QUALITY DETERMINATION

A. Background water quality contaminant concentrations shall be determined and specified in the ground water discharge permit. The determination of background concentration shall take into account any degradation.

B. Background water quality contaminant concentrations may be determined from existing information or from data collected by the permit applicant. Existing information shall be used, if the permit applicant demonstrates that the quality of the information and its means of collection are adequate to determine background water quality. If existing information is not adequate to determine background water quality, the permit applicant shall submit a plan to determine background water quality to the Executive Secretary for approval prior to data

collection. One or more up-gradient, lateral hydraulically equivalent point, or other monitoring wells as approved by the Executive Secretary may be required for each potential discharge site.

C. After a permit has been issued, permittee shall continue to monitor background water quality contaminant concentrations in order to determine natural fluctuations in concentrations. Applicable up-gradient, and on-site ground water monitoring data shall be included in the ground water quality permit monitoring report.

6.11 NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE OF GROUND WATER DISCHARGE OPERATIONS

A. The permittee shall notify the Division of Water Quality immediately upon commencement of the ground water discharge and submit a written notice within 30 days of the commencement of the discharge.

B. The permittee shall notify the Division of Water Quality of the date and reason for discontinuance of ground water discharge within 30 days.

6.12 SUBMISSION OF DATA

A. Laboratory Analyses

All laboratory analysis of samples collected to determine compliance with these regulations shall be performed in accordance with standard procedures by the Utah Division of Laboratory Services or by a laboratory certified by the Utah Department of Health.

B. Field Analyses

All field analyses to determine compliance with these regulations shall be conducted in accordance with standard procedures specified in R317-6-6.3.L.

C. Periodic Submission of Monitoring Reports

Results obtained pursuant to any monitoring requirements in the discharge permit and the methods used to obtain these results shall be periodically reported to the Executive Secretary according to the schedule specified in the ground water discharge permit.

6.13 REPORTING OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS OR DISCHARGE SYSTEM FAILURES

The permittee shall notify the Executive Secretary within 24 hours of the discovery of any mechanical or discharge system failures that could affect the chemical characteristics or volume of the discharge. A written statement confirming the oral report shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary within five days of the failure.

6.14 CORRECTION OF ADVERSE EFFECTS REQUIRED

A. If monitoring or testing indicates that the permit conditions may be or are being violated by ground water discharge operations or the facility is otherwise in an out-of-compliance status, the permittee shall promptly make corrections to the system to correct all violations of the discharge permit.

B. The permittee, operator, or owner may be required to take corrective action as described in R317-6-6.15 if a pollutant concentration has exceeded a permit limit.

6.15 CORRECTIVE ACTION

It is the intent of the Board that the provisions of these regulations should be considered when making decisions under any state or federal superfund action; however, the protection levels are not intended to be considered as applicable, relevant or appropriate clean-up standards under such other regulatory programs.

A. Application of R317-6-6.15

1. Generally - R317-6-6.15 shall apply to any person who discharges pollutants into ground water in violation of Section 19-5-107, or who places or causes to be placed any wastes in a location where there is probable cause to believe they will cause pollution of ground water in violation of Section 19-5-107.

2. Corrective Action shall include, except as otherwise provided in R317-6-6.15, preparation of a Contamination Investigation and preparation and implementation of a Corrective Action Plan.

3. The procedural provisions of R-317-6-6.15 shall not apply to any facility where a corrective or remedial action for ground water contamination, that the Executive Secretary determines meets the substantive standards of this rule, has been initiated under any other state or federal program. Corrective or remedial action undertaken under the programs specified in Table 2 are considered to meet the substantive standards of this rule unless otherwise determined by the Executive Secretary.

TABLE 2
PROGRAM

Leaking Underground Storage Tank, Sections 19-6-401, et seq.

Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.

Hazardous Waste Mitigation Act, Sections 19-6-301 et seq.
Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Act, Sections 19-6-101 et seq.

B. Notification and Interim Action

1. Notification - A person who spills or discharges any petroleum hydrocarbon or other substance which may cause pollution of ground waters in violation of Section 19-5-107 shall notify the Executive Secretary within 24 hours of the spill or discharge. A written notification shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary within five days after the spill or discharge.

2. Interim Actions - A person is encouraged to take immediate, interim action without following the steps outlined in R317-6-6.15 if such action is required to control a source of pollutants. Interim action is also encouraged if required to protect public safety, public health and welfare and the environment, or to prevent further contamination that would result in costlier clean-up. Such interim actions should include source abatement and control, neutralization, or other actions as appropriate. A person that has taken these actions shall remain subject to R317-6-6.15 after the interim actions are completed unless he demonstrates that:

a. no pollutants have been discharged into ground water in violation of 19-5-107; and

b. no wastes remain in a location where there is probable cause to believe they will cause pollution of ground water in violation of 19-5-107, unless, in the case of diesel fuel and oil releases over 25 gallons, the responsible person demonstrates that the pollutant will not affect ground water quality by complying with the following:

(1) remove contaminated soil to the extent possible, or to established background levels, or 500 mg/kg total petroleum hydrocarbons for sensitive areas, or 5000 mg/kg total petroleum hydrocarbons for non sensitive areas as defined by R317-6-1;

(2) collect soil samples at locations and depths sufficient to document that cleanup has been achieved or as directed by the local health department;

(3) treat or dispose contaminated soil at a location approved by the local health department;

(4) submit an interim action report as defined by R317-6-1.23 or as directed by the local health department.

C. Contamination Investigation and Corrective Action Plan - General

1. The Executive Secretary may require a person that is subject to R317-6-6.15 to submit for the Executive Secretary's approval a Contamination Investigation and Corrective Action Plan, and may require implementation of an approved Corrective Action Plan. A person subject to this rule who has been notified that the Executive Secretary is exercising his or her authority under R317-6-6.15 to require submission of a Contamination Investigation and Corrective Action Plan, shall, within 30 days of that notification, submit to the Executive

Secretary a proposed schedule for those submissions, which may include different deadlines for different elements of the Investigation and Plan. The Executive Secretary may accept, reject, or modify the proposed schedule.

2. The Contamination Investigation or the Corrective Action Plan may, in order to meet the requirements of this Part, incorporate by reference information already provided to the Executive Secretary in the Contingency Plan or other document.

3. The requirements for a Contamination Investigation and a Corrective Action Plan specified in R317-6-6.15.D are comprehensive. The requirements are intended to be applied with flexibility, and persons subject to this rule are encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary's staff to assure its efficient application on a site-specific basis.

4. The Executive Secretary may waive any or all Contamination Investigation and Corrective Action Plan requirements where the person subject to this rule demonstrates that the information that would otherwise be required is not necessary to the Executive Secretary's evaluation of the Contamination Investigation or Corrective Action Plan. Requests for waiver shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary as part of the Contamination Investigation or Corrective Action Plan, or may be submitted in advance of those reports.

D. Contamination Investigation and Corrective Action Plan - Requirements

1. Contamination Investigation - The contamination investigation shall include a characterization of pollution, a characterization of the facility, a data report, and, if the Corrective Action Plan proposes standards under R317-6-6.15.F.2. or Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limits higher than the ground water quality standards, an endangerment assessment.

a. The characterization of pollution shall include a description of:

(1) The amount, form, concentration, toxicity, environmental fate and transport, and other significant characteristics of substances present, for both ground water contaminants and any contributing surficial contaminants;

(2) The areal and vertical extent of the contaminant concentration, distribution and chemical make-up; and

(3) The extent to which contaminant substances have migrated and are expected to migrate.

b. The characterization of the facility shall include descriptions of:

(1) Contaminant substance mixtures present and media of occurrence;

(2) Hydrogeologic conditions underlying and, upgradient and downgradient of the facility;

(3) Surface waters in the area;

(4) Climatologic and meteorologic conditions in the area of the facility; and

(5) Type, location and description of possible sources of the pollution at the facility;

(6) Groundwater withdrawals, pumpage rates, and usage within a 2-mile radius.

c. The report of data used and data gaps shall include:

(1) Data packages including quality assurance and quality control reports;

(2) A description of the data used in the report; and

(3) A description of any data gaps encountered, how those gaps affect the analysis and any plans to fill those gaps.

d. The endangerment assessment shall include descriptions of any risk evaluation necessary to support a proposal for a standard under R317-6-6.15.F.2 or for an Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit.

e. The Contamination Investigation shall include such other information as the Executive Secretary requires.

2. Proposed Corrective Action Plan

The proposed Corrective Action Plan shall include an explanation of the construction and operation of the proposed Corrective Action, addressing the factors to be considered by the Executive Secretary as specified in R317-6-6.15.E. and shall include such other information as the Executive Secretary requires. It shall also include a proposed schedule for completion.

3. The Contaminant Investigation and Corrective Action Plan must be performed under the direction, and bear the seal, of a professional engineer or professional geologist.

E. Approval of the Corrective Action Plan

After public notice in a newspaper in the affected area and a 30-day period for opportunity for public review and comment, the Executive Secretary shall issue an order approving, disapproving, or modifying the proposed Corrective Action Plan. The Executive Secretary shall consider the following factors and criteria in making that decision:

1. Completeness and Accuracy of Corrective Action Plan.

The Executive Secretary shall consider the completeness and accuracy of the Corrective Action Plan and of the information upon which it relies.

2. Action Protective of Public Health and the Environment

a. The Corrective Action shall be protective of the public health and the environment.

b. Impacts as a result of any off-site activities shall be considered under this criterion (e.g., the transport and disposition of contaminated materials at an off-site facility).

3. Action Meets Concentration Limits

The Corrective Action shall meet Corrective Action Concentration Limits specified in R317-6-6.15.F, except as provided in R317-6-6.15.G.

4. Action Produces a Permanent Effect

a. The Corrective Action shall produce a permanent effect.

b. If the Corrective Action Plan provides that any potential sources of pollutants are to be controlled in place, any cap or other method of source control shall be designed so that the discharge from the source following corrective action achieves ground water quality standards or, if approved by the Board, alternate corrective action concentration limits (ACACLs). For purposes of this paragraph, sources of pollutants are controlled "in place" even though they are moved within the facility boundaries provided that they are not moved to areas with unaffected ground water.

5. Action May Use Other Additional Measures

The Executive Secretary may consider whether additional measures should be included in the Plan to better assure that the criteria and factors specified in R317-6-6.15.E are met. Such measures may include:

a. Requiring long-term ground water or other monitoring;

b. Providing environmental hazard notices or other security measures;

c. Capping of sources of ground water contamination to avoid infiltration of precipitation;

d. Requiring long-term operation and maintenance of all portions of the Corrective Action; and

e. Periodic review to determine whether the Corrective Action is protective of public health and the environment.

F. Corrective Action Concentration Limits

1. Contaminants with specified levels

Corrective Actions shall achieve ground water quality standards or, where applicable, alternate corrective action concentration limits (ACACLs).

2. Contaminants without specified levels

For contaminants for which no ground water quality standard has been established, the proposed Corrective Action Plan shall include proposed Corrective Action Concentration Limits. These levels shall be approved, disapproved or modified by the Executive Secretary after considering U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maximum contaminant level

goals, health advisories, risk-based contaminant levels or standards established by other regulatory agencies and other relevant information.

G. Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limits

An Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit that is higher or lower than the Corrective Action Concentration Limits specified in R317-6-6.15.F may be required as provided in the following:

1. Higher Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limits

A person submitting a proposed Corrective Action Plan may request approval by the Board of an Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit higher than the Corrective Action Concentration Limit specified in R317-6-6.15.F. The proposed limit shall be protective of human health, and the environment, and shall utilize best available technology. The Corrective Action Plan shall include the following information in support of this request:

a. The potential for release and migration of any contaminant substances or treatment residuals that might remain after Corrective Action in concentrations higher than Corrective Action Concentration Limits;

b. An evaluation of residual risks, in terms of amounts and concentrations of contaminant substances remaining following implementation of the Corrective Action options evaluated, including consideration of the persistence, toxicity, mobility, and propensity to bioaccumulate such contaminants substances and their constituents; and

c. Any other information necessary to determine whether the conditions of R317-6-6.15.G have been met.

2. Lower Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limits

The Board may require use of an Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit that is lower than the Corrective Action Concentration Limit specified in R317-6-6.15.F if necessary to protect human health or the environment. Any person requesting that the Board consider requiring a lower Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit shall provide supporting information as described in R317-6-6.15.G.3.

3. Protective of human health and the environment

The Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit must be protective of human health and the environment. In making this determination, the Board may consider:

a. Information presented in the Contamination Investigation;

b. Other relevant cleanup or health standards, criteria, or guidance;

c. Relevant and reasonably available scientific information;

d. Any additional information relevant to the protectiveness of a Corrective Action; and

e. The impact of additional proposed measures, such as those described in R317-6-6.15.E.5.

4. Good cause

An Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit shall not be granted without good cause.

a. The Board may consider the factors specified in R317-6-6.15.E in determining whether there is good cause.

b. The Board may also consider whether the proposed remedy is cost-effective in determining whether there is good cause. Costs that may be considered include but are not limited to:

(1) Capital costs;

(2) Operation and maintenance costs;

(3) Costs of periodic reviews, where required;

(4) Net present value of capital and operation and maintenance costs;

(5) Potential future remedial action costs; and

(6) Loss of resource value.

5. Conservative

An Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit that is higher than the Corrective Action Concentration Limits specified in R317-6-6.15.F must be conservative. The Board may consider the concentration level that can be achieved using best available technology if attainment of the Corrective Action Concentration Limit is not technologically achievable.

6. Relation to background and existing conditions

a. The Board may consider the relationship between the Corrective Action Concentration Limits and background concentration limits in considering whether an Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit is appropriate.

b. No Alternate Corrective Action Concentration Limit higher than existing ground water contamination levels or ground water contamination levels projected to result from existing conditions will be granted.

6.16 OUT-OF-COMPLIANCE STATUS

A. Accelerated Monitoring for Probable Out-of-Compliance Status

If the value of a single analysis of any compliance parameter in any compliance monitoring sample exceeds an applicable permit limit, the facility shall:

1. Notify the Executive Secretary in writing within 30 days of receipt of data;

2. Immediately initiate monthly sampling if the value exceeds both the background concentration of the pollutant by two standard deviations and an applicable permit limit, unless the Executive Secretary determines that other periodic sampling is appropriate, for a period of two months or until the compliance status of the facility can be determined.

B. Violation of Permit Limits

Out-of-compliance status exists when:

1. The value for two consecutive samples from a compliance monitoring point exceeds:

a. one or more permit limits; and

b. the background concentration for that pollutant by two standard deviations (the standard deviation and background (mean) being calculated using values for the ground water pollutant at that compliance monitoring point) unless the existing permit limit was derived from the background pollutant concentration plus two standard deviations; or

2. the concentration value of any pollutant in two or more consecutive samples is statistically significantly higher than the applicable permit limit. The statistical significance shall be determined using the statistical methods described in Statistical Methods for Evaluating Ground Water Monitoring Data from Hazardous Waste Facilities, Vol. 53, No. 196 of the Federal Register, Oct. 11, 1988 and supplemental guidance in Guidance For Data Quality Assessment (EPA/600/R-96/084 January 1998).

C. Failure to Maintain Best Available Technology Required by Permit

1. Permittee to Provide Information

In the event that the permittee fails to maintain best available technology or otherwise fails to meet best available technology standards as required by the permit, the permittee shall submit to the Executive Secretary a notification and description of the failure according to R317-6-6.13. Notification shall be given orally within 24 hours of the permittee's discovery of the failure of best available technology, and shall be followed up by written notification, including the information necessary to make a determination under R317-6-6.16.C.2, within five days of the permittee's discovery of the failure of best available technology.

2. Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary shall use the information provided under R317-6-6.16.C.1 and any additional information provided by the permittee to determine whether to initiate a compliance action against the permittee for violation of permit conditions.

The Executive Secretary shall not initiate a compliance action if the Executive Secretary determines that the permittee has met the standards for an affirmative defense, as specified in R317-6-6.16.C.3.

3. Affirmative Defense

In the event a compliance action is initiated against the permittee for violation of permit conditions relating to best available technology, the permittee may affirmatively defend against that action by demonstrating the following:

a. The permittee submitted notification according to R317-6-6.13;

b. The failure was not intentional or caused by the permittee's negligence, either in action or in failure to act;

c. The permittee has taken adequate measures to meet permit conditions in a timely manner or has submitted to the Executive Secretary, for the Executive Secretary's approval, an adequate plan and schedule for meeting permit conditions; and

d. The provisions of 19-5-107 have not been violated.

6.17 PROCEDURE WHEN A FACILITY IS OUT-OF-COMPLIANCE

A. If a facility is out of compliance the following is required:

1. The permittee shall notify the Executive Secretary of the out of compliance status within 24 hours after detection of that status, followed by a written notice within 5 days of the detection.

2. The permittee shall initiate monthly sampling, unless the Executive Secretary determines that other periodic sampling is appropriate, until the facility is brought into compliance.

3. The permittee shall prepare and submit within 30 days to the Executive Secretary a plan and time schedule for assessment of the source, extent and potential dispersion of the contamination, and an evaluation of potential remedial action to restore and maintain ground water quality and insure that permit limits will not be exceeded at the compliance monitoring point and best available technology will be reestablished.

4. The Executive Secretary may require immediate implementation of the contingency plan submitted with the original ground water discharge permit in order to regain and maintain compliance with the permit limit standards at the compliance monitoring point or to reestablish best available technology as defined in the permit.

5. Where it is infeasible to re-establish BAT as defined in the permit, the permittee may propose an alternative BAT for approval by the Executive Secretary.

6.18 GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT TRANSFER

A. The permittee shall give written notice to the Executive Secretary of any transfer of the ground water discharge permit, within 30 days of the transfer.

B. The notice shall include a written agreement between the existing and new permittee establishing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage and liability.

6.19 ENFORCEMENT

These rules are subject to enforcement under Section 19-5-115 of the Utah Water Quality Act.

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R317. Environmental Quality, Water Quality.
R317-10. Certification of Wastewater Works Operators.
R317-10-1. Objectives.

The certification program is established in order to assist in protecting the quality of waters in the state of Utah by helping ensure that personnel in charge of wastewater works are trained, experienced, reliable and efficient; to protect the public health and the environment and provide for the health and safety of wastewater works operators; and to establish standards and methods whereby wastewater works operating personnel can demonstrate competency.

R317-10-2. Scope.

These certification rules apply to all wastewater treatment works and sewerage systems, with the exception of Onsite Wastewater Systems and Large Underground Wastewater Disposal Systems as defined in R317-1-1. This includes both wastewater collection systems and wastewater treatment systems except underground wastewater disposal systems. Wastewater works operated by political subdivisions must employ certified operators as required in this rule. Operators of wastewater systems not requiring certified operators (such as industrial wastewater treatment systems) may be certified according to provisions of these rules for testing and certification.

R317-10-3. Authority.

The Certification Program for Wastewater Works Operators is authorized by Section 19-5-104 of the Utah Code Annotated.

R317-10-4. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Water Quality Board.

B. "Category" means type of certification (collection or wastewater treatment).

C. "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the Council, stating that the recipient has met the minimum requirements for the specified operator grade described in this rule.

D. "Certified Operator" means a person with the appropriate education and experience, as specified in this rule, who has successfully completed the certification exam or otherwise meets the requirements of this rule.

E. "Chief Operator" means the supervisor in direct responsible charge of all shift operators for a collection or treatment system.

F. "Collection System" means the system designed to collect and transport sewage from the beginning points that the collection entity regards as their responsibility to maintain and operate, to the points where the treatment facility assumes responsibility for operation and maintenance.

G. "Council" means the Utah Wastewater Operator Certification Council.

H. "Continuing Education Unit (CEU)" means ten contact hours of participation in and successful completion of an organized and approved continuing education experience. College credit in approved courses may be substituted for CEUs on an equivalency basis as defined in this rule.

I. "Direct Responsible Charge (DRC)" means active on-site charge and performance of operation duties. The person in direct responsible charge is generally a supervisor over wastewater treatment or collection who independently makes decisions affecting all treatment or system processes during normal operation which may affect the quality, safety, and adequacy of treatment of wastewater discharged from the plant. In cases where only one operator is employed, this operator shall be considered to be in direct responsible charge.

J. "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Water Quality Board.

K. "Grade Level" means any one of the possible steps within a certification category of either wastewater collection or wastewater treatment. There are four levels each for collection and treatment system operators, Grade I being the lowest and Grade IV the highest level. There is one level for lagoon operators.

L. "Grandfather Certificate" means a certificate issued to an operator, without taking an examination, by virtue of the operator meeting experience and other requirements in R317-10-11.G of this rule.

M. "Operating Experience" means experience gained in operating a wastewater treatment plant or collection system which enables the operator to make correct supervisory, operational, safety, and maintenance decisions affecting personnel, water quality, public health, regulatory compliance, and wastewater works operation, efficiency, and longevity.

N. "Operator" means any person who is directly involved in or may be responsible for operation of any wastewater works or facilities treating wastewater.

O. "Population Equivalent (P.E.)" means the population which would contribute an equivalent waste load based on the calculation of total pounds of B.O.D. contributed divided by 0.2. This calculation may be used where a significant amount of industrial waste is discharged to a wastewater system.

P. "Restricted Certificate" means a certificate issued upon passing the certification examination when other requirements have not been met.

Q. "Small Lagoon System" means a wastewater lagoon system serving fewer than 3500 population equivalent.

R. "Wastewater Works" means facilities for collecting, pumping, treating or disposing of sanitary wastewater.

R317-10-5. Wastewater Works Owner Responsibilities.

A. The chief operator and supervisors who make process decisions for the system and are designated to be in direct responsible charge must be certified at no less than the level of the facility classification. All other operators in direct responsible charge must be certified at no less than one grade lower than the facility classification or at the lowest required facility classification except as provided in B below. All facilities must have an operator certified at the facility level on duty or on call. If a facility or system undergoes a re-rating, all operators considered to be in DRC must be certified at the appropriate level within one year after notification of the new rating.

B. The Executive Secretary must be notified by the facility owner within 10 working days after termination of employment of the Chief Operator considered in DRC, or when he is otherwise unable to perform those duties. The wastewater works must have a certified operator or an operator with a restricted certificate at the appropriate level within one year from the date the vacancy occurred.

C. For newly constructed wastewater works, a certified operator or an operator with a restricted certificate at the appropriate level must be employed within one year after the system is deemed operable.

D. Those required to be certified may operate a system with a restricted certificate of the required grade for up to one year for a Class I or Class II facility, or up to two years for a Class III or Class IV facility, but may not continue to operate a system if they are unable to obtain an unrestricted certificate at the end of the stipulated period.

E. Contracts

1. General. In lieu of employing a DRC operator as part of its workforce, a facility owner may enter into a contract for DRC services with an operator certified at the appropriate level, or with another public or private entity with operators certified at the appropriate level.

2. Any such contract must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Secretary.

3. If the contract is with another entity, it must include the names of the certified individuals who will be in direct

responsible charge of the operation of the facility. At a minimum the contract must contain the following elements:

a. A clear description of the overall duties and responsibilities of the facility owner and the responsibilities of the contracted DRC operator(s) related to the supervision of the facility's operation, including the frequency of visits and the duties to be performed.

b. Identification of the contract period and effective date of the contract

c. Consideration

d. Termination clause

e. Execution by authorized signatories

R317-10-6. Facility Classification System.

Treatment plants and collection systems shall be classified in accordance with Table 1.

TABLE 1
FACILITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

FACILITY CATEGORY		CLASS I	II	III	IV
Collection (1)	Pop. Served	3,500 and less	3,501 to 15,000	15,001 to 50,000	50,001 and greater
Treatment Plant (2)	Range of Fac. Points	30 and less	31 to 55	56 to 75	76 and greater
Small Lagoon Systems(3)	Pop. Equiv. Served	3,500 and less			

(1) Simple "in-line" treatment (such as booster pumping, preventive chlorination, or odor control) is considered an integral part of a collection system.

(2) Treatment plants shall be assigned "facility points" in accordance with Table 2 "Wastewater Treatment Plant Classification System".

(3) A combined certificate shall be issued for treatment works/collection system operation.

TABLE 2
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Each Unit process should have points assigned only once.

Item	Points
SIZE (2 PT Minimum - 20 PT Maximum)	
Max. Population equivalent (PE) served, peak day(1)	1 - 10
Design flow average day or peak month average, whichever is larger(2)	1 - 10
VARIATION IN RAW WASTE (3)	
Variations do not exceed those normally or typically expected	0
Recurring deviations or excessive variations of 100 - 200% in strength and/or flow	2
Recurring deviations or excessive variations of more than 200% in strength and/or flow	4
Raw wastes subject to toxic waste discharges	6
Acceptance of septage or truck-hauled waste	2
PRELIMINARY TREATMENT	
Plant pumping of main flow	3
Screening, comminution	3
Grit removal	3
Equalization	1
PRIMARY TREATMENT	
Clarifiers	5
Imhoff tanks or similar	5
SECONDARY TREATMENT	
Fixed film reactor	10
Activated sludge	15
Stabilization ponds w/o aeration	5
Stabilization ponds w/aeration	8
TERTIARY TREATMENT	
Polishing ponds for advanced waste treatment	2
Chemical/physical advanced waste treatment w/o secondary	15
Chemical/physical advanced waste treatment following secondary	10
Biological or chemical/biological advanced waste treatment	12
Nitrification by designed extended aeration only	2
Ion exchange for advanced waste treatment	10
Reverse osmosis, electrodialysis and other membrane filtration techniques	15
Advanced waste treatment chemical recovery, carbon regeneration	4
Media Filtration	5
ADDITIONAL TREATMENT PROCESSES	
Chemical additions (2 pts./each for max. of 6 pts.)	2 - 6
Dissolved air flotation (for other than sludge thickening)	8
Intermittent sand filter	2
Recirculating intermittent sand filter	3
Microscreens	5
Generation of oxygen	5
SOLIDS HANDLING	
Solids conditioning	2
Solids thickening (based on technology)	2 - 5
Mechanical dewatering	8
Anaerobic digestion of solids	10
Utilization of digester gas for heating or cogeneration	5
Aerobic digestion of solids	6
Evaporative sludge drying	2
Solids reduction (including incineration, wet oxidation)	12
On-site landfill for solids	2
Solids composting	10
Land application of biosolids by contractor	2
Land application of biosolids under direction of facility operator in DRC	10
DISINFECTION (10 pt. max.)	
Chlorination or ultraviolet irradiation	5
Ozonation	10
EFFLUENT DISCHARGE (10 pt. max.)	
Mechanical Post aeration	2
Direct recycle and reuse	6
Land treatment and disposal (surface or subsurface)	4
INSTRUMENTATION (6 pt. max.)	
Use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with no process operation	0
Use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with limited process operation	2
Use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with moderate process operation	4
Use of SCADA or similar instrumentation systems to provide data with extensive/total process operation	6
LABORATORY CONTROL (15 pt. max)(4)	
Bacteriological/biological (5 pt. max):	
Lab work done outside the plant	0
Membrane filter procedures	3
Use of fermentation tubes or any dilution method (or E. coli determination)	5
Chemical/physical (10 pt. max):	
Lab work done outside the plant	0
Push-button, visual methods for simple tests (i.e. pH, settleable solids)	3
Additional procedures (ie, DO, COD, BOD, gas analysis, titrations, solids volatile content)	5
More advanced determinations (ie, specific constituents; nutrients, total oils, phenols)	7
Highly sophisticated instrumentation (i.e., atomic absorption, gas chromatography)	10

(1) 1 point per 10,000 P.E. or part; maximum of 10 points

(2) 1 point per MGD or part

(3) Key concept is frequency and/or intensity of deviation or excessive variation from normal or typical fluctuations; such deviation may be in terms of strength, toxicity, shock loads, inflow and infiltration, with point values ranging from 0 - 6.

(4) Key concept is to credit laboratory analyses done on-site by plant personnel under the direction of the operator in direct responsible charge with point values ranging

from 0 - 15.

R317-10-7. Qualifications for Operator Grades.

A. General

1. "Qualification Points" means total of years of education and experience required. All substitutions are year for year equivalents. A college "year" is considered 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours of credit.

2. College-level education must be in a job-related field to be credited. However, partial credit may be given for non-job related education at the discretion of the Council.

3. Experience may be substituted for a high school education or a graduate equivalence degree in Grades I and II only.

4. Education may be substituted for experience, as specified below.

B. Grade I - 13 points required

1. High school diploma or equivalency (12 points), or highest grade completed (one point per grade, up to 12 points).

2. One year operating experience (one point per year).

3. Experience may be substituted for all or any part of the education requirements, on a one-to-one basis.

4. Education may not be substituted for experience.

C. Grade II - 14 points required

1. High school diploma or equivalency (12 points), or highest grade completed (one point per grade, up to 12 points).

2. Two years operating experience (one point per year)

3. Up to one year of additional education may be substituted for an equivalent amount of operating experience.

4. Experience may be substituted for all or any part of the education requirement, on a one-to-one basis.

D. Grade III - 16 points required

1. High school diploma or equivalency (12 points), or highest grade completed (one point per grade, up to 12 points).

2. Four years operating experience (one point per year)

3. Up to 2 years of additional education may be substituted for an equivalent amount of operating experience. Relevant and specialized operator training may be substituted for education requirement, where 25 CEUs is equivalent to 1 year of education.

E. Grade IV - 18 points required

1. High school diploma or equivalency (12 points), or highest grade completed (one point per grade, up to 12 points)

2. Six years operating experience (one point per year)

3. Up to 2 years of additional education may be substituted for an equivalent amount of operating experience. Relevant and specialized operator training may be substituted for education requirement, where 25 CEUs is equivalent to 1 year of education.

R317-10-8. Council.

A. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Board from recommendations made by interested organizations including the Department of Environmental Quality, Utah League of Cities and Towns, Water Environment Association of Utah, the Professional Wastewater Operators Division of the Water Environment Association of Utah, the Utah Rural Water Association, Utah Valley State College, and the Civil/Environmental Engineering Departments of Utah's universities. The Council shall serve at the discretion of the Board to oversee the certification program.

B. The Council shall consist of eight members as follows:

1. Three members who are operators holding valid certificates. At least one shall be a wastewater collection system operator.

2. One member with three years management experience in wastewater treatment and collection, who shall represent municipal wastewater management.

3. One member who is a civil or environmental engineering faculty member of a university in Utah.

4. One non-voting member who is a Senior Environmental Engineer in the Division of Water Quality or other duly designated person who shall represent the Board.

5. One member from the private sector.

6. One member representing vocational training.

C. Voting Council members shall serve as follows:

1. Terms of office shall be for three years with two members retiring each year (except for the third year when three shall retire).

2. Appointments to succeed a Council member who is unable to serve his full term shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. Council members may be reappointed, but they do not automatically succeed themselves.

D. Each year the Council shall elect from its membership a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

E. The duties of the Council shall include:

1. Preparing and conducting examinations for the various grades of operators, and issuing and distributing the certificates.

2. Regularly reviewing the certification examinations to ensure compatibility between the examinations and operator responsibilities.

3. Ensuring that the certification examinations and training curricula are compatible.

4. Distributing examination applications and notices.

5. Receiving all applications for certification and evaluating the record of applicants as required to establish their qualifications for certification under this rule.

6. Maintaining records of operator qualifications and certification.

7. Preparing an annual report for distribution to the Board and other interested parties.

F. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting official Council business.

R317-10-9. Application for Examination.

Prior to taking an examination, an applicant must file an application of intention with the Council, accompanied by evidence of qualifications for certification in accordance with the provisions of this rule on application forms available from the Council.

R317-10-10. Examination.

A. The time and place of examinations to qualify for a certificate shall be determined by the Council. All examinations shall be graded and the applicant notified of the results. Examination fees shall be charged to cover the costs of testing.

B. Normally, all examinations for certification shall be written. However, upon request an oral examination will be given. Such examination shall be conducted by at least two people, at least one of whom is a Council member. Those persons assisting the Council member must be approved by the Council. All exams shall be administered in a manner that will ensure the integrity of the certification program.

C. In the event an applicant fails an exam, the applicant may request to review the exam within 30 days following receipt of the exam score. The Council shall not review examination questions for the purpose of changing individual examination scores. However, questions may be edited for future examinations. If an error is found in the grading of the exam, credit may be given.

R317-10-11. Certificates.

A. All certificates shall indicate one of the following grades for which they are issued.

1. Wastewater Treatment Operator - Grades I through IV.

2. Restricted Wastewater Treatment Operator - Grades I through IV.

3. Wastewater Collection Operator - Grades I through IV.

4. Restricted Wastewater Collection Operator - Grades I through IV.

5. Small Lagoon System Operator - Grade I Wastewater Treatment and Collection System Combined.

6. Restricted Small Lagoon System Operator - Grade I Wastewater Treatment and Collection System Combined.

B. An applicant shall have the opportunity to take any grade of examination. A restricted certificate shall be issued if the applicant passes the exam but lacks the experience or education required for a particular grade.

An unrestricted certificate shall be issued if the applicant passes the exam and the experience and education requirements appropriate to the particular grade are met. Restricted certificates shall become unrestricted when the appropriate experience and education requirements are met and a change in status fee is paid. A restricted certificate does not qualify a person as a certified operator at the grade level that the restricted certificate is issued, until the limiting conditions are met, except as provided in R317-10-5. Upon application, a restricted certificate may be renewed subject to the conditions in C below. Replacement certificates may be obtained by payment of a duplicate certificate fee.

C. Certificates shall continue in effect for a period of up to three years unless revoked prior to that time. The certificate must be renewed each three years by payment of a renewal fee and submittal of evidence of required CEUs. The certificates expire on December 31 of the last year of the certificate. Operators considered in DRC must renew by the expiration date in order for the wastewater works to remain in compliance with this rule. Request for renewal shall be made on forms supplied by the Council. It shall be the responsibility of the operator to make application for certificate renewal.

D. An expired certificate may be reinstated within one year after expiration by payment of a reinstatement fee. After one year, an expired certificate cannot be reinstated, and the operator must retest to become certified. The required CEUs for renewal must be accrued before expiration of the certificate. When unusual circumstances exist, an operator may petition the Council to request additional time to meet the requirements. Each petition will be considered on its own merits.

E. CEUs must be earned during the 3 year period prior to the expiration date of the certificate.

F. The Council may, after appropriate review, waive examination of applicants holding a valid certificate or license issued in compliance with other certification plans having equivalent standards, and issue a comparable Utah certificate upon payment of a reciprocity fee.

If the applicant is working in another state at the time of application, or has relocated to Utah but has not yet obtained employment in the wastewater field in Utah, a letter of intent to issue a certificate by reciprocity may be provided. When the applicant provides proof of employment in the wastewater field in Utah, and meets all other requirements, a certificate may be issued.

G. A grandfather certificate shall be issued, upon application and payment of an administrative fee, to qualified operators who must be certified (chief operators, supervisors, or anyone considered in direct responsible charge). The certificate shall be valid only for the wastewater works at which the operator is employed as that facility existed on March 16, 1991. Operators must obtain initial certification on or before March 16, 1994. The certificate may not be transferred to another facility or person. If the facility undergoes an addition of a new process, even if the facility classification does not change, or the collection system has a change in rating, the respective operator must obtain a restricted or unrestricted certificate within one year as specified in this rule.

Grandfather certificates shall be issued for a period of up to three years and must be renewed prior to the expiration date to remain in effect. Renewal shall include the payment of a renewal fee and submittal of evidence of required CEUs. The renewal fee shall be the same as that charged for renewal of other certificates. If the grandfather certificate is not renewed prior to the expiration date, the wastewater works may be considered to be out of compliance with this rule. The operator would then be required to pass the appropriate certification examination to become a certified operator.

The grandfather certificate shall be issued if the currently employed operator:

1. Was a chief operator or person in direct responsible charge of the wastewater works on March 16, 1991; and

2. Had been employed at least ten years in the operation of the wastewater works prior to March 16, 1991; and

3. Demonstrates to the Council his capability to operate the wastewater works at which he is employed by providing employment history and references.

R317-10-12. CEUs and Approved Training.

A. CEUs shall be required for renewal of each certificate according to the following schedule:

TABLE 3
REQUIRED CEUs FOR RENEWAL OF EACH CERTIFICATE

OPERATOR GRADE	CEUs REQUIRED IN A 3-YEAR PERIOD
Grade I	2
Grade II	2
Grade III	3
Grade IV	3

B. All CEUs for certificate renewal shall be subject to review for approval to ensure that the training is applicable to wastewater works operation and meets CEU criteria. Identification of approved training, appropriate CEU or credit assignment and verification of successful completion is the responsibility of the Council. Training records shall be maintained by the Council.

C. All in-house or in-plant training which is intended to meet any part of the CEU requirements must be approved by the Council. In-house or in-plant training must meet the following general criteria to be approved:

1. Instruction must be under the supervision of an instructor approved by the Council.

2. An outline must be included with all submittals listing subjects to be covered and the time allotted to each subject.

3. A list of the teacher's objectives must be submitted which documents the essential points of the instruction ("need-to-know" information) and the methods used to illustrate these principles.

D. No more than one-half of required CEU credits, over a three-year period prior to the expiration date of a certificate, shall be given for registration and attendance at the annual technical program meetings of the Water Environment Association of Utah, the Water Environment Federation, Rural Water Association of Utah, or similar organizations.

E. Training must be related to the responsibilities of a wastewater works operator. If a person holds multiple wastewater operator certificates (treatment and collection), CEU credit may be received for each certificate from one training experience only if the training is applicable to each certificate. It is recommended that at least one-half of the required CEUs be technical training directly related to the job duties.

R317-10-13. Recommendations of the Council.

A. Initial recommendations. All decisions of the Council shall be in the form of recommendations for action by the Executive Secretary. The Council shall notify an applicant of any initial recommendation. Any such applicant may, within 30 days of the date the Council's notice was mailed, request

reconsideration and an informal hearing before the Council by writing to: Wastewater Operator Certification Council, Division of Water Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870. The Council shall notify the person of the time and location for the informal hearing.

B. Following the informal hearing, or the expiration of the period for requesting reconsideration, the Council shall notify the Executive Secretary of its final recommendation.

C. A challenge to the Executive Secretary's determination regarding Certification may be made as provided in R317-9-3.

R317-10-14. Certificate Suspension and Revocation Procedures.

A. Grounds for suspending or revoking an operator's certificate may be any of the following:

1. Demonstrated disregard for the public health and safety;

2. Misrepresentation or falsification of figures and/or reports submitted to the State;

3. Cheating on a certification exam;

4. Falsely obtaining or altering a certificate; or

5. Gross negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the performance of duties as an operator.

B. Suspension or revocation may result where it may be shown that circumstances and events relative to the operation of the wastewater works were under the operator's jurisdiction and control. Circumstances beyond the control of an operator shall not be grounds for suspension or revocation action.

C. The Council may make recommendations to the Executive Secretary regarding the suspension or revocation of a certificate. Prior to making any such recommendation, the Council shall inform the individual in writing of the reasons the Council is considering such a recommendation. The Council shall allow the individual an opportunity for an informal hearing before the Council. Any request for an informal hearing shall be made within 30 days of the date the Council's notification is mailed.

D. Following an informal hearing, or the expiration of the period for requesting a hearing, the Council shall notify the Executive Secretary of its final recommendation.

E. A challenge to the Executive Secretary's determination may be made as provided in R317-9-3.

R317-10-15. Noncompliance.

A. Noncompliance with these Certification rules is a violation of Section 19-5-115 Utah Code Annotated.

B. The Council shall refer cases of noncompliance with this rule to the Executive Secretary.

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R317. Environmental Quality, Water Quality.
R317-100. Utah State Project Priority System for the Utah Wastewater Project Assistance Program.
R317-100-1. Project Priority System.

This rule is necessary to meet requirements of Federal Water Quality Act, 40 CFR 35.3115 and Section 19-5-104(f) of the Utah Code. Copies of the current Utah State Project Priority List are available at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality.

R317-100-2. General.

A. The Project Priority System is used to prioritize projects to allocate wastewater revolving loan and grant funds which may be available through the state and federal governments. The priority system is intended to identify those projects which will remedy the most severe water quality problems and to provide funds for the most beneficial program of public health protection and water quality improvement.

B. The Project Priority System will prioritize non-point source pollution, point source pollution (both storm water and municipal wastewater), and underground wastewater disposal system projects which are candidates for funding through the Utah State Wastewater Project Assistance Program. All projects considered for funding under this program receive an "alpha" ranking in accordance with R317-100-4. In addition, all point source projects identified on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) receive a "numeric" ranking under R317-100-3.

R317-100-3. Numeric Project Priority Ranking System.

A. PRIORITY POINT TOTAL

1. A priority number total for a project will be determined by adding the priority points from each of the four priority categories. Total Priority Points = Project Need for Reduction of Water Pollution + Potential for Improvement Factor + Existing Population Affected + Special Consideration. If two or more projects receive an equal number of priority points, such ties shall be broken using the following criteria:

a. The projects shall be ranked in order of the highest "Need for Reduction of Water Pollution."

b. If the tie cannot be broken on the basis of need, the projects shall be ranked in order of the "Potential for Improvement Factor."

c. If the tie cannot be broken on the basis of the above, the project serving the greatest population will be given priority.

B. PROJECT NEED FOR REDUCTION OF WATER POLLUTION

All projects receive the highest applicable point level only.

1. A documented existing substantial health hazard will be eliminated by the project. This may include: (1) discharge of inadequately treated wastewater to an area of immediate public contact where inadequate operation and maintenance is not the primary cause of the condition; (2) an area where a substantial number of failing subsurface disposal systems are causing surfacing sewage in areas of human habitation. The elimination of existing substantial health hazards is of highest priority. The determination of the existence of substantial health hazards shall be based upon the investigation, report, and certification of the local health department and the State Division of Water Quality. Such reports and certifications will be forwarded to EPA with the Priority List. The health hazard designation will normally apply to unsewered communities experiencing widespread septic tank failures and surfacing sewage: 70 points.

2. A raw sewage discharge will be eliminated or prevented: 60 points.

3. The surface water quality standards identified in R317-2 are impaired by an existing discharge. For points to be allotted under this criterion the affected stream segment must be "water quality limited" according to a wasteload analysis and water quality standards. Water quality standards have been established for the waters of Utah according to designated beneficial use classifications. A stream segment is considered to be "water quality limited" if a higher level of treatment than that which is provided by state effluent limitations is required to meet water quality standards. A stream segment is "effluent limited" if water quality standards are met by state imposed effluent limitations: 50 points.

4. The ground water quality standards identified in R317-6 are impaired by an existing discharge. For points to be allotted under this criterion the affected ground water must be impaired according to the numerical criteria outlined in the ground water protection levels established for Class I and II aquifers: 50 points.

5. Construction is needed to provide secondary treatment, or to meet the requirements of a Utah Pollution Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit or Ground Water Discharge Permit, or the Federal Sludge Disposal Requirements: 50 points.

6. Documented water quality degradation is occurring, attributable to failing individual subsurface disposal systems where inadequate operation and maintenance is not the primary cause of the condition: 45 points.

7. Areas not qualifying as an existing substantial health hazard, but where it is evident that inadequate on-site conditions have resulted in the chronic failure of a significant number of individual subsurface disposal systems, causing an ongoing threat to public health or the environment. Points may be awarded in this category only when the Division of Water Quality determines that existing on-site limitations cannot be overcome through the use of approved subsurface disposal practices, or that the cost of upgrading or replacing failed systems to meet the minimum requirements of the local health department are determined to be excessive: 45 points.

8. Treatment plant loading has reached or exceeded 95 percent of design requirements needed to meet conditions of an UPDES Permit or needed to restore designated water use, or design requirements are projected to be exceeded within 5 years by the Division of Water Quality. Points will not be allocated under this criterion where excessive infiltration or inflow is the primary cause for the loading to the system to be at 95 percent or greater of design requirements: 40 points.

9. Existing facilities that do not meet the design requirements in R317-3. Points may be allocated under this category only if the design requirements that are not being met are determined to be fundamental to the ability of the facility to meet water quality standards: 40 points.

10. Interceptor sewers, collection systems, pump stations and treatment, where applicable, are needed to solve existing pollution, ground water, or public health concerns: 35 points.

a. Points may be awarded under this category only if they will primarily serve established residential areas and only if they are needed to solve existing pollution or public health problems.

b. Points shall not be awarded under this category where an interceptor is proposed for newly developing recreational communities, resorts, or unincorporated subdivisions.

c. Points may be awarded under this category when the majority of existing septic systems are located in defined well head protection zones or principal ground water recharge areas to Class I and II aquifers.

11. Interceptor sewers, collection systems, pump stations and treatment, where applicable, are needed to accomplish regionalization or eliminate existing treatment facilities. Points shall not be awarded under this category where an interceptor is proposed for newly developing recreational communities, resorts, or unincorporated subdivisions: 25 points.

12. Communities having future needs for wastewater facilities construction at existing wastewater systems, not included above, which are consistent with the goals of the

Federal Water Pollution Control Act: 10 points.

13. Communities having future needs for new treatment plants and interceptors, not included above, which are consistent with the goals of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act: 5 points.

C. POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT FACTOR (PIF)

The PIF priority point sub-total is obtained by adding the points obtained in each of the four subcategories. Total PIF points = Classified Water Use + Discharge Standard Factor + Restoration from Water Quality Standard Violation + Estimated Improvement.

1. Classified Water Use. Priority points under this subcategory are allotted in accordance with segment designations listed in R317-2-13, Classifications of Waters of the State. Points are cumulative for segments classified for more than one beneficial use.

a. Protected as a raw water source of culinary water supply; R317-2-13 Use Classes: 1A, 1B, or 1C: 4 points.

b. Protected for primary contact recreation (swimming); R317-2-13: 2A: 4 points.

c. Protected for secondary contact recreation (water skiing, boating and similar uses); R317-2-13: 2B: 3 points.

d. Protected for cold water species of game fish and other cold water aquatic life, including the necessary aquatic organisms in their food chain; R317-2-13: 3A: 3 points.

e. Protected for warm water species of game fish and other warm water aquatic life, including the necessary aquatic organisms in the food chain; R317-2-13: 3B: 3 points.

f. Protected for non-game fish and other aquatic life, including the necessary aquatic organisms in their food chain; R317-2-13: 3C: 2 points.

g. Protected for waterfowl, shore birds and other water-oriented wildlife not included above, including the necessary aquatic organisms in their food chain; R317-2-13: 3D: 2 points.

h. Protected for agricultural, industrial, and "special" uses; R317-2-13: 4, 5, and 6: 1 point.

2. Discharge Standard Factor. Priority points are allotted as follows:

a. Project discharge standards are water quality based: 5 points.

b. Project must meet secondary effluent treatment standards: 2 points.

c. Project does not discharge to surface waters: 0 points.

3. Restoration from Water Quality Standard Violation.

a. Project WILL RESTORE Designated Water Use: 5 points.

b. Project WILL NOT RESTORE Designated Water Use: 0 points.

c. Points under this subcategory are assigned on the basis of whether appropriate water quality standard(s) can be restored if the respective project is constructed and any other water quality management controls are maintained at present levels. For a project to receive points under this subcategory, data from a State-approved waste load analysis must generally show that the designated water use is substantially impaired by the wastewater discharge and that the proposed project will likely restore the numerical water quality standards and designated use(s) identified in R317-2-12 and R317-2-14 for the waterbody.

d. Points may not be assigned under this subcategory if nonpoint source pollution levels negate water quality improvement from the proposed construction, if numerical standards or actual levels of pollutants being discharged are questionable, if serious consideration is being given to the redesignation of the stream segment to a lower classification, or if numerical standards for specific pollutants are inappropriately low for the classified water use.

4. Estimated Improvement in Stream Quality or Estimated Improvement in Environmental Quality including Presently Unsewered Communities and Sewered Communities with Raw Sewage Discharges. Points in this category shall be allocated based upon the judgment of the Division of Water Quality Staff and on the nature of the receiving water and surrounding watershed. Consideration shall be given to projects which discharge into Utah priority stream segments as identified in the biennial water quality report (305(b)). The criteria used to develop the Stream Segment Priority List may be used to evaluate projects on other streams not on the Stream Segment Priority List. These criteria include the existing use impairment, the overall index from a use impairment analysis, the potential for use impairment, the downstream use affected, the population affected, the amount of local interest and involvement toward improving the stream quality, the presence of endangered species, and the beneficial use classification. Activities within the watershed that are aimed at reducing point and nonpoint sources of pollution may also be considered in the allocation of points. In addition, the effect of a discharge or proposed change in a discharge on the chemical and biological quality of the receiving stream may be considered in the determination of points. Only those projects which will significantly improve water quality or environmental quality and will restore or protect the designated uses or eliminate public health hazards shall be given the maximum points allowable. Fewer points can be given in instances where some significant improvement will be achieved if a project is constructed.

a. The project is essential immediately, and must be constructed to protect public health or attain a high, measurable improvement in water quality: 20 points.

b. The project will likely result in a substantial level of improvement in water quality or public health protection: 10 points.

c. Some level of water quality improvement or public health protection would likely be provided by the construction of the project, but the effect has not yet been well established. Also, present facilities lack unit processes needed to meet required discharge standards: 5 points.

d. No significant improvement of water quality or public health protection would likely be achieved, at present, by a project: 0 points.

D. EXISTING POPULATION AFFECTED

For sewered communities, priority points are based on the population served by a treatment facility. For unsewered areas, points are based on the population of the affected community.

1. Greater than 80,000: 10 points.
2. 40,000 - 80,000: 9 points.
3. 20,000 - 40,000: 8 points.
4. 10,000 - 20,000: 7 points.
5. 5,000 - 10,000: 6 points.
6. 4,000 - 5,000: 5 points.
7. 3,000 - 4,000: 4 points.
8. 2,000 - 3,000: 3 points.
9. 1,000 - 2,000: 2 points.
10. Less than 1,000: 1 point.

E. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

1. The proposed project is an interceptor sewer which is part of a larger regional plan and is necessary to maintain the financial, environmental or engineering integrity of that regionalization plan: 20 points, or

2. The project is needed to preserve high quality waters such as prime cold water fishery and anti-degradation segments: 20 points.

3. The proposed project will change the facility's sludge disposal practice from a non-beneficial use to a beneficial use method: 20 points.

4. The users of the proposed project are subject to a documented water conservation plan: 20 points.

5. The sponsor of the proposed project has completed and

submitted the most recent Municipal Wastewater Planning Program (MWPP) questionnaire: 20 points.

6. The sponsor of the proposed project, or its member entities, is certified as meeting the requirements for a Quality Growth Community: 20 points.

R317-100-4. Alpha Project Priority System.

All projects receive the highest applicable designation only. Projects will be included in one of three categories: A. Underground Wastewater Disposal Systems; B. Non-Point Source Pollution Projects, and C. Point Source Pollution Projects. The projects shall be ranked in order of: 1. Public Health Protection; 2. Water Quality Improvement; 3. Potential for Improvement; and, in the case of point source pollution projects, 4. Future Needs. Funding will be allocated as identified in R317-101, Utah Wastewater Project Assistance Program and R317-102, Utah Wastewater State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the categories of projects identified below.

A. UNDERGROUND WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM PROJECTS:

1. Public Health Protection

a. Projects that improve or prevent a discharge of inadequately treated wastewater to an area of immediate public contact.

b. Projects that improve or prevent a discharge of inadequately treated wastewater within a zone of protection of a municipal or private drinking water well or that eliminate a drinking water impairment.

2. Water Quality Improvement

a. Projects that restore beneficial uses to surface water identified on the 303(d) Water Quality Impaired Waters list.

b. Projects that improve or prevent pollution to ground water.

3. Potential for Improvement

a. Projects that include improvement or replacement of underground wastewater disposal systems that may prevent degradation to surface water or ground water.

b. Projects that are necessary to comply with state or local underground wastewater disposal rules or regulations, e.g., existing systems that have inadequate ground water separation or are installed in unsuitable soil.

c. Projects that may improve underground wastewater disposal system reliability and function.

B. NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECTS:

1. Public Health Protection

a. Projects that improve or prevent a discharge of inadequately treated wastewater or other polluted water to an area of immediate public contact.

b. Projects that improve or prevent a discharge of inadequately treated wastewater or other polluted water within a zone of protection of a municipal or private drinking water well or that eliminate a drinking water impairment.

2. Water Quality Improvement

a. Projects that restore beneficial uses to surface water identified on the 303(d) Water Quality Impaired Waters list.

b. Projects that improve or prevent other surface water pollution.

c. Projects that improve or prevent ground water pollution.

3. Potential for Improvement

a. Projects that improve non-point sources of pollution from industrial, municipal, private or agricultural systems that may prevent degradation to surface water or ground water.

b. Projects that may prevent degradation to riparian areas, wetlands or that preserve the natural environment.

c. Projects that encourage conservation including wastewater reuse, biosolids reuse or new conservation technologies.

d. Projects that encourage Best Management Practices that may directly or indirectly improve or prevent degradation to surface water or ground water.

C. POINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECTS:

1. Public Health Protection

a. Projects that improve or prevent a discharge of inadequately treated wastewater to an area of immediate public contact.

b. Projects that improve or prevent a discharge of inadequately treated wastewater or storm water within a zone of protection of a municipal or private drinking water well or that eliminate a drinking water impairment.

2. Water Quality Improvement

a. Projects that restore beneficial uses to surface water identified on the 303(d) Water Quality Impaired Waters list.

b. Projects that improve or prevent other surface water pollution.

c. Projects that improve or prevent ground water pollution.

d. Projects necessary to achieve water quality standards more stringent than secondary treatment standards.

e. Projects needed to meet secondary treatment standards or that expand systems that are beyond 95 percent of the design capacity or that do not meet current design criteria.

3. Potential for Improvement

a. Projects that improve collection, treatment and disposal systems that may prevent degradation to a surface water or ground water aquifer.

b. Projects that may prevent degradation to riparian areas, wetlands or that preserve the natural environment.

c. Projects that encourage regionalization of treatment systems.

d. Projects that encourage conservation including wastewater reuse, biosolids reuse, or new conservation technologies

4. Future Needs. Projects that may have future needs for the construction, expansion or replacement of collection and treatment systems.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-5. Rule Governing Sale of Securities by Persons Issuing Securities, Who Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Financial Institutions.
R331-5-1. Authority, Scope and Purpose.

(1) This rule is issued pursuant to Sections 7-1-301(13) and 7-1-503.

(2) This rule governs the issuance, offer, offer to sell, offer for sale or sale of any security issued by a person or institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Financial Institutions.

(3) The rule establishes uniform rules for securities offerings applicable to all persons and institutions subject to the jurisdiction of the department and minimum standards of disclosure to protect the public interest.

R331-5-2. Definitions.

(1) "Issuer" means any person under the jurisdiction of the department who issues or proposes to issue any security.

(2) "Offer, offer to sell, offer for sale or sale" means:

(a) every attempt or offer to dispose of, or solicitation of an offer to buy;

(b) every contract of sale of, contract to sell, or disposition of a security or interest in a security for value;

(c) every sale or offer of a warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to another security of the same issuer or an affiliate of the issuer, as well as every sale or offer of a security which gives the holder a present or future right or privilege to convert into another security of the same issuer or an affiliate of the issuer.

(3) "Restricted Securities" means:

(a) securities that are acquired directly or indirectly from the issuer, or from an affiliate of the issuer, in a transaction or chain of transactions not involving any public offering;

(b) securities acquired from the issuer that are subject to the resale limitations of SEC Regulation D, Rules Governing the Limited Offer and Sale of Securities Without Registration Under the Securities Act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.501-508 (1993), or securities issued pursuant to Utah Division of Securities Rule R164-14-2n, Uniform Limited Offering Exemption (1994);

(c) securities that are subject to the resale limitations of SEC Regulation D, Rules Governing the Limited Offer and Sale of Securities Without Registration Under the Securities Act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.501-508 (1993) or Utah Division of Securities Rule R164-14-2n (1994) and are acquired in a transaction or chain of transactions not involving any public offering.

(4) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(5) "Security" means any note; stock; treasury stock; bond; debenture; evidence of indebtedness; certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement; collateral-trust certificate; pre-organization certificate or subscription; transferable share; investment contract; voting-trust certificate; certificate of deposit for a security; or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a "security," or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing. The word "security" does not include:

(a) Certificates of deposit or similar instruments issued by a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or industrial loan corporation authorized or approved by the commissioner;

(b) A loan participation, letter of credit, or other form of indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business by a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or industrial loan corporation; or

(c) Promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness, and the security therefor, leases of personal property, contracts to sell real or personal property, or other loans or investments sold by a depository institution in the secondary market.

R331-5-3. Registration with the Department.

(1) Any person under the jurisdiction of the department who issues, offers, offers to sell, offers for sale or sells any security, the issuer of which is also a person under the jurisdiction of the department, after the effective date of this rule, shall register with the department on forms as the department may require.

(2) No person may issue, offer, offer to sell, offer for sale or sell any security of which the issuer is also a person under the jurisdiction of the department, unless and until the department has provided notice to the issuer that the securities have been registered with the department and an offering circular containing, at a minimum, the information required in Rule R331-5-4, has been approved by the department.

R331-5-4. Offering Circular Requirements.

(1) General

No person subject to the jurisdiction of the department shall issue, offer, offer to sell, offer for sale or sell, directly or indirectly, any security issued by it unless the offer or sale is made through the use of an offering circular which has been filed and declared effective pursuant to this rule.

(2) Communications not deemed an offer

The following communications shall not be deemed an offer:

(a) Prior to filing an offering circular, any notice of a proposed offering which satisfies the requirements of SEC Rule 135, Notice of Certain Proposed Offerings , 17 CFR 230.135 (1993); and

(b) Subsequent to filing an offering circular, any notice, circular, advertisement, letter, or other communication published or transmitted to any person which satisfies the requirements of SEC Rule 134, Communications Not Deemed a Prospectus , 17 CFR 230.134 (1993).

(3) Preliminary offering circular

A preliminary offering circular may be used prior to the effective date of the offering circular if:

(a) The preliminary offering circular has been filed pursuant to this rule;

(b) The preliminary offering circular includes the information required by this rule, except for the information relating to offering price, discounts or commissions, amount of proceeds, conversion rates, call prices, or other matters dependent on the offering price; and

(c) The offering circular declared effective by the department is furnished to the purchaser prior to any sale.

(4) Form and Content

Any offering circular or amendment filed pursuant to this rule shall comply with the information requirements of Section (b) of the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 502, General Conditions to be Met, 17 CFR 230.502 (1993).

(5) Number of Copies

Any filing shall include three copies of each document to be filed with the department. After the effective date of an offering circular, an offering circular which varies from the form previously filed shall not be used, unless it includes only non-material supplemental or additional information and until three copies have been filed with the department.

(6) Effective Date

An offering circular filed with the department is effective on the tenth day after filing. Upon request, the commissioner may declare an earlier effective date if he is satisfied that the offering circular is adequate and that the earlier effective date does not materially prejudice any party in interest. Exceptions include:

(a) If any amendment is filed prior to the effective date, the offering circular shall be deemed to have been filed when such

amendment was filed;

(b) If a duly authorized amendment, telegram confirmed in writing, or letter states that the effective date is delayed until a further amendment is filed stating specifically that the offering circular will become effective in accordance with this paragraph; or

(c) If it appears to the department at any time that the offering circular is incomplete or inaccurate in any material respect, the department may determine to declare the offering circular not effective until a materially complete and accurate amendment is filed.

(7) Use of the offering circular

(a) An offering circular or amendment declared effective by the department shall not be used more than nine months after the effective date, unless the information contained therein is as of a date not more than sixteen months prior to such use.

(b) An offering circular filed under this rule shall not extend the period for which an effective offering circular or amendment may be used under Subsection (c).

(c) No offering circular shall be used and no offer or sale of securities subject to the offering circular requirements of this department shall be made subsequent to any material change in an issuer's business operations or financial condition, until the offering circular has been amended to include information as to the material changes and the amended offering circular has been filed with and declared effective by the department.

(8) Withdrawal or abandonment

(a) Any offering circular, amendment, or exhibit may be withdrawn prior to the effective date. A withdrawal shall be signed and state fully the grounds upon which it is made. Any documents withdrawn will not be removed from the files of the department, but will be marked "Withdrawn upon the request of the issuer on (date)."

(b) When an offering circular or amendment has been on file with the department for a period of nine months and has not become effective the department may, in its discretion, determine whether the filing has been abandoned, after notifying the issuer that the filing is out of date and must either be amended to comply with the applicable requirements of this rule or be withdrawn within 30 days after the date of such notice. Where a filing is abandoned, the documents will not be removed from the files of the department, but will be marked "Declared abandoned by the department on (date)."

R331-5-5. Securities Sale Report.

Within ten days after the termination of an offering pursuant to this rule, the issuer shall file a report with the department describing the sale of its securities which shall include:

(1) The name and address of the issuer;

(2) The title, number, aggregate and per-unit offering price of the securities sold;

(3) The aggregate and per-unit dollar amounts of actual itemized expenses, discounts or commissions, and other fees;

(4) The aggregate and per-share dollar amounts of the net proceeds raised; and

(5) The number of purchasers of each class of securities sold and the number of beneficial owners of each class of the issuer's equity securities at the termination of the offering.

R331-5-6. Limitations on Resale of "Restricted Securities".

(1) "Restricted Securities" acquired in a transaction pursuant to this rule, shall not be resold or otherwise disposed of for a period of two years without the prior written consent of the department. The issuer shall exercise reasonable care to ensure that the purchasers of the securities are not purchasing for resale or distribution.

(2) Reasonable care shall include the following:

(a) Reasonable inquiry to determine if the purchaser is acquiring the securities for himself or for other persons;

(b) Written disclosure to each purchaser prior to sale that the securities cannot be resold or otherwise disposed of for a period of two years without the prior written consent of the department;

(c) Placement of a legend on the certificate or other document that evidences the securities which states that: "The securities evidenced by this certificate are restricted as to transfer for a period of two years from the date of this certificate pursuant to the rules of the Utah Department of Financial Institutions and may not be sold or otherwise disposed of without the prior written consent of the department";

(d) The determination of the period securities have been held after acquisition for the purposes of this Section shall be made as would be determined under the provisions of the SEC Rule 144(d), Holding Period for Restricted Securities, 17 CFR 230.144(d); and

(e) Where securities of the issuer are exchanged for other securities in any business combination, securities of the issuer which are restricted under this Section may be exchanged for other securities which are similarly restricted and have the legend required by Subsection (c), and the holding periods may run concurrently.

R331-5-7. Remuneration Paid for Solicitation or for Sales.

No commission or similar remuneration shall be paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting any prospective investor or in connection with the offer or sale of the securities in reliance on this rule unless such commission or similar transaction-related remuneration is paid or given to a broker-dealer licensed pursuant to Section 61-1-4 or an issuer's agent licensed to sell as an agent of this issuer pursuant to Section 61-1-4.

R331-5-8. Manipulative and Deceptive Devices.

(1) In any offer, purchase, or sale in connection with an issuer's offering of its securities, under this rule, no person, directly or indirectly, shall:

(a) Employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;

(b) Make any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, or make any misleading statement; or

(c) Engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

(2) All documents used in connection with an issuer's offering of securities including, but not necessarily limited to, written promotional materials, offering circulars, and reports of financial condition furnished to prospective purchasers must be accurate and contain no material misstatements or omit to state facts necessary in order to make the statement not misleading.

(3) No person is authorized to make any statement not contained in the disclosure statement.

R331-5-9. Waiver.

The department may waive any or all of the requirements of this rule or the filing of any required information if:

(1) the department determines the requirements or information is unnecessary; or

(2) the issuer is subject to supervisory actions of the commissioner.

R331-5-10. Penalties for Violation.

Penalties for the violation of this rule shall be the same as those imposed by the provisions of Sections 61-1-21 and 61-1-22.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-7. Rule Governing Leasing Transactions by Depository Institutions Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Department of Financial Institutions.
R331-7-1. Authority, Scope and Purpose.

(1) This rule is issued pursuant to Sections 7-1-301(15), and 7-1-501.

(2) This rule applies to all depository institutions and their subsidiaries subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Financial Institutions.

(3) The purpose of this rule is to clarify acceptable employment of deposits and other funds involved in leasing or leasing related transactions.

R331-7-2. Definitions.

(1) "Affiliate" means any company under common control with the depository institution excluding any subsidiary.

(2) "Assigned lease" means a lease having all of the following characteristics:

(a) Residual dependence greater than 5% of original equipment cost;

(b) Originated by a lessor - assignor who subsequently assigned its rights or sold a participation in the lease, payments, or ownership rights to the depository institution - assignee;

(c) The assigned lease is either a tax or non-tax lease;

(d) The depository institution may or may not have recourse to the assignor in addition to lessee recourse;

(e) The assigned lease is accounted for in accordance with R331-7-9.

(3) "Bargain call purchase option" means a written call purchase option which is a lessee option to purchase the asset as contrasted with a put purchase option which is a lessor right to force the lessee to purchase the asset. An option is considered a bargain if at the inception of the lease the purchase option exercise price is considered to be significantly less than the expected future fair market value of the property at the time the option becomes exercisable.

(4) "Capital lease vs. operating lease" means if at its inception a lease meets one or more of the (a) through (d) criteria and both of the (e) and (f) criteria, the lease shall be classified as a sales-type capital lease or a direct-financing capital lease, whichever is appropriate, by the lessor. Otherwise, it shall be classified as an operating lease.

(a) The lease automatically transfers ownership of the property to the lessee during or by the end of the lease term.

(b) The lease contains a bargain call purchase option.

(c) The lease term is equal to 75% or more of the estimated economic life of the leased property. However, if the beginning of the lease term falls within the last 25% of the total estimated economic life of the leased property, including earlier years of use, this criterion shall not be used for purposes of classifying the lease.

(d) The present value at the beginning of the lease term of the minimum lease payments, excluding that portion of the payments representing executory costs to be paid by the lessor, including any profit thereon, equals or exceeds 90% of the excess of the fair value of the leased property to the lessor at the inception of the lease over any related investment tax credit retained by the lessor and expected to be realized by him.

(i) However, if the beginning of the lease terms falls within the last 25% of the total estimated economic life of the leased property, including earlier years of use, this criterion shall not be used to classify the lease.

(ii) A lessor shall compute the present value of the minimum lease payments using the interest rate implicit in the lease.

(e) The collectability of the minimum lease payments shall be reasonably predictable. A lessor shall not be precluded from classifying a lease as a sales-type lease or as a direct financing lease simply because the receivable is subject to an estimate of uncollectability based on experience with groups of similar receivables.

(f) No important uncertainties surround the amount of unreimbursable costs yet to be incurred by the lessor under the lease. Important uncertainties might include commitments by the lessor to guarantee performance of the leased property in a manner more extensive than the typical product warranty or to effectively protect the lessee from obsolescence of the leased property. However, the necessity of estimating executory costs to be paid by the lessor shall not by itself constitute an important uncertainty as referred to herein.

(5) "Company" means a corporation, partnership, trust, association, joint venture, pool, syndicate, sole proprietorship, unincorporated organization or any form of business entity.

(6) "Control" means control as defined in Section 7-1-103.

(7) "Department" means the Department of Financial Institutions.

(8) "Depository institution" means depository institution as defined in Section 7-1-103, and any subsidiary.

(9) "Direct financing lease" means a capital lease other than a leveraged lease that does not give rise to a dealer's profit or loss to the lessor but that meets one or more of the first four criteria and both criteria (e) and (f) in Subsection (4) above. In a direct financing lease, the cost and fair market value of the leased property is the same at the inception of the lease.

(10) "FASB 13" means the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, Accounting for Leases, as amended, which outlines the required accounting procedures for accounting for leases by a lessor and is incorporated by reference. Other statements by the FASB, which are incorporated by reference, concerning leasing shall similarly be referred to by number such as "FASB 17" which defines initial direct costs of a lessor.

(11) "Gross investment in the lease" means the aggregate of the total minimum lease payments receivable and the unguaranteed residual in the lease.

(12) "Implicit interest rate" means the discount interest rate in a lease which when applied to the minimum lease payments, excluding that portion of the payments representing executory costs to be paid by the lessor, together with any profit thereon, and the unguaranteed residual value accruing to the benefit of the lessor, causes the aggregate present value at the beginning of the lease term to be equal to the fair value of the leased property to the lessor at the inception of the lease, minus any investment tax credit retained by the lessor and expected to be realized by him. This definition does not necessarily purport to include all factors that a lessor might recognize in determining his rate of return.

(13) "Leveraged lease" means a lease having all of the following characteristics:

(a) The lease involves at least three parties: a lessee, a long-term non-recourse creditor, and a lessor, commonly called the equity participant. A depository institution could be either the long-term non-recourse creditor or the equity participant;

(b) The financing provided by the long-term non-recourse creditor is non-recourse as to the general credit of the lessor although the creditor may have recourse to the specific property leased and the unremitted rentals relating to it. The amount of the non-recourse financing is sufficient to provide the lessor with substantial "leverage" in the transaction;

(c) Except for the exclusion of leveraged leases from the definition of a direct financing lease as set forth in R331-7-2(9), the lease otherwise meets the direct financing lease definition. A participation in a net, limited residual dependent lease purchased by a depository institution and a lease that meets the definition of a sales-type lease set forth in R331-7-2(4) shall not be considered a leveraged lease.

(14) "Limited residual dependent" means a lease from

which the lessor can reasonably expect to realize a return of its investment in the leased property, plus the estimated cost of financing the property over the term of the lease, plus a reasonable profit, all of which are derived from:

(a) Lease rental payments;

(b) Estimated tax benefits; and

(c) The limited in amount estimated residual value of the property at the expiration of the initial non-cancelable term of the lease. The degree to which a depository institution may depend upon residual value to derive a profit from a lease transaction is subject to certain residual dependence restrictions set forth at Rule R331-7-4(1).

(15) "Minimum lease payments" means the minimum payments received on a lease which include any or all of the following:

(a) Guaranteed residual value by lessee or related party whether or not title transfers;

(b) Basic rentals during the non-cancelable lease term;

(c) Renewal rentals preceding a bargain call purchase option;

(d) Bargain call purchase options;

(e) Purchase option puts whether bargain or not;

(f) Third party residual guarantee, excluded by lessee as a criterion;

(g) Non-renewal penalties; and

(h) Unguaranteed residuals, including non-bargain purchase options, are excluded from minimum lease payments.

(16) "Net investment in the lease" means the gross investment less the unearned income.

(17) "Net lease" means a lease under which the depository institution will not directly provide or be obligated to provide for:

(a) The servicing, repair, or maintenance of the leased property during the lease term; however, the depository institution shall not be precluded from offering these same "full-service" benefits indirectly by subcontracting such service, repair, or maintenance to independent sub-contracting firms provided that such firms have the resources to meet the terms of the service contract;

(b) The purchasing of parts and accessories for the leased property, provided however, that improvements and additions to the leased property may be leased to the lessee upon its request in accordance with the net, limited residual dependence requirements;

(c) The loan of replacement or substitute property while the leased property is being serviced or repaired unless such loan or substitution of property is provided by an independent firm whose loan or replacement services have been subcontracted;

(d) The purchasing of insurance for the lessee, except where the lessee has failed in its contractual obligation to purchase or maintain the required insurance;

(e) The renewal of any license or registration for the property unless such action by the depository institution is necessary to protect its interest as an owner or financier of the property.

(18) "Non-tax lease" means a lease wherein the depository institution as a lessor does not receive the tax benefits of ownership of the leased property, and the residual dependence of the lessor is greater than 5% of the cost of the property.

(19) "Purchase option put" means a lessor right to force the lessee to purchase the asset.

(20) "Residual" means a residual payment or residual value in a lease which is represented by any of the following:

(a) A fixed purchase option fixed either as a dollar amount or as a percentage of cost of the leased property;

(b) A guaranteed residual where the residual value is guaranteed by the lessee, a third party, or the manufacturer or vendor;

(c) A fair market value purchase option where the option price is determined at the end of the lease based on the prevailing appraised market value;

(d) An unguaranteed residual such as in a closed end lease where the property reverts back to the lessor at the end of the lease term at which time the lessor has no guarantee as to the value of the property upon resale or release of the property. Fixed call purchase options that are not considered "bargain" will also be referred to as unguaranteed residuals.

(21) "Residual dependence" means depending upon residual value, including rentals and tax benefits, in a lease transaction in order to earn a required profit, recoup original capital investment, and cover financing costs. Full payout leases do not depend upon residual for profit whereas residual dependent leases do.

(22) "Sales-type lease" means a capital lease that gives rise to dealer's profit or loss to the lessor, in other words, the fair value of the leased property at the inception of the lease is greater or less than its cost, and that meets one or more of the criteria (a) through (d) and both criteria (e) and (f) in R331-7-2(4).

(a) Normally, a sales-type lease will arise when the depository institution acts as a dealer using leasing as a means of improving profit margins. Leases involving lessors that are primarily engaged in financing operations normally will not be sales-type leases if they qualify under R331-7-2(4), but will most often be direct financing leases, as described in R331-7-2(9).

(b) However, a lessor need not be a dealer to realize dealer's profit or loss on a transaction. For example, if a lessor, who is not a dealer, leases an asset that at the inception of the lease has a fair value that is greater or less than its cost or carrying amount, if different, such a transaction is a sales-type lease, assuming the criteria referred to are met.

(23) "Subsidiary" means subsidiary as defined in Section 7-1-103.

(24) "Tax lease" means a lease where the depository institution as a lessor is construed to be the tax owner of the property for income tax purposes and thereby receives the tax benefits of ownership including tax credits and depreciation, and the residual dependence of the lessor is greater than 5% of the cost of the property.

(25) "Total Capital" means the sum of capital stock, surplus, undivided profits, reserve for contingencies, reserves for loan losses, and subordinated notes and debentures with more than one year maturity.

(26) "Unearned income" means the difference between the gross investment in the lease and the cost or carrying amount, if different, of the leased property. Unearned income shall be increased by any deferral of the investment tax credit or any other tax credits and decreased by any initial direct costs incurred on direct financing leases.

(27) "Unguaranteed residual value" means the estimated residual value of the leased property exclusive of a portion guaranteed by the lessee, by any party related to the lessee or by a third party unrelated to the lessor. If the guarantor is related to the lessor, the residual value shall be considered as unguaranteed.

(28) "Used property" means property which has been in use for 90 days or more.

R331-7-3. Acceptable Leases and Leasing Transactions for Depository Institutions.

(1) A depository institution may enter into or purchase a participation in net, limited residual dependent leases wherein the depository institution:

(a) Becomes the legal or beneficial owner and lessor of specific real or personal property or otherwise acquires such property at the request of a lessee who wishes to lease it from

the depository institution; or

(b) Becomes the owner and lessor of real or personal property by purchasing the property from another lessor in connection with its purchase of the related lease; and

(c) Incurs obligations incidental to its position as the legal or beneficial owner and lessor of the leased property, if the lease is a net, limited residual dependent lease representing a non-cancelable obligation of the lessee, notwithstanding the possible early termination of that lease; or

(d) Becomes the assignee of the lease payments from another lessor where the depository institution is not the legal owner or tax owner of such property.

(2) This rule shall apply to any tax lease, non-tax lease, or assigned lease irrespective of whether the depository institution funded such lease or assignment with deposits or private funds, debt or equity.

(3) The classification of whether this rule applies to any lease and the related terminology should not be confused with other accounting or tax terminology; but should be applied only for the purposes of this rule. Any depository institution and especially any savings and loan association should consult its tax accountant before entering into any lease transaction.

(4) A depository institution, when acting as a lessor of property, may assign leases to a third party funding source. A depository institution shall be considered an assignor of lease payments, residual of assigned leases, or both, if after entering into a lease as a lessor of property, it then borrows against the lease payments, residual, or both, by assigning them to another funding source. A depository institution shall be considered an assignee of lease payments, residual of assigned leases, or both, if another lessor assigns the lease payments, residual, or both, of its own lease to the depository institution in order to fund the lease.

R331-7-4. Residual Dependence Restrictions for Depository Institutions.

(1) The residual dependence by a depository institution as a lessor of property on leases other than leases with terms of 24 months or less or automobiles and small trucks of one ton or less shall not exceed 30% of the acquisition cost of the property to the lessor unless the estimated residual value is guaranteed by a manufacturer of such property, or by a third party which is not an affiliate of the depository institution and the depository institution makes the determination that the guarantor has the resources to meet the guarantee.

(a) Any such guarantee of residual value by a third party is to be considered in addition to the requirement that the unguaranteed residual value estimate shall not exceed 30% of the acquisition cost of the property.

(b) However, the combined total of the 30% unguaranteed residual value and the guaranteed residual value may not exceed 50% of the leased property's acquisition cost without the prior written approval of the commissioner.

(2) In all cases, however, both the estimated residual value of the property and that portion of the guaranteed residual value relied upon by the lessor to satisfy the requirements of a limited residual dependent lease must be reasonable in light of the nature of the leased property and all relevant circumstances so that realization of the lessor's full investment plus the cost of financing the property primarily depends on the credit worthiness of the lessee and any guarantor of the residual value, and only secondarily on the residual market value of the leased property.

R331-7-5. Salvage Powers for Depository Institutions.

(1) If, in good faith, a depository institution believes that there has been an unanticipated change in conditions which threatens its financial position by significantly increasing its exposure to loss, the provisions of this rule shall not prevent the depository institution:

(a) As the owner, lessor, or both, under a net, limited residual dependent lease from taking reasonable and appropriate action to salvage or protect the value of the property or its interest arising under the lease;

(b) As the assignee of a lessor's interest in a lease, from becoming the owner and lessor of the leased property pursuant to its contractual right, or from taking any reasonable and appropriate action to salvage or protect the value of the property or its interest arising under the lease;

(c) Upon return of the leased property by the lessee to the depository institution at the expiration of the lease term or at any other time that the depository institution has possession of the property upon default by the lessee; the depository institution in order to avoid the cost and inherent liability of maintaining the property and to recoup its investment in the lease plus financing costs shall:

(i) Sell the property;

(ii) Release the property by entering into a new and separate net, limited residual dependent lease with a lessee;

(iii) Rent the property in which case the depository institution may be required to maintain the property in suitable condition to be used by another party on a rental basis. Such maintenance must be performed by an independent firm on a sub-contract basis only;

(iv) Transfer the property to a separately identified holding or repossessed property account within the depository institution.

(2) The provisions of this section do not prohibit a depository institution from including any provisions in a lease, or from making any additional agreements to protect its financial position or investment in the circumstances.

R331-7-6. Sales-Type Capital Lease Restrictions for Depository Institutions.

(1) Within the limitations of this rule, a depository institution, as lessor, shall be permitted to enter into a sales-type capital lease. Although a depository institution shall be allowed to earn a gross profit in a lease transaction in addition to interest income from the rentals and residual, it shall be precluded from inventorying property except for sample or display purposes.

(2) Although many equipment manufacturers and vendors require their dealers to inventory products prior to sale in order for the depository institution to be allowed to receive a wholesale price or comparable discount, the inventory of equipment prior to leasing the equipment is not permitted.

(3) A depository institution may purchase or acquire property in a direct lease situation only in response to a lessee's request for that specific property and any gross profit derived from volume discounts shall be accounted for separately from the lease.

R331-7-7. Sale-Leaseback Restrictions for Depository Institutions.

A depository institution acting as a lessor may lease used property in a sale-leaseback transaction provided that:

(1) The aggregate of the total net investment in such sale-leaseback transactions, at any point, in time does not exceed 50% of the depository institution's total capital; and

(2) The sale-leaseback transactions are separately identified.

R331-7-8. Leveraged Lease Restrictions for Depository Institutions.

(1) Due to increased risk inherent in leveraged leasing, a depository institution may invest as a lessor in a leveraged lease provided that:

(a) The aggregate of such leveraged leases does not exceed 30% of the depository institution's total capital at any point in

time; and

(b) The leveraged leases are separately identified.

(2) A depository institution shall not enter into a leveraged lease as a lessor, equity-participant unless the inherent tax benefits are useable by the depository institution.

(3) This rule does not preclude a depository institution from purchasing non-recourse interests in leveraged lease pools or joint ventures, provided that:

(a) The aggregate of such participations or interests does not exceed 30% of the depository institution's total capital; and

(b) The participations or interests are separately identified.

R331-7-9. Accounting Requirements for Depository Institutions.

(1) The following restrictions and procedures shall be adhered to by a depository institution in accounting and reporting for acceptable leases and leasing transactions whether the depository institution is the assignor or the assignee. All other accounting and reporting procedures concerning leasing not covered by this rule shall be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the FASB, as amended.

(a) As lease payment revenue is received by the depository institution under a direct financing or sales-type capital lease, the lease payments shall be amortized or allocated between principal and interest income actuarially using the effective interest method over the lease term. A depository institution shall be precluded from using other approximations to the effective interest method such as the "Rule of 78's" method of amortizing lease payments.

(b) In accounting for a capital lease whether a sales-type or direct financing lease, a depository institution shall record the gross investment in the lease on the balance sheet allocated into its two components:

(i) Total minimum lease payments receivable; and

(ii) Unguaranteed residuals.

(c) The difference between the gross investment in the lease and the cost or carrying amount, if different, of the leased property shall be recorded as unearned income. Such unearned income shall be increased by any deferral of the investment tax credit or any other tax credits if the lessor elects deferral or if deferral is required by generally accepted accounting principles and decreased by any initial direct costs incurred on direct financing leases.

(d) Initial direct costs are limited to those costs incurred by the lessor that are directly associated with negotiating and consummating completed leasing transactions. Those costs include commissions, legal fees, cost of credit investigations, and costs of preparing and processing documents for new leases acquired.

(i) In addition, that portion of salespersons' compensation, other than commissions, and the compensation of other employees that is applicable to the time spent in the activities described above with respect to completed leasing transactions shall also be included in initial direct costs. That portion of salespersons' compensation and the compensation of other employees that is applicable to the time spent in negotiating leases that are not consummated shall not be included in initial direct costs.

(ii) No portion of supervisory and administrative expenses or other indirect expenses, such as rent and facilities cost, shall be included in initial direct costs.

(iii) In order to prevent initial overstatement by a depository institution of reported earnings and subsequent understatement of reported earnings throughout the remainder of the lease term, the depository institution shall not recognize initial direct costs in excess of 8% of the unearned income for leases which cost less than $10,000 at their inception; or initial direct costs in excess of 6% of the unearned income for leases which cost $10,000 or more at the inception of the lease. Initial direct costs shall include all costs directly attributable to consummating a lease as defined above.

(e) In accounting for the amount of initial direct costs associated with consummated direct financing capital leases, a depository institution is not required to treat as an initial direct cost the estimate of bad debt expense pertaining to a lease subject to the limitations of R331-7-9(d)(iii) which limits the maximum amount of initial direct costs.

(f) At any time during the lease term when it has been determined by a depository institution that there has been an impairment of the estimated residual value as initially recorded then such impairment of value shall be recognized in the period that the impairment of value has been determined.

(i) Any such impairment of guaranteed or unguaranteed residual value shall be recognized by a debit charge to income and a corresponding credit reduction to the unearned residual component of the gross investment in the lease.

(ii) A new implicit rate is to be computed for the lease using the reduced residual value and any remaining unearned income is to be recognized actuarially over the remaining lease term using the newly computed implicit rate.

(g) Differences between reported accounting net income for book purposes of a depository institution and its taxable income for the same period caused by the application of different accounting principles such as depreciation methods; or differences in how revenue is recognized; or because of any other timing differences, shall be shown in the depository institution's financial statements as a deferred tax credit or charge as required by interperiod tax allocation procedures explained in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 11, Accounting for Income Taxes, as amended, which is incorporated by reference.

(2) The following restrictions and procedures shall be adhered to by a depository institution in accounting and reporting for assigned leases whether the depository institution is the assignor or the assignee.

(a) A depository institution, after having entered into a lease as a lessor, may assign the lease payment stream to a third party in order to fund the lease. To such an assignment, the depository institution becomes the assignor.

(i) If the assignment is non-recourse to the depository institution any profits or loss on the assignment shall be recognized at the time of the transaction except when the assignment is between related parties. The profit or loss is the difference between the net investment in the assigned lease and the loan funds received from the lender.

(ii) If the assignment is recourse to the depository institution or if it is non-recourse but between related parties, both the lease and the related loan should be shown separately in the financial statements of the depository institution.

(iii) The lease shall be shown on the balance sheet by recording the gross investment in the lease receivable and the unearned income account relating to the lease. The net of these two accounts represents the net investment in the lease. The gross investment in the lease receivable shall be further allocated and shown in the financial statements in its two separate components:

(A) Minimum lease payments, and

(B) Residual.

(b) A depository institution which has funded a lease originated by another lessor and taken an assignment of the lease may have funded the lease on either a recourse or a non-recourse basis to the lessor. In either case, the assignment shall be regulated by this rule only if the residual dependence is greater than 5% of the cost of the leased property, in which case the assignment shall be accounted for as described in R331-7-9(2)(a) above. If the residual dependence is equal to or less than 5% of the cost of the leased property then such assignment

shall not be regulated by this rule and shall be accounted for as a loan.

(3) The following restrictions and procedures shall be adhered to by a depository institution in accounting and reporting for operating leases:

(a) Leases other than sales-type, direct financing, or leveraged capital leases are classified as operating leases.

(b) Revenue in an operating lease shall be recognized in conformity with FASB 13 paragraph 19.b.

(4) Accounting for leveraged leases, sale-leasebacks, and real estate sales shall be in conformity with FASB 13 procedures:

(a) Leveraged leases, FASB 13 paragraphs 41-47;

(b) Sale-leasebacks, FASB 13 paragraphs 32-34;

(c) Real estate leases, FASB 13 paragraphs 24-28.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-9. Rule Prescribing Rules of Procedure for Hearings Before the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the State of Utah.
R331-9-1. Authority, Scope, and Purpose.

(1) This rule is adopted pursuant to Sections 7-1-301 and 7-1-309.

(2) This rule will apply to administrative hearings conducted before the Commissioner or his designee.

R331-9-2. Definitions.

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Financial Institutions.

(3) "Interested party" means a party who may be affected by the outcome of any proceeding but who, in the case of a dispute or adjudicative hearing, is not named as a party or does not seek to participate as a named party.

(4) "Party" shall mean the same as a "person" as defined in Section 7-1-103, and shall also include any governmental subdivision or agency.

(5) "Proceeding" shall mean any hearing, whether formal or informal, before the Commissioner or his designee and any and all required and permitted actions precedent thereto.

(6) "U.R.C.P." means the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

R331-9-3. Commissioner's Discretion to Commence Hearings.

(1) Except when required by statute, the commissioner shall have sole and complete discretion as to whether any kind of hearing procedure shall be employed in connection with any matter pending before the department.

(2) Nothing in this rule shall be construed as creating any right to a hearing on any matter apart from those rights separately conferred by statute or required by due process of law.

R331-9-4. Types of Hearing.

All hearings conducted before the commissioner or his designee shall be classified in one of the following categories:

(1) Comment Hearing.

This type of hearing is generally characterized as one where:

(a) The primary purpose for the hearing is to receive information and comments from interested parties concerning a particular subject pending in the department.

(b) Witness statements are unsworn, voluntary and normally delivered in a narrative manner subject to no restriction on the content of the statement except that it be relevant to the matter being heard.

(c) There is no proof to be made and so no burden on any party.

(d) The presentation of evidence may be subject to time restrictions both as to the length of individual statements and the number of statements that can be made.

(e) The hearing is always public.

(2) Dispute Hearing.

This type of hearing is generally characterized as one where:

(a) The primary purpose is to receive and examine evidence concerning a disputed application or other discretionary matter pending before the department.

(b) The burden of proof is upon the party requesting the approval of the matter at issue.

(c) All testimony is taken under oath and subject to cross-examination but the evidence itself is generally not restricted except as to relevancy.

(d) The hearing is usually public, but may be closed when special circumstances warrant.

(3) Adjudicative Hearing.

This type of hearing is generally characterized as one where:

(a) The primary purpose is to adjudicate specific charges directed against an individual party or parties.

(b) Evidence is received generally in accordance with rules patterned on those applicable to the admission of evidence and the conduct of trials in the judicial courts of this state.

(c) No time restriction is imposed which would deprive any party of an opportunity to present all proper evidence in the case.

(d) The hearing may be closed to the public and the record treated confidentially.

(4) The commissioner shall have complete discretion to designate a particular hearing as being for comment, dispute, or adjudicative purposes, and shall so indicate in the first notice of the hearing. Any party to the hearing or, in the case of a comment hearing, any interested party who disagrees with the commissioner's classification may file a motion to change the designation of the hearing from one type to the other within ten days after public notice of a comment hearing is first published, or notice of a dispute or adjudicative proceeding is first mailed to a party to the proceeding who objects to its designation, whichever applies.

R331-9-5. Commencement of Proceedings.

(1) Comment Hearing.

Proceedings incident to a comment hearing shall be commenced by the department issuing public notice of the hearing. The notice shall specify:

(a) The subject matter of the hearing,

(b) That it is to be a comment hearing,

(c) The date, time and place of the hearing,

(d) The person or persons who will preside at the hearing, and

(e) Any special provisions or requirements concerning the hearing such as advance notice by any party wishing to speak at the hearing or limits on speaking time.

(2) Dispute Hearing.

(a) A dispute hearing shall be commenced by issuing Notice to the party which filed the application or request at issue and to any party or parties that may have protested or otherwise objected to the same prior to issuance of the Notice.

(b) The Notice shall specify the matters relating to the application or request which are in dispute and advise the party who filed the application or request that it will have the initial burden at the hearing of showing that the application or request should be granted.

(3) Adjudicative Hearing.

(a) An adjudicative hearing shall be commenced when the department issues Notice to the parties named in the proceeding.

(b) If a party to a hearing refuses to sign an acknowledgment of having received a copy of a Notice then such Notice shall be served upon the party in the manner prescribed for service of process in Rule 4 of the U.R.C.P. If personal service is not possible then the commissioner upon motion may authorize alternative forms of service similar to those specified in Rule 4 of the U.R.C.P. If a party resides out of state and cannot be served in this state, a copy of the Notice may be mailed to the party at the party's last known address by certified mail without having to obtain an order from the commissioner.

(c) The Notice of the adjudicative proceeding shall contain at a minimum the following information:

(i) The names of all individual parties to the proceeding.

(ii) A reasonably specific description of the department's allegations against each of the named parties.

(iii) A reasonably specific description of any and all

actions the department intends to take against each named party with respect to the matters alleged.

(iv) A statement that within 30 days following service of the department's Notice each party must file an Answer specifically admitting or denying the department's allegations and separately describing in reasonable detail any affirmative defenses the party may claim with respect to the department's allegations.

(v) An express warning that failure to file an Answer within 30 days following service of the Notice will entitle the commissioner to accept the department's allegations as true in their entirety and immediately enter a final order with respect to the matters alleged in the Notice.

(d) If any party named in an adjudicative hearing files a timely and proper Answer then a hearing shall be scheduled before an independent hearing examiner and notice thereof stating the time, date, place of the hearing and identifying the hearing examiner shall be mailed to the answering party. Named parties to a proceeding who do not file a timely and proper Answer shall not be entitled to participate in any subsequent hearing as a party except by leave of the hearing examiner and the commissioner may immediately enter a final order as to such party with respect to the matters alleged in the department's Notice without further adjudicative proceedings.

(e) Proceeding Involving Temporary Cease and Desist Order.

(i) In a proceeding involving a Temporary Cease and Desist Order issued pursuant to Section 7-1-307, the Notice to be served on a party to the proceeding shall include notice that the party is entitled to a show cause hearing concerning the Temporary Cease and Desist Order but must request the same within ten days following service of receipt of the Temporary Cease and Desist Order, in which event the show cause hearing shall be scheduled within ten days after the party's request is received by the department unless the party and the department mutually agree on another time for the hearing.

(ii) In a proceeding involving a Temporary Cease and Desist Order issued pursuant to Section 7-1-307(2), the Order shall state a date, time and place for a hearing before the commissioner, or, if he is unable to preside, before, within ten days after the date the Temporary Cease and Desist Order is signed. The notice shall also advise any interested party that it shall be its burden at the hearing to show cause why the Temporary Cease and Desist Order should not remain in full force and effect for 30 days after it was signed, should not be extended for no more than two successive 15-day periods thereafter, or both.

(f) Upon motion and notice to all other parties to the proceeding, the commissioner or his designee may, for good cause shown, shorten or enlarge any time limits specified herein, including that for scheduling a show cause hearing on a Temporary Cease and Desist Order but excepting the time limits set forth in the foregoing subsection (e)(ii), permit amendments to the department's Notice or any Answer, reschedule a hearing, bifurcate a hearing, permit the joinder of a party, or enter such other preliminary or procedural Order as the commissioner or his designee considers proper and equitable to protect the rights and interests of the parties to the proceeding, expedite the hearing procedure, or both.

R331-9-6. Confidential Proceedings.

(1) If the commissioner deems a proceeding confidential then all pleadings and documents filed in the matter, including the department's initial Notice of the proceedings, shall be conspicuously so designated, and thereafter all such documents shall be made available only to the parties to the proceeding, their legal representatives, and such other parties as may be specifically authorized to examine the documents by the commissioner or his designee.

(2) The only persons who may be present during a confidential hearing are named parties, parties determined by the commissioner or his designee to have a direct interest equivalent to judicial standing in the subject matter of the hearing, the legal representatives of the parties or persons, persons employed by or acting on behalf of the department, the commissioner or his designee, persons necessary to transcribe the proceedings, and any witness then testifying.

R331-9-7. Form of Pleadings.

(1) All pleadings filed with the department shall comply with the requirements of Rule 10 of the U.R.C.P. except for the caption specified in subparagraph (a) thereof. The caption for all pleadings filed with the department shall indicate that the matter is before the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Utah. In the case of a comment hearing, the documents shall identify the subject matter of the hearing and the subject matter of the particular pleading. In the case of a dispute or adjudicative hearing, the pleadings shall identify all parties to the proceeding, shall separately state that the proceeding is dispute or adjudicative, that it is confidential or not confidential, the subject matter of the pleading, and any case number which may have been assigned to that proceeding by the department. A document that substantially complies with Rule 10 of the U.R.C.P. will be acceptable.

(2) The provisions of Rule 11 of the U.R.C.P. shall apply to all pleadings filed with the department by any attorney representing a party.

R331-9-8. Discovery.

(1) Discovery rights and procedures as specified below shall only be available to parties in a dispute or adjudicative proceeding.

(2) Parties may obtain discovery in any manner authorized by Rules 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, and 36 of the U.R.C.P. Depositions may be used in a hearing before the commissioner or his designee in the same manner as specified for judicial proceedings in Rule 32 of the U.R.C.P.

(3) The commissioner or his designee may impose sanctions for failure to comply with a proper discovery request similar to those specified in Rule 37 of the U.R.C.P.

R331-9-9. Subpoenas.

The commissioner or his designee shall issue subpoenas as authorized by Section 7-1-310 for the purpose of facilitating a proper discovery request or to compel the attendance of a witness at a dispute or adjudicative hearing. Each subpoena shall be obtained by filing a written request with the commissioner or his designee describing the purpose for which the subpoena is sought. If the commissioner or his designee determines that any specific request is objectionable or possibly so then he may either deny the request without further proceedings or schedule a hearing to receive evidence concerning the objection prior to making a final decision on the request.

R331-9-10. Hearings.

(1) Comment Hearings.

Comment hearings shall be held before the commissioner or his designee. A recording shall be made of such hearings capable of being transcribed verbatim. Persons entering statements into the record shall not be sworn on oath and the content of the statements made shall not be restricted except as to irrelevant, scandalous or inappropriate matters. The commissioner or his designee may limit the number of speakers or prescribe time limits for each speaker, or both. After each speaker has made his statement, the commissioner may ask questions of the speaker and permit other participants of the hearing to ask questions of the speaker.

(2) Dispute Hearings.

(a) Dispute hearings shall be heard before the commissioner or his designee.

(b) At the hearing it shall be the burden of the party named in the proceeding to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that matters in dispute should be resolved in the named party's favor and the application or request at issue should be granted. Similarly, it shall be the burden of any interested party to support each claim made by it concerning the matter at issue by a preponderance of the evidence.

(c) The commissioner or his designee may receive any evidence he deems relevant and of probative value in understanding and deciding the matters at issue. However, all testimony shall be given under oath subject to cross-examination, and whenever possible the rules of evidence and trial procedure applicable to the courts of this state shall be generally complied with.

(d) No findings, conclusions, order or other decision shall be prepared concerning the hearing itself. If a designee of the commissioner presides then he shall prepare a report to the commissioner summarizing the evidence presented for the purpose of assisting the commissioner in reaching a final decision on the matter to which the hearing pertained.

(3) Adjudicative Hearings.

(a) Except for a show cause hearing concerning a Temporary Order or a Temporary Cease and Desist Order, all adjudicative hearings shall be held before an independent hearing officer selected by the commissioner.

(b) At the hearing it shall be the department's responsibility to establish by a preponderance of the evidence the allegations it has made against each party named in the proceeding. Similarly, any named party shall prove any affirmative defense it has claimed by a preponderance of the evidence. All evidence shall be presented, rebutted and received or excluded in accordance with the Rules of Evidence and the U.R.C.P. except the hearing officer may receive other evidence when, in the examiner's discretion, taking into account its lesser probative value, such other evidence would be of use in supplementing or tending to confirm any admitted evidence or proffered evidence subject to its admission.

(c) After the hearing has been concluded, the hearing officer shall prepare Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations for the commissioner. At the same time as the original is delivered to the commissioner, copies of the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations shall be mailed to all attorneys and named parties who participated in the proceedings.

(d) After receiving the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations, the commissioner shall enter an Order, or remand the matter back to the hearing officer to conduct further proceedings on the subjects as may be specified by the commissioner, or dismiss the proceedings in whole or in part.

(e)(i) Within 15 days after the hearing officer's Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations are mailed to a party, that party shall file a notice of any objections the party may have specifying each Finding, Conclusion or Recommendation objected to and describing in reasonable detail the basis for each objection.

(ii) A party may request reconsideration of any Order resulting from an adjudicative proceeding within 30 days after a copy of the Order is mailed to the party by the department. Each request shall specify in reasonable detail the party's reasons supporting the request and may, with leave from the commissioner, be accompanied by a memo of points and authorities to which all other parties may respond, all within deadlines to be specified in the commissioner's grant of leave.

(iii) The commissioner may enter an Order whether or not the deadline for filing objections to Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations has elapsed. The timely filing of objections shall not affect the implementation of any Order already entered, or bar the entry of an Order based in any degree on any Finding, Conclusion or Recommendation objected to before ruling on the objection, except the Order shall not be deemed final until the objections have been ruled on by the commissioner. The 30 days allowed for requesting reconsideration of any Order shall not be tolled by the filing of objections to precedent Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations.

(f) The commissioner may require the parties to the proceeding to pay any costs and expenses incident to the hearing as he deems proper including reporter or other transcription expenses, fees of the hearing officer, witness costs, fees for examiner time based on the normal rate charged for examinations, and attorney's fees.

(g) A show cause hearing on a Temporary Order or a Temporary Cease and Desist Order shall be held before the commissioner or his designee. If neither the commissioner nor the commissioner's designee is available to preside at the hearing within the required period then the Temporary Order shall be dissolved, without prejudice.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-10. Schedule for Retention or Destruction of Records of Financial Institutions Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Financial Institutions.
R331-10-1. Authority, Scope, and Purpose.

(1) This rule is issued pursuant to Section 7-1-301(7).

(2) This rule establishes a schedule for the retention of records of financial institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Financial Institutions. Each financial institution may deem it prudent from a business, legal, or other regulatory reason to retain records not identified in this rule.

(3) It is the purpose of this rule to require the maintenance of appropriate types of records where such records have a high degree of usefulness and prescribe the period for which records of each class are retained.

(4) This rule does not prescribe the method of retention other than that the method selected by each financial institution must ensure the records be readily retrieved in an unaltered state.

R331-10-2. Definitions.

Key to Abbreviations:
Figures - Years

R331-10-3. Retention of Records.

(1) CORPORATE AND LEGAL

TABLE 1

Regulation S (domestic and international funds transfer	5
Annual Disclosures Statements/Annual Reports	2
Minute books of directors, executive committee an other records reflecting corporate governance documentation, (e.g., minutes, articles, bylaws, stock records)	10
Superceded policies and procedures	2
Business licenses	1
Service agreements with vendors	2
Litigation documents (after resolution)	2
Affidavits	2
Attachments, garnishments	6

(2) DEPOSITORY PRODUCTS

TABLE 2

Records of checks, drafts and other instruments presented for payment or deposit	6
Deposit records showing relationship of insurance claimants to insurance funds	1
Deposit records disclosing a relationship which might provide the basis for additional insurance	1
Records evidencing compliance with Truth in Savings Act	2
Records of purchases and purchasers of bank checks, drafts, cashier's checks, money orders, and traveler's checks	5
Tax identification numbers of deposit/share/ transaction accounts	5
Deposit account trial balance records	5
Each check, deposit, money order issued or payable by bank in excess of $100	5
Records of debits to customers' account in excess of $100	5
Records of purchaser of certificate of deposit	5
Records of tax identification number of any person presenting certificate of deposit for payment	5
Deposit slips and credit tickets in excess of $100	5
Records of receipts of currency in excess of $10,000 received from persons outside United States	5
Cash letters	1
Account documentation, (e.g., signature card, resolutions, power of attorney, guardianship)	6
Stop payment orders (after release)	1

(3) FIDUCIARY

TABLE 3

Safe deposit documentation, (e.g., access records, contracts)	5
Records relating to municipal securities dealing: copies of filings to any associated person following termination of association	3
Record of all brokers/dealers selected by bank to effect transactions and amount of commission paid or allocated each year	3
Tax identification number of customers having securities	5
Records of securities authority from customer	5
Records of amounts expended and adjustments made to property acquired and held for investment or to verify exercise of qualified stock option, debts written off, amount of loans outstanding with regard to reserves for losses on bad debts of financial institutions for last five taxable years	6
Fiduciary authority documentation, (e.g., trust agreements, court orders, powers of attorney, directives, authorizations)	6
Fiduciary account documentation, (e.g., cash and asset records, tax returns)	6
Fiduciary management committee meeting records	5
Escrow records (after closing)	6
Safekeeping records and receipts	2
Fiduciary account documentation, (e.g., chronological logs of itemized daily records, account records for each customer, order ticket of each buy/sell, record of all brokers used	3

(4) LENDING/LEASING

TABLE 4

Lending and leasing documents after closed, (e.g., credit application, appraisal, credit report, signatory)	6
Card applications, documentation from date of application	2
Open or closed-end credit document files excluding card application documentation	6

(5) REGULATORY

TABLE 5

Credit record of transfers of credit more than $10,000 to outside the United States	5
Credit record of transfers of funds more than $10,000 to outside the United States	5
Checks or records of drafts in excess of $10,000 drawn on foreign banks	5
Checks, drafts in excess of $10,000 from bank, broker or exchange dealer outside United States	5

(6) FINANCIAL

TABLE 6

Escheatment documentation (abandoned deposit accounts, unpaid cashier's checks, unpaid expense checks)	7
Internal audit reports	5
Investment confirmations, statements, buy and sell orders	6
Financial records, (e.g., journals, ledgers, statements, source documents)	7
Reconcilements, (e.g., General ledger account and supporting documentation)	2
Notes on contracts payable documentation (after closing)	2

R331-10-4. Exemptions.

The Commissioner of Financial Institutions may make exemptions from any requirement otherwise imposed under this rule and as are consistent with the purposes of this rule.

R331-10-5. Reproduction of Records.

Any institution subject to this rule may cause records in its custody to be reproduced by the micro-photographic or other equivalent process. Any reproduction shall have the same force and effect as the original and shall be admissible into evidence

as if it were the original.

R331-10-6. Relationship to other Laws.

This rule will not pre-empt any other retention requirement longer than that specified herein imposed by any other state or federal statute or rule.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-12. Guidelines Governing the Purchase and Sale of Loans and Participations in Loans by all State Chartered Financial Institutions.
R331-12-1. Authority, Scope, and Purpose.

(1) This rule is issued pursuant to Section 7-1-301.

(2) This rule applies to all state chartered financial institutions.

(3) The purpose of this rule is to establish guidelines for the purchase and sale of loans and participations in loans by state chartered financial institutions.

R331-12-2. Definitions.

(1) "Participation" means the purchase or sale by a lender of a loan or part of a loan under circumstances in which the acquiring institution

(a) has no formal or direct role in establishing the terms and conditions binding the borrower, or

(b) is not a signatory of the loan agreement binding the borrower.

(2) "Participation agreement" means an agreement between the lead financial institution and the participant financial institution spelling out in detail the terms, conditions, and understandings between the parties to a loan participation.

(3) "Recourse" means an oral or written agreement whereby a selling institution of a loan or participation in a loan agrees to repurchase in whole or in part upon request of the purchaser or the seller.

R331-12-3. General Rule.

(1) A written participation agreement covering multiple or individual participations will be on record at each participating institution, and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(a) The party to the agreement to be paid first from the loan repayment proceeds;

(b) Party responsible for collection of the note in the event of default;

(c) How collection or other expenses related to the participation will be divided among the participants;

(d) Recourse arrangements in writing outlining the rights and obligations of each party. Generally, loans will not be sold on a recourse basis except in cases where the sale is made for the purpose of obtaining temporary funds for operations.

(2) In addition, a financial institution which buys and sells loans or participations in loans shall establish written policies setting forth satisfactory controls over such sales and purchases. At a minimum, the following conditions shall be met:

(a) The loan must comply with applicable state and federal laws;

(b) The purchased loan must conform to the financial institution's lending and loan approval standards;

(c) Complete and current credit information must be maintained during the term of the loan;

(d) The financial institution must maintain evidence of sufficient overall loan documentation including an analysis of the value and lien status of collateral;

(e) The status of principal and interest payments including accrual status must be available.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-14. Rule Governing Parties Who Engage in the Business of Issuing and Selling Money Orders, Traveler's Checks, and Other Instruments for the Purpose of Effecting Third-Party Payments.
R331-14-1. Authority, Scope, and Purpose.

(1) This rule is issued pursuant to Section 7-1-301, 7-1-501(8)(c) and 7-1-505.

(2) This rule applies to any individual or other party who issues, sells or offers to sell within the state any instrument for the purpose of effecting payments to third parties, including, but not limited to, money orders, traveler's checks, and the wire transmission of money. Excluded from this rule are:

(a) any party chartered and regulated by the United States or the state as a depository institution which is currently operating as a depository institution, and

(b) the U.S. Post Office.

(3) The purpose of this rule is to require licensing and prescribe standards with regard to the financial condition and capability of all parties who issue instruments payable to third parties, such as money orders and traveler's checks, for the benefit and protection of the purchasers of such instruments.

R331-14-2. Definitions.

(1) "Department" means the Department of Financial Institutions.

(2) "Payment instrument" means a check, money order, traveler's check, draft, or other instrument for the transmission or payment of money to third parties.

(3) "Party" means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, joint venture, pool, syndicate, sole proprietorship, unincorporated organization, or any form of business entity.

R331-14-3. License Required.

No party subject to this rule shall issue any kind of payment instrument to be offered for sale or sold in the state unless the issuer first obtains a license to do so from the department. No party subject to this rule may offer for sale or sell payment instruments of any kind in the state which are issued by any party not holding a current license to issue payment instruments in accordance with this rule, unless the issuer is exempt from the requirement to hold such a license.

R331-14-4. Requirements for a License.

To qualify for a license to issue payment instruments for sale in Utah, an applicant shall provide or pay to the department:

(1)(a) Proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a depository institution chartered and regulated by a state in the United States other than Utah and is currently operating as a depository institution; or

(b) A certified financial statement satisfactory to the department for the most recent fiscal year showing the applicant has a net worth of at least one million dollars ($1,000,000).

(B) A surety bond satisfactory to the department in the minimum sum of $50,000 to reimburse the state for any expenses of any kind or nature that it may incur in connection with any administrative or judicial proceedings against a licensee, former licensee or seller relating to the issuance and/or sale of payment instruments in Utah.

(3) Additional information as may be specified by the department.

(4) A non-refundable filing fee in the sum of $100.00.

R331-14-5. Renewal.

Unless previously revoked by the department, each license shall expire on July 31 of each year if before that date the licensee fails to deliver or pay to the department:

(1) Proof that the party continues to operate as a regulated depository institution or a certified financial statement for the licensee's last fiscal year showing that it continues to have a net worth of at least $1,000,000, proof of renewal of the surety bond described in part 4B hereof, and any other information the department may request, all in a form acceptable to the department.

(2) A non-refundable renewal fee in the sum of $100.00.

R331-14-6. Revocation of License.

The department, with or without a hearing, may for cause revoke or suspend a license to issue payment instruments at any time. If the department revokes a license, it shall not be obligated to refund any portion of the licensee's filing or renewal fee for the remainder of the period for which the fee was paid.

R331-14-7. Required Deposits.

If the department finds any reasonable cause to believe that a licensee is in an unsafe or unsound condition or is unwilling or unable to pay its payment instruments when they come due, it may require the licensee to deposit funds in a financial institution(s) acceptable to the department in such amounts, for such period, and upon such conditions as the department may specify, and may prohibit the licensee from issuing payment instruments for sale in Utah in an aggregate unpaid amount exceeding the amount of any such required deposit or the amount actually deposited pursuant to such a requirement, whichever is less.

R331-14-8. Instruments to Bear Name of Licensee.

Every payment instrument issued by a licensee for sale in Utah, or which is sold in Utah, shall state on its face the name of the licensee issuer.

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R331. Financial Institutions, Administration.
R331-22. Rule Governing Reimbursement of Costs of Financial Institutions for Production of Records.
R331-22-1. Authority, Scope, and Purpose.

(1) This rule is issued pursuant to Sections 7-1-301(6) and 7-1-1004.

(2) This rule applies to both federal and state chartered financial institutions.

(3) The purpose of this rule is to set consistent and reasonable rates of reimbursement for costs to financial institutions for their production of records.

R331-22-2. Definitions.

(1) "Financial institutions" means "financial institutions" as defined in Section 7-1-103(10).

(2) "Financial record" means an original of, a copy of, or information known to have been derived from, any record held by a financial institution pertaining to a customer's relationship with the financial institution.

(3) "Party" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, joint venture, pool, syndicate, sole proprietorship, unincorporated organization or any form of business entity. Party also includes any authorized representative of that party who utilized or is utilizing any service of a financial institution, or for whom a financial institution is acting or has acted as a fiduciary, in relation to an account maintained in the party's name.

(4) "Direct incurred costs" means costs incurred solely and necessarily as a consequence of searching for, reproducing or transporting books, papers, records, or other data in order to comply with legal process or a formal written request or a party's authorization to produce a party's financial records. The term does not include any allocation of fixed costs including overhead, equipment, and depreciation. If a financial institution has financial records that are stored in an independent storage facility that charges a fee to search for, reproduce, or transport particular records requested, these costs are considered to be directly incurred by the financial institution.

R331-22-3. Costs Reimbursement.

As hereinafter provided, a party requiring or requesting access to financial records pertaining to a party shall pay to the financial institution that assembles or provides the financial records a fee for reimbursement of reasonably necessary costs which have been directly incurred according to the following schedule:

(1) Search and processing costs.

(a) Manual Search and Processing Cost. Reimbursement of search and processing costs shall be the total amount of direct personnel time spent in locating and retrieving, reproducing, packaging and preparing financial records for shipment. The rate for search and processing costs is $11.00 per hour per clerical/technical person and $17.00 per hour per manager/supervisory person, computed per quarter hour and is limited to the total amount of actual time spent in locating and retrieving documents or information or reproducing or packaging and preparing documents for shipment which were required or requested by a party. If less than a quarter hour is spent, the minimum charge shall be for a quarter hour.

(b) Data Processing Search and Processing Cost. Search and processing costs reflecting the actual costs of extracting information stored by computer in the format in which it is normally produced, based on computer time and necessary supplies will be charged. Personnel time for computer search shall be paid for only at the rates specified in this section.

(2) Reproduction costs. Reimbursement for reproduction costs shall be the costs incurred in making the copies of documents required or requested. The rate for reproduction costs for making copies of required or requested documents is 25 cents for each page, including copies produced by reader/printer reproduction process, photographs and films. Duplicate microfiche is 50 cents per microfiche and computer diskette is $5.00 per diskette. Other materials are reimbursed at actual costs.

(3) Transportation costs. Reimbursement for transportation costs shall be for reasonably necessary costs directly incurred to transport personnel to locate and retrieve the information required or requested and necessary costs directly incurred solely by the need to convey the required or requested material to the place of examination.

R331-22-4. Conditions for Payment.

(1) Limitations. Payment for reasonably necessary, directly incurred costs to financial institutions shall be limited to material required or requested.

(2) Separate consideration for component costs. Payment shall be made only for costs that are both directly incurred and reasonably necessary. In determining whether costs are reasonably necessary, search and processing, reproduction and transportation costs shall be considered separately.

(3) Compliance with legal process, requests, or authorization. No payment shall be made until the financial institution satisfactorily complies with the legal process or formal written request, or party authorization, except that in the case where the legal process or formal written request is withdrawn, or the party authorization is revoked, the financial institution shall be reimbursed for reasonably necessary costs directly incurred in the assembling of financial records required or requested to be produced prior to the time that the financial institution is notified that the legal process or request is withdrawn or defeated or that the party has revoked his or her authorization.

(4) Itemized bill or invoice. No payment shall be made unless the financial institution submits an itemized bill or invoice showing specific details concerning the search and processing, reproduction and transportation costs.

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R398. Health, Family Health and Preparedness, Children with Special Health Care Needs.
R398-5. Birth Defects Reporting.
R398-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

This rule establishes reporting requirements for birth defects and stillbirths in Utah and for related test results. Sections 26-1-30(2)(c), (d), (e), (g), (p), (t), 26-10-1(2), and 26-10-2 authorize this rule.

R398-5-2. Definitions.

As used in this rule:

(1) "Birthing center" means a birthing center licensed under Title 26, Chapter 21.

(2) "Birth defect" means any medical disorder of organ structure, function or biochemistry which is of possible genetic or prenatal origin. This includes any congenital anomaly, indication of hypoxia or genetic metabolic disorder listed in the ICD-9-CM (International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification, established by the United States Center for Health Statistics) with any of the following diagnostic codes: 243, 255.2, 255.4, from 269.2 to 279.9, from 740.0 to 759.9; and from 768.0 to 768.9; or listed in the ICD-10 (International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, established by the World Health Organization) with any of the following diagnostic codes: E03, E25, from E70 to E90, from D55 to D58, J96.00 to J96.91, P09, and from Q00-Q99.

(3) "Hospital" means general acute hospital, children's specialty hospital, remote-rural hospital licensed under Title 26, Chapter 21.

(4) "Stillbirth" means a pregnancy resulting in a fetal death at 20 weeks gestation or later.

(5) "Clinic" means physician-owned or operated clinic that regularly provide services for the diagnosis or treatment of birth defects, genetic counseling, or prenatal diagnostic services.

R398-5-3. Reporting by Hospitals and Birthing Centers.

Each hospital or birthing center that admits a patient and detects or screens for a birth defect as a result of any outcome of pregnancy, or admits a child under 24 months of age with a birth defect, or is presented with the event of a stillbirth shall report or cause to report to the department within 40 days of discharge the following:

(1) if live born, child's name;
(2) child's date of birth (or date of delivery);
(3) mother's name;
(4) mother's date of birth;
(5) delivery hospital;
(6) birth defects and hypoxia/hypoxemia diagnoses;
(7) pulse oximetry results for all initial and repeat screenings, including limb location;
(8) mother's state of residency at delivery;
(9) child's sex; and
(10) mother's zip code.

R398-5-4. Reporting by Laboratories.

Each laboratory operating in the state that identifies a human chromosomal or genetic abnormality or other evidence of a birth defect shall report the following on a calendar quarterly basis to the department within 40 days of the end of the preceding calendar quarter:

(1) if live born, child's name and date of birth;
(2) mother's name;
(3) mother's date of birth;
(4) date the sample is accepted by the laboratory;
(5) test conducted;
(6) test result; and
(7) mother's state of residency at delivery.

R398-5-5. Record Abstraction.

Hospitals, birthing centers, and clinics as well as community health care providers shall allow personnel from the department or its contractors to abstract information from the mother's and child's files on their demographic characteristics, family history of birth defects, prenatal and postnatal procedures or treatments (including diagnostics) related to the birth defect or stillbirth, and outcomes of that and other pregnancies by that mother. Hospitals, birthing centers, and clinics as well as community health care providers shall allow personnel from the department or its contractors to abstract information from the affected child's files, throughout their lifespan.

R398-5-6. Liability.

As provided in Title 26, Chapter 25, persons who report, either voluntarily or as required by this rule, information covered by this rule may not be held liable for reporting the information to the Department of Health.

R398-5-7. Penalties.

Pursuant to Section 26-23-6, any person that willfully violates any provision of this rule may be assessed an administrative civil money penalty not to exceed $1,000 upon an administrative finding of a first violation and up to $3,000 for a subsequent similar violation within two years. A person may also be subject to penalties imposed by a civil or criminal court.

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R398. Health, Family Health and Preparedness, Children with Special Health Care Needs.
R398-15. Autism Treatment Account.
R398-15-1. Purpose and Authority.

The purpose of this rule is to identify criteria and procedures for selecting children who may qualify for assistance from the account and identify qualifications, criteria, and procedures for selecting service and treatment providers that receive disbursements from the Autism Treatment Restricted Account.

This rule is authorized by Section 26-52-202(4) which provide that the Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee, hereafter known as the "Committee", may make rules governing the Committee's activities.

R398-15-2. Qualification Criteria and Procedures for Selecting Children Who May Qualify for Assistance from the Account.

(1) Qualification Criteria

a. Child who is at least two but younger than six years of age upon enrollment,

b. Resident of Utah,

c. Diagnosed by a qualified professional as having an autism spectrum disorder, and

d. Have a need that can be met within the requirements of UCA 26-52,

i. Must need and be able to receive a minimum of six months of applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy, and

ii. Cannot be receiving formal ABA therapy services from other state funded sources under this law (Medicaid Waiver or PEHP) or ABA therapy for a minimum of 20 hours per week covered at 80 percent or more of cost of treatment by other insurance while receiving services funded through this account.

(2) Procedures for selecting children

a. Providers selected through the request for application (RFA) process are responsible for enrollment and determining if a child meets qualification criteria utilizing UDOH enrollment forms for children

b. If applications for enrollment of children exceeds capacity of this funding, providers shall select children using a random process

R398-15-3. Qualifications, Criteria and Procedures for Evaluating Service and Treatment Providers to Include in the Program.

(1) Providers are qualified to receive funds if:

a. They utilize ABA for treatment alone or in conjunction with other proven effective treatments as outlined in an RFA process;

b. Treatment is provided by or supervised by a board certified behavior analyst or licensed psychologist with equivalent university training and supervised experience who is working toward board certification in ABA;

c. They are willing to collaborate with existing telehealth networks to reach children in rural and underserved areas of the state;

d. They utilize methods to engage family members in the treatment process; and

e. They agree to serve and treat only eligible children with this funding.

(2) Procedures for evaluating providers

a. Funding requests to the Committee from providers will be made on a standard RFA which will be developed and authorized by the Committee and made available by the Department

b. Providers that meet the minimum requirements in Subsection 3.1., will be evaluated for funding by a review committee.

c. Criteria used to select providers for funding will include:

i. Per eligible child cost for treatment proposed by provider;

ii. Provider or organization's background and qualifications;

iii. Description of treatment and services to be provided;

iv. Additional consideration will be given to those with existing connections to telehealth or evidence of written policies and procedures for providing ABA services via telehealth; and

v. Additional consideration will be given to those who show evidence of providing services in rural and underserved communities.

(3) Funded providers will submit required reports as outlined in the RFA to UDOH/Committee on use of funds, two of which shall include:

a. Detailed description of how provider will report evaluation of benefits and outcomes for children receiving services; and

b. Monthly invoice and justification of expenditures consistent with uses as specified in UCA 26-52.

(4) RFAs will be authorized contingent on funds available.

R398-15-4. Conflict of Interest within the Advisory Committee.

(1) Committee members will sign a conflict of interest form identifying affiliations with providers that apply for funding from the Autism Treatment Account, and/or known family members that may receive treatment or evaluation services directly funded through the Autism Treatment Account from a provider that has submitted an application for funding. The conflict of interest form will be signed prior to review of funding requests.

(2) If an issue is to be decided by the Advisory Committee that involves potential conflict of interest with a member of the committee, it is the responsibility of the member to:

a. Identify the potential conflict of interest.

b. Not participate in discussion of the program or motion being considered.

c. Not vote on the issue.

(3) It is the responsibility of the Committee to:

a. Award funds based on quality of application regardless of committee affiliation.

b. Record in the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting the potential conflict of interest, and the use of the procedures and criteria of this policy.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-60B. Preferred Drug List.
R414-60B-1. Introduction and Authority.

(1) The Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF) has established a Preferred Drug List (PDL) to operate within the pharmacy program and at the Division's discretion.

(2) The Preferred Drug List is authorized under Section 26-18-2.4.

R414-60B-2. Client Eligibility Requirements.

A PDL is available to categorically and medically needy individuals.

R414-60B-3. Program Access Requirements.

A PDL is established for certain therapeutic classes of drugs and is available through the point of sale system of any Medicaid provider. At its discretion, DHCF establishes and implements the scope and therapeutic classes of drugs.

R414-60B-4. Service Coverage.

(1) Upon the recommendation of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, DHCF pharmacy staff select the therapeutic classes and select the most clinically effective and cost effective drug or drugs within each class.

(2) The prescriber must obtain prior authorization from the Department to dispense drugs designated as "non-preferred" in each class, through the Department's current prior authorization system. Criteria for a Non-preferred Prior Authorization (NPA) is established by the Department in consultation with the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

(3) A prior authorization is not placed on any preferred drugs under Section R414-60B-4. Nevertheless, a prior authorization may apply if set by the Drug Utilization Review Board.

(4) For NPA requests submitted during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the prior authorization system shall provide either telephone or fax approval or denial within 24 hours of the receipt of the request.

(5) In an emergency situation for a prior authorization needed outside of normal business hours, a 72-hour supply of a non-preferred drug may be dispensed and the Department shall issue an NPA for the 72-hour supply on the next business day. Further quantity requests shall be subject to all NPA requirements.

R414-60B-5. P&T Committee Composition and Membership Requirements.

(1) There is created a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within DHCF. The DHCF Director shall appoint the members of the P&T Committee for a two-year term. DHCF has the option of making the appointments renewable.

(2) DHCF staff request nominations for appointees from professional organizations within the state. These nominations are then given to the Director for selection and appointment.

(a) If there are no recommendations within 30 days of a request, DHCF may submit a list of potential candidates to professional organizations for consideration.

(b) If there are no willing nominees for appointment from professional organizations, the Director may seek recommendations from DHCF staff.

(3) The P&T Committee consists of one physician from each of the following specialty areas:

(a) Internal Medicine;
(b) Family Practice Medicine;
(c) Psychiatry; and
(d) Pediatrics.

(4) The PadT Committee consists of one pharmacist from each of the following areas:

(a) Pharmacist in Academia;
(b) Independent Pharmacy;
(c) Chain Pharmacy; and
(d) Hospital Pharmacy.

(5) DHCF shall appoint one voting committee manager.

(6) Up to two non-voting ad hoc specialists participate on the committee at the committee's invitation.

(7) An individual considered for nomination must demonstrate no direct connection to and must be independent of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry.

(8) The P&T Committee shall elect a chairperson to a one-year term from among its members. The chairperson may serve consecutive terms if reelected by the committee.

(9) When a vacancy occurs on the committee, the Director shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term of the vacating member.

R414-60B-6. P&T Committee Responsibilities and Functions.

(1) The P&T Committee functions as a professional and technical advisory board to DHCF in the formulation of a PDL.

(2) P&T Committee recommendations must:

(a) represent the majority vote at meetings in which a majority of voting members are present; and

(b) include votes by at least one committee member from the group identified in Subsection R414-60B-5(3) and one member from the group identified in Subsection R414-60B-5(4)

(3) The P&T Committee manager shall schedule meetings, set agendas, provide meeting materials, keep minutes, record committee business, notify the Director when vacancies occur, provide meeting notices, and coordinate functions between the committee and DHCF.

(4) Notice for a P&T Committee meeting shall be given in accordance with applicable law.

(5) The P&T Committee chairperson shall conduct all meetings. The P&T Committee manager shall conduct meetings if the chairperson is not present.

(6) P&T Committee meetings shall occur at least quarterly.

(7) P&T Committee meetings shall be open to the public except when meeting in executive session.

(8) The committee shall:

(a) review drug classes and make recommendations to DHCF for PDL implementation;

(b) review new drugs, new drug classes or both, to make recommendations to DHCF for PDL implementation;

(c) review drugs or drug classes as DHCF assigns or requests;

(d) review drugs within a therapeutic class and make a recommendation to DHCF for the preferred drug or drugs within the therapeutic class; and

(e) review evidence based criteria and drug information.

R414-60B-7. Clinical and Cost-Related Factors.

The P&T Committee shall base its determinations on the following clinical and cost-related factors as established by the Drug Utilization Review Board:

(1) If clinical and therapeutic considerations are substantially equal, then the P&T Committee shall recommend to DHCF that it consider only cost.

(2) If cost information available to the P&T Committee indicates that costs are substantially the same, then the P&T Committee makes its recommendation to DHCF based on the clinical and therapeutic profiles of the drugs.

(3) In making its recommendations to DHCF, the P&T Committee may also consider whether the clinical, therapeutic effects, and medical necessity requirements justify the cost differential between drugs within a therapeutic class.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-501. Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization, and Continued Stay Review.
R414-501-1. Introduction and Authority.

This rule implements the nursing facility and utilization requirements of 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396r(b)(3), (e)(5), and (f)(6)(B), 42 CFR 456.1 through 456.23, and 456.350 through 456.380, by requiring the evaluation of each resident's need for admission and continued stay in a nursing facility. It also implements the requirements for states and long term care facilities found in 42 CFR 483.

R414-501-2. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section R414-1-1, the following definitions apply to Rules R414-501 through R414-503:

(1) "Activities of daily living" are defined in 42 CFR 483.25(a)(1), and further includes adaptation to the use of assistive devices and prostheses intended to provide the greatest degree of independent functioning.

(2) "Categorical determination" means a determination made pursuant to 42 CFR 483.130 and ATTACHMENT 4.39-A of the State Plan.

(3) "Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)" means the most current edition unless otherwise noted.

(4) "Continued stay review" means a periodic, supplemental, or interim review of a resident performed by a Department health care professional either by telephone or on-site review.

(5) "Discharge planning" means planning that ensures that the resident has an individualized planned program of post-discharge continuing care that:

(a) states the medical, functional, behavioral and social levels necessary for the resident to be discharged to a less restrictive setting;

(b) includes the steps needed to move the resident to a less restrictive setting;

(c) establishes the feasibility of the resident's achieving the levels necessary for discharge; and

(d) states the anticipated time frame for that achievement.

(6) "Health care professional" means a duly licensed or certified physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, physical therapist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, social worker, or qualified mental retardation professional.

(7) "Medicaid resident" means a resident who is a Medicaid recipient.

(8) "Medicaid admission date" means the date the nursing facility requests Medicaid reimbursement to begin.

(9) "Mental retardation" is defined in 42 CFR 483.102(b)(3) and includes "persons with related conditions" as defined in 42 CFR 435.1009.

(10) "Minimum Data Set (MDS)" means the standardized, primary screening and assessment tool of health status that forms the foundation of the comprehensive assessment for all residents in a Medicare or Medicaid certified long-term care facility.

(11) "Nursing facility" is defined in 42 USC. 1396r(a), and also includes an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation as defined in 42 USC 1396d(d).

(12) "Nursing facility applicant" is an individual for whom the nursing facility is seeking Medicaid payment.

(13) "Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I Screening" means the preadmission identification screening described in Section R414-503-3.

(14) "Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II Evaluation" means the preadmission evaluation and resident review for serious mental illness or mental retardation described in Section R414-503-4.

(15) "Physician Certification" is a written statement from the Medicaid resident's physician that certifies the individual requires nursing facility services.

(16) "Resident" means a person residing in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility.

(17) "Serious mental illness" is defined by the State Mental Health Authority.

(18) "Significant change" means a major change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status that is not self-limiting, impacts on more than one area of the resident's health status, and requires interdisciplinary review, revision of the care plan, or may require a referral to a preadmission screening resident review if a mental illness or intellectual disability or related condition is suspected or present.

(19) "Skilled care" means those services defined in 42 CFR 409.32.

(20) "Specialized rehabilitative services" means those services provided pursuant to 42 CFR 483.45 and Section R432-150-23.

(21) "Specialized services" means those services provided pursuant to 42 CFR 483.120 and ATTACHMENT 4.39 of the State Plan.

(22) "United States Code (USC)" means the most current edition unless otherwise noted.

(23) "Working days" means all work days as defined by the Utah Department of Human Resource Management.

R414-501-3. Preadmission Authorization.

(1) A nursing facility will perform a preadmission assessment when admitting a nursing facility applicant. Preadmission authorization is not transferable from one nursing facility to another.

(2) A nursing facility must obtain approval from the Department when admitting a nursing facility applicant. The nursing facility must submit a request for prior approval to the Department no later than the next business day after the date of admission. A request for prior approval may be in writing or by telephone and will include:

(a) the name, age, and Medicaid eligibility of the nursing facility applicant;

(b) the date of transfer or admission to the nursing facility;

(c) the reason for acute care inpatient hospitalization or emergency placement, if any;

(d) a description of the care and services needed;

(e) the nursing facility applicant's current functional and mental status;

(f) the established diagnoses;

(g) the medications and treatments currently ordered for the nursing facility applicant;

(h) a description of the nursing facility applicant's discharge potential;

(i) the name of the hospital discharge planner or nursing facility employee who is requesting the prior approval;

(j) the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I screening, except the screening is not required for admission to an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation; and

(k) the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level II determination, as required by 42 CFR 483.112.

(4) If the Department gives a telephone prior approval, the nursing facility will submit to the Department within five working days a preadmission transmittal for the nursing facility applicant, and will begin preparing the complete contact for the nursing facility applicant. The complete contact is a written application containing all the elements of a request for prior authorization plus:

(a) the preadmission continued stay transmittal;

(b) a history and physical;
(c) the signed and dated physician's orders, including physician certification; and
(d) an MDS assessment completed no later than 14 calendar days after the resident is admitted to a nursing facility.
(5) The requirements in Section R414-501-3 do not apply in cases in which a facility is seeking Retroactive Authorization described in Section R414-501-5.

R414-501-4. Immediate Placement Authorization.
(1) The Department will reimburse a nursing facility for five days if the Department gives telephone prior approval for a resident who is an immediate placement.
(a) An immediate placement will meet one of the following criteria:
(i) The resident exhausted acute care benefits or was discharged by a hospital;
(ii) A Medicare fiscal intermediary changed the resident's level of care, or the Medicare benefit days terminated and there is a need for continuing services reimbursed under Medicaid;
(iii) Protective services in the Department of Human Services placed the resident for care;
(iv) A tragedy, such as fire or flood, has occurred in the home, and the resident is injured, or an accident leaves a dependent person in imminent danger and requires immediate institutionalization;
(v) A family member who has been providing care to the resident dies or suddenly becomes ill;
(vi) A nursing facility terminated services, either through an adverse certification action or closure of the facility, and the resident must be transferred to meet his medical or habilitation needs; or
(vii) A disaster or other emergency as defined by the Department has occurred.
(b) The Department will deny an immediate placement unless the PASRR Level I screening is completed and the Department determines a PASRR Level II evaluation is not required, or if the PASRR Level II evaluation is required, then the PASRR Level II evaluation is completed and the Department determines the nursing facility applicant qualifies for placement in a nursing facility. The two exceptions to this requirement are when the nursing facility applicant is a provisional placement for less than seven days or when the placement is after an acute hospital admission and the physician certifies in writing that the placement will be for less than 30 days.
(c) Telephone prior approval for an immediate placement will be effective for no more than five working days. During that period the nursing facility will submit a preadmission transmittal, and will begin preparing the complete contact for the nursing facility applicant. If the nursing facility fails to submit the preadmission transmittal in a timely manner, the Department will not make any payments until the Department receives the preadmission transmittal and the nursing facility complies with all preadmission requirements.

R414-501-5. Retroactive Authorization.
A nursing facility may complete a written request for Retroactive Authorization. If approved, the authorization period will begin a maximum of 90 days prior to the date the authorization request is submitted to the Department. The request for Retroactive Authorization will include documentation that will demonstrate the clinical need for nursing facility care at the time of the requested Medicaid admission date. The documentation must also demonstrate the clinical need for nursing facility care as of the current date. This documentation will allow the Department's medical professionals to determine the clinical need for nursing facility care during both the retroactive period and the current period. Documentation will include:
(a) the name of the nursing facility employee who is requesting the authorization;
(b) the Retroactive Authorization request submission date;
(c) the requested Medicaid admission date;
(d) a description of why Retroactive Authorization is being requested;
(e) the name, age, and Medicaid identification number of the nursing facility applicant;
(f) the PASRR Level I screening; except the screening is not required for admission to an intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation;
(g) the PASRR Level II determination as required by 42 CFR 483.112;
(h) a history and physical;
(i) signed and dated physician's orders, including the physician certification;
(j) MDS assessment that covers the time period for which Medicaid reimbursement is being requested; and
(k) a copy of a Medicare denial letter, a Medicaid eligibility letter, or both, as applicable.

R414-501-6. Readmission After Hospitalization.
When a Medicaid resident is admitted to a hospital, the Department will not require Preadmission Authorization when the Medicaid resident returns to the original nursing facility not later than three consecutive days after the date of discharge from the nursing facility. If the readmission occurs four or more days after the date of discharge from the nursing facility, the nursing facility will complete the Preadmission Authorization process again including revising the PASRR Level I screening to evaluate the need for a new PASRR Level II evaluation.

R414-501-7. Continued Stay Review.
(1) The Department will conduct a continued stay review to determine the need for continued stay in a nursing facility and to determine whether the resident has shown sufficient improvement to implement discharge planning.
(2) If a question regarding placement or the ongoing need for nursing facility services for a Medicaid resident arises, the Department may request additional information from the nursing facility. If the question remains unresolved, a Department health care professional may perform a supplemental on-site review. The Department or the nursing facility can also initiate an interim review because of a change in the Medicaid resident's condition or medical needs.
(3) A nursing facility will make appropriate personnel and information reasonably accessible so the Department can conduct the continued stay review.
(4) A nursing facility will inform the Department by telephone or in writing when the needs of a Medicaid resident change to possibly require discharge or a change from the findings in the PASRR Level I screening or PASRR Level II evaluation. A nursing facility will inform the Department of newly acquired facts relating to the resident's diagnosis, medications, treatments, care or service needs, or plan of care that may not have been known when the Department determined medical need for admission or continued stay. With any significant change, the nursing facility is responsible to revise the PASRR Level I screening to evaluate the need for a new PASRR Level II evaluation.
(5) The Department will deny payment to a nursing facility for services provided to a Medicaid resident who, against medical advice, leaves a nursing facility for more than two consecutive days, or who fails to return within two consecutive days after an authorized leave of absence. A nursing facility will report all such instances to the Department. The resident will complete all preadmission requirements before the Department may approve payment for further nursing facility services.

R414-501-8. Payment Responsibility.

(1) If a nursing facility accepts a resident who elects not to apply for Medicaid coverage, and the nursing facility can prove that it gave the resident or his legal representative written notice of Medicaid eligibility and preadmission requirements, then the resident or legal representative will be solely responsible for payment for the services rendered. However, if a nursing facility cannot prove it gave the notice to a resident or his legal representative, then the nursing facility will be solely responsible for payment for the services rendered during the time when the resident was eligible for Medicaid coverage.

(2) For Preadmission Authorization requests described in Section R414-501-3, the Department will deny payment to a nursing facility for services provided:

(a) before the date of the verbal prior approval or the date postmarked on the envelope containing the written application, or the date the Department receives the written application (whichever is earliest);

(b) if the facility fails to submit a complete application by the 60th day from the date the Department receives the Preadmission Authorization request; or

(c) if the facility fails to comply with PASRR requirements.

(3) For Retroactive Authorization described in Section R414-501-5, the Department will deny payment to a nursing facility for services provided:

(a) greater than 90 days prior to the request for Retroactive Authorization;

(b) if the facility fails to submit a complete application by the 60th day from the date the Department receives the Retroactive Authorization request; or

(c) the facility fails to comply with PASRR requirements.

R414-501-9. General Provisions.

(1) The Department is solely responsible for approving or denying a Preadmission, Retroactive or continued stay authorization for payment for nursing facility services provided to a Medicaid resident. The Department is ultimately responsible for determining if a Medicaid resident has a clinical need for nursing facility services. If the Department determines a nursing facility applicant or Medicaid resident does not have a clinical need for nursing facility services, a written notice of agency action, in accordance with 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.246, 42 CFR 456.437 and 456.438 will be sent. If a nursing facility complies with all Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization and continued stay requirements for a Medicaid resident then the Department will provide coverage consistent with the State Plan.

(2) If a nursing facility fails to comply with all Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization or continued stay requirements, the Department will deny payment to the nursing facility for services provided to the nursing facility applicant. The nursing facility is liable for all expenses incurred for services provided to the nursing facility applicant on or after the date the nursing facility applicant applied for Medicaid. The nursing facility will not bill the nursing facility applicant or his legal representative for services not reimbursed by the Department due to the nursing facility's failure to follow Preadmission Authorization, Retroactive Authorization or continued stay rules.

(3) If the application is incomplete it will be denied. The Department will comply with notice and hearing requirements as defined in 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.246, and also send written notice to the nursing facility administrator, the attending physician, and, if possible, the next-of-kin or legal representative of the nursing facility applicant. If the Department denies a claim, the nursing facility can resubmit additional documentation not later than 60 calendar days after the date the Department receives the initial Preadmission or Retroactive Authorization request or continued stay transmittal. If the nursing facility fails to submit additional documentation that corrects the claim deficiencies within the 60 calendar day period, then the denial becomes final and the nursing facility waives all rights to Medicaid reimbursement from the time of admission until the Department approves a subsequent request for authorization submitted by the nursing facility.

(4) The Department adopts the standards and procedures for conducting a fair hearing set forth in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a(a)(3) and 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.246, and as implemented in Rule R410-14.

R414-501-10. Safeguarding Information of Nursing Facility Applicants and Residents.

(1) The Department adopts the standards and procedures for safeguarding information of nursing facility applicants and recipients set forth in 42 U.S.C. Sec.1396a(a)(7) and 42 CFR 431.300 through 431.307.

(2) Standards for safeguarding a resident's private records are set forth in Section 63G-2-302.

R414-501-11. Free Choice of Providers.

Subject to certain restrictions outlined in 42 CFR 431.51, 42 USC 1396a(a)(23) requires that recipients have the freedom to choose a provider. A recipient who believes his freedom to choose a provider has been denied or impaired may request a hearing from the Department, as outlined in 42 CFR 431.200 through 431.221.

R414-501-12. Alternative Services Evaluation and Referral.

While reviewing a preadmission assessment for admission to a nursing care facility, other than an ICF/MR, the Department may evaluate the potential for the nursing facility applicant to receive alternative Medicaid services in a home or community-based setting that are appropriate for the needs of the individual identified in the preadmission submittals. If there appears to be a potential for alternative Medicaid services, with the permission of the nursing facility applicant, the nursing facility will refer the name of the nursing facility applicant to one or more designated Medicaid home and community-based services program representatives for follow-up contact with the nursing facility applicant.

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R414. Health, Health Care Financing, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy.
R414-503. Preadmission Screening and Resident Review.
R414-503-1. Introduction and Authority.

This rule implements 42 U.S.C. 1396r(b)(3) and (e)(7) and Pub. L. No. 104 315, which require preadmission screening and resident review (PASRR) of nursing facility residents with serious mental illness or intellectual disability. This rule applies to all Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing facility admissions irrespective of the payment source of an individual's nursing facility services.

R414-503-2. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Sections R414-1-2 and R414-501-2, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Break in Stay" means an individual voluntarily leaves a Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing facility or discharges from a hospital into a community placement.

(2) "Intellectual Disability" is the equivalent term for "Mental Retardation" in federal law.

R414-503-3. Preadmission Level I Screening for All Persons.

The purpose of a Preadmission Level I Screening is for a health care professional to identify any person with a serious mental illness, intellectual disability or other related condition so the professional may consider that person for admission to a Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing facility. The health care professional who conducts the Level I Screening shall refer the person for a Level II Evaluation if the professional determines that the person has a serious mental illness, intellectual disability or other related condition.

(1) The health care professional shall complete a Level I Screening before any Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing facility admission.

(2) The health care professional shall complete the Level I Screening on a form supplied by the Department.

(3) The health care professional shall sign and date the Level I Screening.

R414-503-4. Level II Evaluation Criteria.

(1) The Department requires a Level II Evaluation for serious mental illness if the person meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The person has a serious mental illness as defined by the State Mental Health Authority and identified by the Level I Screening;

(b) The diagnosis of mental illness falls within the diagnostic groupings as described in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual;

(c) The person has experienced a functional limitation in a major life activity within the last six months that results in serious difficulty in interpersonal functioning, concentration or persistence, adaptation to change, and the serious mental illness is the cause of the limitation; and

(d) In addition to the criteria listed in Subsection R414-503-4(1)(a)(b)(c), the person meets any one of the following criteria:

(i) The person has undergone psychiatric treatment at least twice in the last two years that is more intensive than outpatient care;

(ii) Due to a significant disruption in the person's normal living situation, the person has required supportive services to maintain the current level of functioning at home or in a residential treatment center; or

(iii) The person has required intervention by housing or law enforcement officials.

(2) The Department requires a Level II Evaluation for a person who meets at least one of the following criteria:

(a) The person has received a diagnosis of an intellectual disability or related condition;

(b) The person has received a diagnosis of epilepsy or seizure disorder with onset before 22 years of age, and has a current prescription for anti-seizure medication for epilepsy;

(c) The person has a history of intellectual disability or related condition, or an indication of cognitive or behavioral patterns that indicate the person has an intellectual disability or related condition; or

(d) The person is referred by any agency that specializes in the care of persons with intellectual disabilities or related conditions.

(3) The nursing facility shall refer the person to a local mental health PASRR Evaluator for the Level II Evaluation if the Level I Screening indicates the person meets any of the criteria listed in Subsection R414-503-4(1). The nursing facility shall also provide the notice of referral to the person, his legal representative, and the prospective nursing facility.

(4) The nursing facility shall refer the person to the Intellectual Disability or Related Condition Authority for the Level II Evaluation if the Level I Screening indicates the person meets any of the criteria listed in Subsection R414-503-4(2). The nursing facility shall also provide the notice of referral to the person, his legal representative, and the prospective nursing facility.

(5) The nursing facility shall refer the person to both the local mental health PASRR Evaluator and the Intellectual Disability or Related Condition Authority if the person meets the criteria for Subsection R414-503-4(1) and (2).

(6) If the person does not meet the criteria in Subsection 414-503-4(1) or (2), the Department may not require a further PASRR Evaluation unless there is a significant change in condition.

(a) The nursing facility shall submit a copy of the Level I Screening to the Department upon the person's admission. The nursing facility shall also retain a copy of the Level I Screening in the person's medical record.

(b) The nursing facility shall initiate a new or revised Level I Screening if there is a significant change in the person's condition.

(7) The Department may not require further PASRR Screening if the health care professional who conducts the Level I Screening determines that the person has a primary diagnosis of dementia that includes Alzheimer's disease.

(a) The nursing facility shall submit a copy of the Level I Screening to the Department upon the person's admission. The nursing facility shall also retain a copy of the Level I Screening in the person's medical record.

(8) The Department shall require Level I Screening for all persons even if a person cannot cooperate or participate in Level I Screening due to delirium or other emergency circumstances. The health care professional shall complete the Level I Screening by using available medical information or other outside information.

R414-503-5. Preadmission Level II Evaluation.

The Department shall base Level II Evaluations on the criteria set forth in 42 CFR 483.130 and shall address the level of nursing services, specialized services, and specialized rehabilitative services needed.

(1) The purpose of a Level II Evaluation is:

(a) to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate institutionalization of persons with serious mental illness or intellectual disabilities or related conditions; and

(2) to ensure that persons with serious mental illness or intellectual disabilities or related conditions receive mental health treatment or are referred for specialized services.

(a) Specialized services shall include:

(i) acute inpatient psychiatric care for persons with mental illness; and

(ii) the provision of additional services to persons with intellectual disabilities or related conditions who are admitted to nursing facilities.

(3) The Department shall require a referral for a Level II Evaluation if a Level I Screening indicates the person may have a serious mental illness or an intellectual disability or related condition.

(4) The Department may not require a Level II Evaluation if:

(a) the person does not meet the criteria listed in Subsection R414-503-4 (1) or (2);

(b) the nursing facility admits the person due to delirium or an emergency situation and an accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears; and

(c) the nursing facility placement does not exceed seven days.

(i) The nursing facility shall refer the person for a Level II Evaluation before midnight on the seventh day if the placement exceeds seven days.

(d) The Department may not require a Level II Evaluation if the person has a previous Level II Evaluation and the nursing facility readmits the person to the same or a different nursing facility following hospitalization for medical care without a break in stay. This provision, however, does not apply if the person is hospitalized for psychiatric care.

(i) Following readmission, the nursing facility shall review and update the PASRR Level I Screening to determine whether there is a significant change in condition that requires a Level II Evaluation.

(e) The Department may not require a Level II Evaluation if the person has a previous Level II Evaluation and the nursing facility transfers the person to another nursing facility with or without intervening hospitalization and without a break in stay. This provision, however, does not apply if the person is hospitalized for psychiatric care.

(i) Following transfer, the nursing facility shall review and update the Level I Screening to determine whether there is a significant change in condition that requires a Level II Re-Evaluation.

(f) The Department may not require a Level II Evaluation if the person is admitted to a nursing facility directly from a hospital and requires nursing facility services for the condition treated in the hospital (not psychiatric treatment), and the attending physician certifies in writing before the admission that the person is likely to be discharged in less than 30 days.

(i) The nursing facility shall refer the person for a Level II Evaluation before midnight on the 30th day.

(g) The Department may not require a Level II Evaluation if the person is admitted to a nursing facility for no more than 14 days to provide respite to in-home care givers and the person is expected to return to the in-home care givers after the respite period.

(i) The nursing facility shall refer the person for a Level II Evaluation before midnight on the fourteenth day if the placement exceeds 14 days.

(5) The Level II Evaluator shall evaluate the person and make one of the following determinations:

(a) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person does not need nursing facility services. This determination disqualifies the person from nursing facility placement and the Department shall deny reimbursement from the date of the evaluator's finding.

(b) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person does not need nursing facility services but does need specialized services as defined by the State Mental Health or Intellectual Disability or Related Condition Authority. This determination disqualifies the person from nursing facility placement, and the Department shall deny reimbursement from the date of the evaluator's finding.

(c) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person needs nursing facility services but not specialized services. This determination qualifies the person nursing facility placement.

(d) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person should be released from a hospital setting for a medically prescribed period of convalescent care in a nursing facility. This determination qualifies the person for nursing facility placement for a maximum period of 120 days.

(i) If the person is expected to remain in a nursing facility for more than 120 days, the nursing facility shall refer the person for another Level II Evaluation before midnight on the 120th day.

(e) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person requires short-term, medically prescribed care in a nursing facility. This determination qualifies the person for nursing facility placement for the number of days specified by the State Mental Health Authority and cannot exceed 120 days.

(i) The nursing facility shall refer the person for another Level II Evaluation before the end of the number of days specified if the person is expected to remain in a nursing facility for more than the number of days specified by the State Mental Health Authority.

(f) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person is certified by a physician to be terminally ill with a medical prognosis of less than six months to live, and shall also determine whether the person requires continuous nursing care or medical supervision or treatment due to a physical condition. The nature and extent of the person's need for nursing care, medical supervision, or treatment shall be the primary consideration. This determination qualifies the person for nursing facility placement and no further Level II Evaluation is needed unless there is a significant change of condition.

(g) The Level II Evaluator shall determine whether the person has a severe physical illness and as a result of the severe physical illness is not expected to benefit from mental health or intellectual disability or related condition services. This determination qualifies the person for nursing facility placement and no further Level II Evaluation is needed unless there is a significant change of condition.

(6) If at any time during the Level II Evaluation, the local PASRR Evaluator or the Intellectual Disability of Related Condition Authority determines that the person does not have a serious mental illness, an intellectual disability or related condition, or dementia the evaluator may terminate the evaluation. The evaluator shall document that the person does not have a serious mental illness, an intellectual disability or related condition, or dementia in accordance with State Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities or Related Conditions Authority.

(7) The State Mental Health Authority or the Intellectual Disabilities or Related Conditions Authority shall provide a copy of the Level II Evaluation and findings to the following:

(a) The person evaluated;

(b) The person's legal representative, if any; and

(c) The nursing facility for retention in the person's medical record, if the person is admitted.

(8) Out-of-State Arrangement for Payment: The state in which the person is a resident (or would be a resident at the time he becomes eligible for Medicaid) as defined in 42 CFR 435.403 shall pay for the Level II Evaluation in accordance with 42 CFR 431.52(b).

(9) The nursing facility, in consultation with the person and his legal representative, shall arrange for a safe and orderly discharge from the nursing facility, and shall assist with linking the person to supportive services and preparing the person for discharge when a Level II Evaluation disqualifies a person or concludes that a person is no longer eligible for nursing facility placement.

R414-503-6. Penalties.

The Department shall deny reimbursement for each day that a person remains admitted in a nursing facility past the specified dates and times if the nursing facility fails to comply with the procedures and timelines set forth in Sections R414-503-3 through R414-503-5.

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R426. Health, Family Health and Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services.
R426-16. Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Rates and Charges.
R426-16-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is established under Title 26, Chapter 8a.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide for the establishment of maximum ambulance transportation and rates to be charged by licensed ambulance services in the State of Utah.

R426-16-2. Ambulance Transportation Rates and Charges.

(1) Licensed services operating under R426-15 shall not charge more than the rates described is this rule. In addition, the net income of licensed services, including subsidies of any type, shall not exceed the net income limit set by this rule.

(a) The net income limit shall be the greater of eight percent of gross revenue or 14 percent return on average assets.

(b) Licensed Services may change rates at their discretion after notifying the Department, provided that the rates do not exceed the maximums specified in this rule.

(c) An agency may not charge a transportation fee for patients who are not transported.

(2) The initial regulated rates established in this rule shall be adjusted annually on July 1, based on financial data as delineated by the department to be submitted as detailed under R426-16-2(9). This data shall then be used as the basis for the annual rate adjustment.

(3) Base Rates for ground transport to care facility -

(a) Ground Ambulance - $594.00 per transport.

(b) Intermediate / Intermediate Advance EMT Ground Ambulance - $785.00 per transport.

(c) Paramedic Ground Ambulance - $1,148.00 per transport.

(d)Ground Ambulance with Paramedic on-board - $1,148.00 per transport if:

(i) a dispatch agency dispatches a paramedic licensee to treat the individual;

(ii) the paramedic licensee has initiated advanced life support;

(iii) on-line medical control directs that a paramedic remain with the patient during transport; and

(iv) an ambulance service that interfaces with a paramedic rescue service and has an interlocal or equivalent agreement in place, dealing with reimbursing the paramedic agency for services provided up to a maximum of $244.94 per transport.

(4) Mileage Rate-

(a) $31.65 per mile or fraction thereof.

(b) In all cases mileage shall be computed from the point of pickup to the point of delivery.

(c) A fuel fluctuation surcharge of $0.25 per mile may be added when diesel fuel prices exceed $5.10 per gallon or gasoline exceeds $4.25 as invoiced.

(5) Surcharge-

(a) If the ambulance is required to travel for ten miles or more on unpaved roads, a surcharge of $1.50 per mile may be assessed.

(6) Special Provisions -

(a) If more than one patient is transported from the same point of origin to the same point of delivery in the same ambulance, the charges to be assessed to each individual will be determined as follows:

(i) Each patient will be assessed the transportation rate.

(ii) The mileage rate will be computed as specified, the sum to be divided equally between the total number of patients.

(b) A round trip may be billed as two one-way trips.

(c) An ambulance shall provide 15 minutes of time at no charge at both point of pickup and point of delivery, and may charge $22.05 per quarter hour or fraction thereof thereafter. On round trips, 30 minutes at no charge will be allowed from the time the ambulance reaches the point of delivery until starting the return trip. At the expiration of the 30 minutes, the ambulance service may charge $22.05 per quarter hour or fraction thereof thereafter.

(7) Supplies and Medications -

(a) An ambulance licensee may charge for supplies and providing supplies, medications, and administering medications used on any response if:

(i) supplies shall be priced fairly and competitively with similar products in the local area;

(ii) the individual does not refuse services; and

(iii) the ambulance personnel assess or treats the individual.

(8) Uncontrollable Cost Escalation -

(a) In the event of a temporary escalation of costs, an ambulance service may petition the Department for permission to make a temporary service-specific surcharge. The petition shall specify the amount of the proposed surcharge, the reason for the surcharge, and provide sufficient financial data to clearly demonstrate the need for the proposed surcharge. Since this is intended to only provide temporary relief, the petition shall also include a recommended time limit.

(b) The Department will make a final decision on the proposed surcharge within 30 days of receipt of the petition.

(9) Operating report -

(a) The licensed service shall file with the Department within 90 days of the end of each licensed service's fiscal year, an operating report in accordance with the instructions, guidelines and review criteria as specified by the Department. The Department shall provide a summary of operating reports received during the previous state fiscal year to the EMS Committee in the October quarterly meeting.

(10) Fiscal audits -

(a) Upon receipt of licensed service fiscal reports, the Department shall review them for compliance to standards established.

(b) Where the Department determines that the audited service is not in compliance with this rule, the Department shall proceed in accordance with Section 26-8a-504.

R426-16-3. Penalty for Violation of Rule.

As required by Subsection 63G-3-201(5): Any person that violates any provisions of this rule may be assessed a civil money penalty as provided in Section 26-23-6.

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R428. Health, Center for Health Data, Health Care Statistics.
R428-12. Health Data Authority Survey of Enrollees in Health Plans.
R428-12-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is promulgated under authority granted by Title 26, Chapter 33a (Utah Code Annotated) and in accordance with the Utah Health Plan Performance Measurement Plan.

R428-12-2. Purpose.

This rule establishes the process for the collection of Health Plan enrollee satisfaction data from Utah licensed health plans. The data are needed to promote informed consumer choice in health plan selection and measure the quality of care provided by Utah licensed health maintenance organizations.

R428-12-3. Definitions.

These definitions apply to rule R428-12:

(1) "Office" as defined in R428-2-3A.

(2) "Health plan" means:

(a) "any insurer under a contract with the Utah Department of Health to serve clients under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act;

(b) a "Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)" defined as any person or entity operating in Utah which is licensed under Title 31A, Chapter 8, Utah Code;

(c) a non-electing church plan as described in Section 410 (d), Internal Revenue Code; and

(d) a "Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)" is defined as all commercial insurance companies engaged in the business of health care insurance in the state of Utah (as defined in 31A-1-301(75)(a) and (b)), and offers an insurance product where an insured member has the choice of using either an in network provider at a discounted rate, also called preferred providers, or any out of network provider at a higher rate, also called non-preferred provider. Payments to preferred and non-preferred providers are paid according the preferred provider contract provisions as described in 31A-22-617(2)(a)(b).

(3) "NCQA" means the National Committee for Quality Assurance, a not-for-profit organization committed to evaluating and reporting on the quality of managed care plans.

(4) "Enrollee" means any individual who has entered into a contract with a health maintenance organization for health care or on whose behalf such an arrangement has been made.

(5) "Eligible Enrollee" means an enrollee who meets the criteria outlined by HEDIS 2012, Volume 3, Specifications for Survey Measures published by NCQA.

(6) "Sampling Frame" means the health plan enrollment file as described criteria outlined by HEDIS 2012, Volume 3, Specifications for Survey Measures published by NCQA. The sampling frame includes only records that meet the eligibility criteria in R428-12-3(4).

(7) "Sample file" means the data file containing records of selected eligible enrollees drawn by the survey agency from the health plan's sampling frame.

(8) "Survey agency" means an independent contractor on contract with the Office of Health Care Statistics.

R428-12-4. Creating the Sampling Frame.

(1) The sources for enrollment data are health plan carriers licensed in Utah. Each health plan shall include in the sampling frame all eligible enrollees. The health plan may not exclude any record except those that do not meet eligibility criteria as specified in R428-12-3(4).

(2) Each health plan shall create the sampling frame according to the criteria outlined by HEDIS 2012, Volume 3, Specifications for Survey Measures published by NCQA.

(3) The sampling frame and procedures used by the reporting health plan are subject to audit by the Office of Health Care Statistics against aggregate statistics for the submitting health plan.

R428-12-5. Sampling Frame Submission.

(1) The health plan shall create the sampling frame according to the eligibility criteria in R428-12-3(4). The health plan shall copy the sampling frame (formatted as described by HEDIS 2012, Volume 3, Specifications for Survey Measures published by NCQA) using an electronic medium acceptable to the survey agency and then send to the survey agency.

(2) The health plan shall fill out the "Sample Description" sheet to be provided by the survey agency and send it with the electronic sample file. Each health plan shall submit to the survey agency the sampling frame for each of its health plan products no later than four weeks after the receipt of the sampling memo from the survey agency.

R428-12-6. Penalties.

Pursuant to Section 26-23-6, any person that violates any provision of this rule may be assessed an administrative civil money penalty not to exceed $3,000 upon an administrative finding of a first violation and up to $5,000 for a subsequent similar violation within two years. A person may also be subject to penalties imposed by a civil or criminal court, which may not exceed $5,000 or a class B misdemeanor for the first violation and a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent similar violation within two years.

R428-12-7. Administration of Survey.

Each year, the Utah Department of Health, in consultation with health plans, will determine the target survey population and the scope of the survey.

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R428. Health, Center for Health Data, Health Care Statistics.
R428-13. Health Data Authority. Audit and Reporting of Health Plan Performance Measures.
R428-13-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is promulgated under authority granted by Title 26, Chapter 33a, Utah Code, and in accordance with the Utah Health Care Performance Measurement Plan.

R428-13-2. Purpose.

This rule establishes a performance measurement data collection and reporting system for health plans licensed in the State of Utah and certain health plans. The data are needed to promote informed consumer choice in health plan selection and measure the quality of care provided by Utah health plans.

R428-13-3. Definitions.

These definitions apply to rule R428-13:

(1) "Office" as defined in R428-2-3A.

(2) "Health plan" means:

(a) any insurer under a contract with the Utah Department of Health to serve clients under Title XIX or title XXI of the Social Security Act;

(b) a "Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)" is defined as any person or entity operating in Utah which is licensed under Title 31A, Chapter 8, Utah Code;

(c) a governmental plan as defined in Section 414(d), Internal Revenue Code;

(d) a non-electing church plan as described in Section 410 (d), Internal Revenue Code; and

(e) a "Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)" is defined as all commercial insurance companies engaged in the business of health care insurance in the state of Utah (as defined in 31A-1-301(75)(a) and (b)), and offers an insurance product where an insured member has the choice of using either an in network provider at a discounted rate, also called preferred providers, or any out of network provider at a higher rate, also called non-preferred provider. Payments to preferred and non-preferred providers are paid according the preferred provider contract provisions as described in 31A-22-617(2)(a)(b).

(3) "Utah Health Care Performance Measurement Plan" means the plan for data collection and public reporting of health-related measures, adopted by the Utah Health Data Committee to establish a statewide health performance reporting system.

(4) "NCQA" means the National Committee for Quality Assurance, a not-for-profit organization committed to evaluating and reporting on the quality of managed care plans.

(5) "Performance Measure" means the quantitative, numerical measure of an aspect of the health plan, or its membership in part or in its entirety, or qualitative, descriptive information on the health plan in its entirety as described in HEDIS.

(6) "HEDIS" means the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, a set of standardized performance measures developed by the NCQA.

(7) "HEDIS data" means the complete set of HEDIS measures calculated by the health plans according to NCQA specifications, including a set of required measures and voluntary measures defined by the department, in consultation with the health plans.

(8) "Audited HEDIS data" means HEDIS data verified by an NCQA certified audit agency.

(9) "Committee" means Utah Health Data Committee established under the Utah Health Data Authority Act, Title 26, Chapter 33a, Utah Code.

(10) "Covered period" means the calendar year on which the data used for calculation of HEDIS measures is based.

(11) "Submission year" means the year immediately following the covered period.

R428-13-4. Submission of Performance Measures.

(1) Each health plan shall compile and submit HEDIS data to the Office according to this rule.

(2) By July 1 of each year, all health plans shall submit to the Office audited HEDIS data for the preceding calendar year.

(3) Each health plan shall contract with an independent audit agency certified by the NCQA to verify the HEDIS data prior to the health plan's submitting it to the Office.

(4) Each health plan may employ the rotation strategy for HEDIS measures developed and updated by NCQA.

(5) If a health plan presents "Not Reported (NR)" for required measures, it must document why it did not report the required measure.

(6) The auditor shall follow the guidelines and procedures contained in 2012: Volume 5: HEDIS Compliance Audit: Standards, Policies, and Procedures published by NCQA.

(7) Each health plan shall cause its contracted audit agency to submit a copy of the audit agency's report by July 1 of the submission year to the Office.

(8) Each health plan shall cause its contracted audit agency to submit a copy of the audit agency's final report by August 15 of the submission year to the Office. The final report shall incorporate the health plan's comments.

R428-13-5. Release of Performance Measures.

(1) The Health Data Committee shall follow NCQA's "HEDIS Compliance Audit: Standards, Policies, and Procedures" to determine the HEDIS Data Set that the Office may include in reports for public release for public use.

(2) The Office shall give health plans 35 days to review any report which identifies it by name. The identified health plan may submit comments and alternative interpretations to the Office.

R428-13-6. Exemptions.

(1) A health plan that cannot meet the reporting requirements of this rule may request an exemption by January 1 of each submission year by submitting to the Office a written request for an exemption, accompanied by all documentation necessary to establish the health plan's inability to report. A health plan may request an exemption if the HMO or health plan did not operate in Utah for the reporting year, if the number of covered lives is too low for HEDIS standards, or for other similarly prohibitive circumstances beyond the health plan's control.

(2) The Office may request additional information from the HMO and health plan relevant to the exemption or extension request. If the committee denies the exemption, the health plan may resubmit the request to the Office if it has additional information or analysis bearing on the request.

R428-13-7. Penalties.

Pursuant to Section 26-23-6, any person that violates any provision of this rule may be assessed an administrative civil money penalty not to exceed $3,000 upon an administrative finding of a first violation and up to $5,000 for a subsequent similar violation within two years. A person may also be subject to penalties imposed by a civil or criminal court, which may not exceed $5,000 or a class B misdemeanor for the first violation and a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent similar violation within two years.

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R451. Heritage and Arts, Arts Council (Board of Directors of the Utah).
R451-1. Utah Arts Council General Program Rules.
R451-1-1. Utah Arts Council General Program Rules.

The Utah Arts Council shall set forth in printed and/or electronic materials: standards and procedures, eligibility requirements, fees, restrictions, panel and committee members, deadlines for submitting applications, requirements pertaining to specific opportunities, dates of events, liability, and other information which is available to the public. The Utah Arts Council has the authority to award prizes, commissions, grants and fellowships.

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R451. Heritage and Arts, Arts Council (Board of Directors of the Utah).
R451-2. Policy for Commissions, Purchases, and Donations to, and Loans from, the Utah State Art Collections.
R451-2-1. Policy for Commissions, Purchases, and Donations to, and Loans from, the Utah State Art Collections.

In order to maintain the quality and integrity of the Utah State Art Collections, the following policies have been adopted:

a. All works of art accepted into the Utah State Art Collections must be approved through the appropriate channels (Visual Arts Committee, Public Art Selection Committees, Folk Arts Selection Committee, etc.). This policy applies to commissions, purchases and donations of artwork. When art is added to any of the Utah State Art Collections, the Utah Arts Council will assume responsibility for cataloging, conserving, insuring, storing, and displaying that work. The criteria for selecting works for the Utah State Art Collections will be based on the quality of the work, and its role in filling historical, cultural, and stylistic gaps. Public Art commissions will be based on the aesthetic value, appropriateness to the site or facility, and budget.

b. If other state agencies are approached by an individual or organization wishing to donate a work of art, that agency may contact the Utah Arts Council to receive approval through the appropriate channels (see "a" above). If the agency does not contact the Utah Arts Council, or if the donation is not accepted by the Utah Arts Council, that agency becomes solely responsible for its ownership, including cataloging, conserving, insuring, storing, and displaying the donated work of art. The artwork will not be considered part of the Utah State Art Collections.

c. Loans of artwork from the Utah State Art Collections must be approved through appropriate channels in order for them to be insured by the state's Risk Management Division through the Utah Arts Council. Replacement value insurance for non-state agencies, by agreement or default, is borne by the institution receiving the loaned works. Works of art loaned directly to the Utah Arts Council for exhibition or other purposes are fully insured by the state's Risk Management Division through the Utah Arts Council. Public Art commissions are insured by the state's Risk Management Division through the Utah Arts Council and the host agency.

KEY: art loans, art donations, art in public places, art work
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R451. Heritage and Arts, Arts Council (Board of Directors of the Utah).
R451-3. Capital Funds Request Prioritization.
R451-3-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish the procedure regarding annual capital grant request prioritization by the Utah Arts Council Board of Directors and the Office of Museum Services Advisory Board in the Division of Arts and Museums within the Department of Community and Culture.

R451-3-2. 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.

R451-3-3. Application Submission and Review.

The Board of the Utah Arts Council and the Advisory Board of the Office of Museum Services shall accept applications for capital facilities grant prioritization through June 1 of each year.

All applications must be submitted electronically via the Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA) and its division web portals. Before July 1, Division staff will be allowed to re-direct applications if it is determined the applicant would be better served in another DHA 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 DHA 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.

DHA Administration will submit the Board's prioritized lists to the DHA-assigned budget analyst in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the DHA-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.

KEY: grant applications, grants, capital facilities, grant prioritizations
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R452. Heritage and Arts, Arts and Museums, Museum Services.
R452-100. Certified Local Museum Designation.
R452-100-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is enacted pursuant to Subsection 9-6-603(8).

(2) This rule establishes a program by which local museums may be designated as certified local museums.

R452-100-2. Requirements Museums Must Meet in Order to Be Considered Eligible for Application as a Certified Local Museum.

(1) In order to apply for certified local museum designation, a museum shall:

(a) be located in Utah;

(b) be a nonprofit organization that has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(c) be organized on a permanent basis for educational or aesthetic purposes;

(d) have as its primary purpose the display or use of collections and exhibits;

(e) display objects to the public through facilities that it own or operates; and

(f) have at least one paid or unpaid staff member, or the equivalent, whose primary duty is the care, acquisition, or exhibition to the public of objects owned or used by the museum.

(2) A museum operated by a government entity need not satisfy the requirements of Subsection (1)(b).

R452-100-3. Application for Certified Local Museum Designation.

(1) A museum wishing to apply for the certified local museum designation shall:

(a) complete the form entitled "Certification Requirements for Museums" which is available from the Office of Museum Services;

(b) obtain a letter from the Department of the Treasury confirming that:

(i) the museum is registered as a nonprofit organization as described in Subsection R210-100-2(1)(b); and

(ii) the museum has been assigned an Employee Identification Number.

(c) submit both the form and the letter to the Office of Museum Services.

(2) A museum operated by a political subdivision of the state:

(a) need not comply with the requirements of Subsection (1)(b); and

(b) shall submit a letter to the Office of Museum Services:

(i) indicating that it is operated by a political subdivision of the state; and

(ii) providing an Employee Identification Number.

R452-100-4. Granting a Certified Local Museum Designation.

Upon receipt of the materials outlined in Section R210-100-3, the Office of Museum Services will provide a letter of certification to the applying museum.

KEY: certified local museums, museum services, museums
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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-1. Adjudicative Proceedings.
R455-1-1. Scope and Applicability.

This rule is enacted in compliance with the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63G-4-102 et seq. and applies only to actions which are governed by the Act.

R455-1-2. Definitions.

A. Terms, used in this rule are defined in Section 63G-4-103.

B. In Addition:

1. "agency" means the Division of State History;

2. "applicability" means a determination if a statute, rule, or order should be applied, and if so, how the law stated should be applied to the facts;

3. "director" means the director of the Division of State History; and

4. "board" means the Board of State History.

5. "presiding officer" means the Board or its designee, which may be a subcommittee of the board.

6. "petitioner" means any person aggrieved by a decision or determination of the Division of State History.

R455-1-3. Designation.

The Agency designates all agency actions subject to the scope and applicability of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63G-4-102 as formal proceedings.

R455-1-4. Adjudicative Hearings.

A. Any person aggrieved by a decision or determination of the Division of State History may request a hearing before the Board. That person, hereinafter "the petitioner," shall request the hearing by filing a request in writing with the Chairman of the Board and providing a copy to the director of the Division. The petition shall set forth the reason for the request, including the following:

1. a description of the decision which the petitioner requests a hearing on;

2. the date of the decision, who made the decision, and, if in writing, attach a copy of the decision;

3. the relief sought by the petitioner; and

4. the reason the petitioner is entitled to the relief requested.

B. Upon receipt of the Request for Hearing, the Division shall file a written response within 21 days with the Chairman of the Board and send a copy to the petitioner. The Division response shall include any facts or matters not included in the Request for Hearing that may be necessary for the determination, and set forth the reasons and basis for the decision for which the petitioner is seeking a hearing.

C. After the filing of the response, a meeting shall be scheduled with the petitioner, representative of the agency, and council for the Board as a pre-hearing conference. The purpose of the conference is to have the agency and the petitioner meet to determine what factual and legal matters are in dispute, what discovery may be needed by anyone to process the case, and the best manner for presentation or hearing for the Board. Counsel for the Board shall prepare a discovery and hearing schedule based upon the meeting, which shall govern the proceedings.

D. The Board may act as a presiding officer and conduct the hearing, may appoint a subcommittee of its Board or may appoint an individual or group of individuals to act as the presiding officer to conduct the hearing. If the presiding officer is other than the entire Board, the presiding officer shall make recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and proposed order on the petitioner's request for a hearing. That proposed order shall be placed upon and acted upon by the Board at its next scheduled meeting. The Board may adopt, reject or modify the proposed order of the presiding officer.

R455-1-5. Request for Declarative Orders.

A. As required by Section 63G-4-503, this section provides the procedures for submission, review, and disposition of petitions for agency declaratory orders on the applicability of statutes, rules, and orders governing or issued by the agency.

B. In order of importance, procedures governing declaratory orders are:

1. procedures specified in this rule pursuant to 63G-4-102;

2. the applicable procedures of 63G-4-102;

3. applicable procedures of other governing state and federal law;

4. the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

C. The petition, or request for agency action, shall be addressed and delivered to the director, who shall mark the petition with the date of receipt.

1. The petition shall:

a. be clearly designated as a request for an agency declaratory order;

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

c. describe in detail the situation or circumstances in which applicability is to be reviewed;

d. describe the reason or need for the applicability review, addressing in particular why the review should not be considered frivolous;

e. include an address and telephone where the petitioner can be contacted during regular work days;

f. declare whether the petitioner has participated in a completed or on-going adjudicative proceeding concerning the same issue within the past 12 months; and

g. be signed by the petitioner.

D. The agency will not issue a declaratory order that deals with a question or request that the director determines is:

1. Not within the jurisdiction and competence of the agency;

2. Trivial, irrelevant, or immaterial;

3. Not one that is ripe or appropriate for determination;

4. Currently pending or will be determined in an on-going judicial proceeding;

5. Not in the best interest of the division or the public to consider; or

6. Prohibited by state or federal law.

E. A person may file a petition for intervention under Section 63G-4-207 if delivered to the director within 20 days of the director's receipt of the declaratory order petition filed under Section 3 of this rule.

F. Petitions shall be reviewed under the following procedure:

1. The director shall promptly review and consider the petition and may:

a. meet with the petitioner;

b. consult with counsel or the Attorney General; and

c. take any action consistent with law that the agency deems necessary to provide the petition adequate review and due consideration.

d. the Petitioner shall be advised as to the status or procedures to be used concerning the Petitioner's request.

2. The director may issue an order in accordance with Section 63G-4-503.

3. The director may order that an adjudicative proceeding be held in accordance with Section 63G-4-503 in connection with review of a petition.

G. A petitioner may seek administrative review or reconsideration of a declaratory order by petitioning the Board of State History or the agency under the procedures of Sections 63G-4-301 and 302.

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-3. Memberships, Sales, Gifts, Bequests, Endowments.
R455-3-1. Scope and Applicability.

Purpose: To establish rules for handling disposition of proceeds and membership dues and make adjustments to prices of various publications.

R455-3-2. Definitions.

1. "board" means the Board of State History which acts as the Board of the Utah State Historical Society;
2. "society" means the Utah State Historical Society;
3. "division" means the Division of State History;
4. "historical magazine" means the Utah Historical Quarterly and Beehive History; and
5. "director" means the director of the Division of State History.

R455-3-3. Sales.

1. Prices for the sale of the historical magazine, books published by the division, microfilm, photos, and other published or facsimile documents shall be established annually by the director in consultation with the board.
2. Proceeds and earned interest from sales shall be deposited with the treasurer of the state as restricted interest bearing, nonlapsing revenue of the Society in accordance with Sections 9-8-206 and 9-8-207.
3. The disposition of the proceeds and earned interest shall be determined by the director in accordance with policy established by the board or in consultation with the board.

R455-3-4. Donations.

1. The society is authorized to receive gifts, grants, donations, bequests devises and endowments of money or property. These monies shall be used in accordance with directions provided by the donor and shall be kept in a separate line account as nonlapsing funds of the society together with earned interest.
2. If the donor makes no indication of the direction or use of the gifts, bequests, donations, devices, and endowments, these funds and interest on these funds shall be retained in a separate line account of the society as nonlapsing funds. Disbursement shall be made by the director in accordance with policy established by the board or in consultation with the board.
3. The board may review, or establish a policy of review and is authorized to receive, any gift, grant, donation, bequest, devise or endowment of money or property but need not.

R455-3-5. Memberships.

1. Membership dues shall be established annually by the director in consultation with the board according to Section 9-8-207(1).
2. Proceeds from memberships shall be kept in a separate line account as nonlapsing funds of the society together with earned interest.
3. Disbursement shall be made by the director in accordance with policy established by the board or in consultation with the board.

KEY: administrative procedures, historical society

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-4. Ancient Human Remains.
R455-4-1. General Authority.

Section 9-8-309 defines the Antiquities Section's duties with respect to recovery, disposition, and determination of ownership of ancient human remains found on nonfederal lands that are not state lands in the State of Utah.

R455-4-2. Purpose.

The primary purpose of the 9-8-309 and this rule is to assure that ancient human remains are given respectful, lawful, and scientifically-sound treatment, that landowners are not harmed or burdened by a discovery of ancient human remains on their property, and to ensure that steps are taken to determine lawful ownership of recovered remains.

R455-4-3. Definitions.

A. "Antiquities Section" means the Antiquities Section of the Division of State History.

B. "ancient" means one-hundred years of age or older.

C. "Native American" means of or relating to a tribe, people, or culture that is indigenous to the United States.

D. "human remains" means all or part of a physical individual, in any stage of decomposition, and objects on or in association with the physical individual that were placed there as part of the death rite or ceremony of a culture.

E. "nonfederal land" includes land owned or controlled by the state, a county, city, or town, an Indian tribe, if the land is not held in trust by the United States for the Indian tribe or the Indian tribe's members, a person other than the federal government; or school and institutional trust lands as defined in Section 53C-1-103.

F. "state land" means any land owned by the state including the state's legislative and judicial branches, departments, divisions, agencies, boards, commissions, councils, and committees, institutions of higher education as defined under Section 53B-3-102. "State land" does not include land owned by a political subdivision of the state, land owned by a school district; private land, school and institutional trust lands as defined in Section 53C-1-103.

G. "excavate" means the scientific disturbance or removal of surface or subsurface archaeological resources by qualified archaeologists in compliance with Title 9, Chapter 8, Part 3, Antiquities.

H. "Director" means the Director of the Utah Division of State History.

I. "local law enforcement agency" means the police department, sheriff's office, or other agency having jurisdiction.

R455-4-4. Response to Notification of a Discovery of Ancient Human Remains.

Human remains that are discovered in conjunction with a project or undertaking subject to Chapter 8, part 4 Historic Sites, or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, are the responsibility of the project proponents, not the Antiquities Section. The Antiquities Section may however advise, assist and cooperate with responsible agencies in meeting their obligations regarding ancient human remains. For ancient human remains recovered as part of a compliance project from lands covered by 9-8-309, the Antiquities Section will, following appropriate analyses, and if asked, assume the role of the landowner for purposes of determination of ownership as per 9-9-403(8).

Upon notification that ancient human remains have been discovered, the Antiquities Section will gather information and consult as necessary with affected agencies and individuals and within two business days determine a course of action with approval of the landowner(leave remains in place or excavate and remove remains) and notify the affected agencies and individuals of the decision.

R455-4-5. Excavation and Removal of Ancient Human Remains.

If the landowner grants permission for excavation and removal, the Antiquities Section or its agent will conduct respectful and scientifically-sound investigations of the remains and will remove from the site the remains within five days of receiving permission to excavate. If agreed to by the landowner, an alternative agreement may be reached (as provided for in 9-8-309(3)). If extraordinary circumstances (as defined in 9-8-309(1)(c)(i) exist or arise requiring a time extension, the Antiquities Section will notify the landowner immediately.

If the landowner does not grant permission to excavate and remove the ancient human remains, the Antiquities Section will inform the landowner of the legal restrictions regarding human remains as specified in UCA 76-9-704.

Excavated human remains will be examined. Those determined to be Native American will be subject to Chapter 9, Part 4, Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act. For the purposes of determining ownership under the act, for all remains excavated under the provisions of this part by the Antiquities Section, the Section will serve in the capacity of the landowner and will make lineal descent and cultural affiliation ownership determinations in consultation with the Division of Indian Affairs and allowing interested individuals and tribes to assert claims of ownership.

KEY: ancient human remains, archaeology

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-6. State Register for Historic Resources and Archaeological Sites.
R455-6-1. Scope and Applicability.

Purpose: To establish compatibility between the State and National Register. To establish standards for state landmarks consistent with Sections 9-8-306, 9-8-401, 9-8-402 and 9-8-403.

R455-6-2. Definitions.

A. Terms used in this rule are defined in Sections 9-8-302 and 9-8-402(1).

B. In addition:

1. "division" means the Division of State History;

2. "director" means the director of the Division of State History;

3. "board" means the Board of State History.

4. "property owner" means those persons or entities holding fee simple title to the property.

R455-6-3. State Register for Historic Resources and Archaeological Sites.

1. The State Register for properties and sites incorporates by reference, within this rule, 36 CFR 60.4, 1996 Edition for the selecting of properties and sites as historical places within Utah.

2. Properties or sites recommended for National Register consideration shall automatically be listed on the State Register after they have been recommended by the Board of State History for National Register listing and after the State Historic Preservation Officer has nominated them for listing on the National Register.

3. Should a property or site be found to be ineligible for the National Register by the Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, that property may be reviewed for removal from the State Register.

4. Properties or sites may be removed from Century and State Registers only after notification to the owner and a hearing by the board, unless they have been entirely demolished, in which case they may be removed administratively by division staff following state procedures for removal.

R455-6-4. State Landmark Listing for Archaeological and Anthropological Sites and Localities.

Archaeological and anthropological sites of significance may be designated as Archaeological or Anthropological Landmarks by the Board of State History after nomination and with the written consent of the property owner.

KEY: historic sites, national register, state register

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-8. Preservation Easements.
R455-8-1. Scope and Applicability.

Purpose: to insure the adequate handling of preservation easements and their proper recording in accordance with Sections 9-8-503 and 9-8-504.

R455-8-2. Definitions.

Terms used in this rule are defined as:

1. "historical value" means a property on the State or National Register of Historic Places; and

2. "division" means the Division of State History or the Utah State Historical Society.

R455-8-3. Granting of an Easement to the Division.

A. The division may accept easements under the following conditions:

1. the property is on the National Register or State Register of Historic Places;

2. the easement will be recorded with the proper county recorder's office;

3. the preservation easement will prohibit demolition or alteration not in conformance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

4. the easement shall be in place for as long as the owner specifies but for no less than that required by IRS rule, if any;

5. the division shall acknowledge within 30 days acceptance or rejection of the easement.

KEY: historic preservation, historic sites

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-9. Board of State History as the Cultural Sites Review Committee Review Board.
R455-9-1. Scope and Applicability.

Rules for the Board of State History, those federal regulations regarding activities of the Cultural Sites Review Committee, Review Board as established by Section 9-8-205(1)(d).

R455-9-2. Definitions.

1. "board" means the Board of State History, which functions as the committee;

2. "committee" means the Cultural Sites Review Committee, Review Board which is established for the state to comply with the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended and the appropriate Code of Federal Regulations as now constituted.

R455-9-3. Applicable Federal Regulations.

The committee shall comply with appropriate federal laws including 16 USC 470 the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended and the appropriate Code of Federal Regulations including 36 CFR 61.4 and 36 CFR 60 which are herein incorporated by reference.

R455-9-4. Policy Exceptions.

The National Park Service as the responsible federal agency for regulation regarding the committee may authorize exceptions consistent with their requirements regarding regulations relating to functions of the committee described in 36 CFR 61.4 and 36 CFR 60 as amended July 1, 1996.

KEY: historic preservation, cultural sites

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-11. Historic Preservation Tax Credit.
R455-11-1. Authority.

(1) Sections 59-7-609 and 59-10-108.5 allow for an historic preservation tax credit by the Utah State Tax Commission and provide for certain duties of the Division of State History and the State Historic Preservation Office.

(2) Section 9-8-205 provides that the Board of State History and the Division shall make policies and rules to direct the division director in the carrying out of his duties.

R455-11-2. Purpose.

The purposes of this rule are: (1) to ensure an orderly process by the Division of State History and the State Historic Preservation Office, (2) to allow for appeal and judicial review of decisions, and (3) to ensure that all rehabilitation work on historic preservation tax credit projects meets the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation".

R455-11-3. Applicability.

This rule applies to all applications and proceedings under Sections 59-7-609 and 59-10-108.5.

R455-11-4. Definitions.

As used in this rule:

(1) "State Historic Preservation Office" means the Office of Preservation within the Division of State History known hereafter as Office.

(2) "Director" means the Director of the Division of State History.

(3) "Office" means the Office of Historic Preservation within the Division of State History.

(4) "Division" means the Division of State History.

(5) "Historic Preservation Tax Credit" means any tax credit allowed by the Utah State Tax Commission pursuant to Sections 59-7-609 or 59-10-108.5.

(6) "Project" means the entire scope and course of work on any building and accompanying site for which an applicant is seeking the historic preservation tax credit.

(7) "Applicant" means any person or entity that is seeking an historic preservation tax credit.

(8) "Standards" means the Secretary of Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation" as promulgated under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act 1966 as amended, 16 USC Section 470 et seq.

(9) "National Register" means the National Register of Historic Places maintained pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 USC Section 470 et seq.

(10) "Anticipatory construction, demolition, or alteration" means any rehabilitation-related action that does not meet the "Standards" taken with prior knowledge and in intentional disregard of the "Standards" or after having received Division comments.

R455-11-5. Application for Historic Preservation Tax Credit.

(1) Any person or entity seeking the historic preservation tax credit shall, prior to completion of the rehabilitation project, apply to the Office for certification of historic significance and approval of the proposed or on-going rehabilitation work. The applications shall be on forms approved by the Office. The applicant shall complete the applications in whole and shall provide all other information requested relative to the project including adequate pre-rehabilitation photographs and other required documentation.

(2) The Office shall consult with the applicant and provide historic and technical advice and assistance subject to budgetary and management constraints, as necessary to assist the applicant in applying for the historic preservation tax credit. The Office shall review the application within thirty days of receipt to determine if the proposed or on-going rehabilitation work meets the "Standards".

(3) If the Office determines the project meets the "Standards" and that no anticipatory construction, demolition, or alteration has occurred, the Office shall provide the applicant with written approval of the proposed or on-going work along with any further comments or conditions deemed necessary.

(4) If after full consultation the Office determines the project does not meet the "Standards", that anticipatory construction, demolition, or alteration has occurred, or the building is not a certifiable historic building, the Office shall notify the applicant in writing of the decision, set forth the basis of the decision, and detail the process to appeal the decision. The applicant or other interested party may request a review of the decision as set forth in R455-11-9.

R455-11-6. Execution of Project.

(1) During the course of the project, the Office shall be available for continuing consultation subject to budgetary and management constraints. If the applicant desires to modify the approved work plan, the applicant shall make such request for a change on a form approved by the Office and shall be governed by the provisions of R455-11-5.

(2) The applicant shall allow access and observation of the project building at any reasonable time upon request of the Office.

R455-11-7. Certification of Completed Work.

(1) Upon completion of the project, the applicant shall request certification of completed work in writing on a form approved by the Office and shall provide all other information requested by the Office relative to the project. The applicant shall allow access to the project for final observation by the Office if necessary in determining if the work conforms with the approved plan.

(2) At this time the applicant shall also submit a complete National Register nomination if the building is not already listed in the National Register as set forth in R455-11-10.

(3) The final Office review shall be in writing and shall be forwarded to the applicant within thirty days of receipt of a complete application.

R455-11-8. Issuance of Authorization Form and Certification Number.

If the Office determines the work was completed in accordance with the approved plan and meets the "Standards", the Office shall issue an authorization form provided by the Utah State Tax Commission, including the unique certification number. If any request for review is sought, the Office shall not issue the authorization form or unique certification number unless and until the review results in approval of the project.

R455-11-9. Request for Review and Appeal Proceedings.

(1) All proceedings under R455-11 with regard to the historic preservation tax credit are informal.

(2) The applicant or any interested person may seek review of the decision of the Office by filing a request for review with the Director. The request for review shall set forth in detail that portion of the decision of the Office for which review is sought, and on what basis the decision was inconsistent with the facts or "Standards". Copies of the request for review shall be sent to the applicant and to any other party who has expressed interest in the proceeding as appropriate. Any such request for review must be filed with the Director within 30 days of the decision of the Office.

(3) The applicant or any interested person may file with the Director a response to the request for review within fifteen

days of notification.

(4) Review of the Office decision shall be made by the Director and shall be based on review of the project file, the request for review, and responses, if any. The Director may conduct an independent investigation and request further information from the Office staff, applicant, or any other party to the project. In addition, the Director may, at his/her sole discretion, conduct an informal hearing on the review.

(5) Within thirty days of receipt of the request for review, the Director shall issue his/her decision based on review of the project file and the information received at a hearing or from other sources, if any. The Director shall set forth in writing his/her decision concerning the request for review and forward it to the applicant and other interested parties.

(6) Judicial review of the decision of the Director may be obtained by filing a complaint in the Third Judicial District Court in Salt Lake County seeking review by a trial de novo. The issue in the district court is whether the decision of the Director constituted an abuse of his/her discretion. The person or entity seeking judicial review shall have the burden of proof that the decision of the Director constituted an abuse of his/her discretion.

R455-11-10. Noncertified Historic Buildings.

(1) If the project building is not listed in the National Register at the time of the application for certification of completed work, the applicant shall submit a complete National Register nomination form to the Office. The Office shall review the nomination for completeness and forward it to the Board of State History according to requirements of 36 CFR 60 and applicable policies for evaluation and action.

(2) If the project building is located in a National Register Historic District and the building has not been designated by the Division as being of significance to the district at the time of application for certification of completed work, the applicant shall submit a request for designation to the Office. The request shall be on a form approved by the Office. The Office shall review the request for completeness and determine if the project building is of significance to the district.

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-12. Computerized Record of Cemeteries, Burial Locations and Plots, and Granting Matching Funds.
R455-12-1. Scope and Applicability.

To provide grants to assist cemeteries, computerize their records, and to develop a centralized database of names, dates of death, burial locations, and other information. This data base will include data on individuals interred in cemeteries and burial locations where a previous record exists regarding the burial in accordance with UCA 9-8-203(3)(c).

R455-12-2. Definitions.

1. "Board" means the Board of State History.
2. "Burial locations" means locations of human burials outside of established cemeteries where written records exist on the deceased.
3. "Burial Plot" means the burial location of an individual within a cemetery.
4. "Cemeteries" means formal groupings of burial locations, including public and private facilities, whether abandoned or currently used and maintained.
5. "Director" means the Director of the Division of State History.
6. "Division" means the Division of State History.
7. "Eligible Organizations" means cemeteries, genealogical associations, and other nonprofit groups interested in cemeteries and burial locations.
8. "GIS" means Geographic Information System. A system that links information to geographic locations.
9. "In kind" means volunteer hours, labor, equipment, etc., to match grant contributed.
10. "Matching grants" means grants made to eligible organizations that are matched, ordinarily on a fifty/fifty basis, through cash or in kind.
11. "Record" means existing record of name and other available information on the interred individual.
12. "Computerized record" means an electronic version of a record meeting the standards established by the Division.

R455-12-3. Application and Distribution of Funds.

Eligible organizations may apply for matching grants on a form approved by the Division. Matching grants shall be provided to the extent that funding is available. No grant will be awarded to any single cemetery for more than $10,000. Larger cemeteries needing more than $10,000 may reapply in phases. Successful applicants may request fifty percent of the funds at the time of approval of the contract. The second fifty percent will be distributed upon receipt of acceptable final report and computerized records in the format agreed upon.

Grants will be allocated to applying eligible organizations on a first come, first served basis. The Division will award the grants and provide a list of successful applicants to the Board.

R455-12-4. Reports and Deliverables.

The grantee must submit complete computer files for the project in a format approved by the Division. The Division may verify the accuracy of the information prior to making final payment. In addition, a final report shall be completed by the grantee in a format designated by the Division. The report shall include a summary of the project, an accounting of matching share contributions, and a request for final payment.

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R455. Heritage and Arts, History.
R455-13. Capital Funds Request Prioritization.
R455-13-1. 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 Heritage and Arts.

R455-13-2. 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.

R455-13-3. 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 Heritage and Arts (DHA) and its division web portals. Before July 1, Division staff will be allowed to re-direct applications if it is determined the applicant would be better served if another DHA 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 DHA 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.

DHA Administration will submit the Board's prioritized lists to the DHA-assigned budget analyst in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the DHA-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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R456. Heritage and Arts, Indian Affairs.
R456-1. Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation.
R456-1-1. General Policy Statement Regarding Native American Burials.

1. Native American burials are regarded as spiritual and sacred ceremonies where the deceased is prepared for their journey into the next dimension of life. Once the deceased, the grave and the funerary objects are blessed, consecrated and dedicated to the care and keeping of the creator the burial site is then considered "sacred ground".

2. Native American burial sites discovered on state lands or non-federal lands must not be disturbed except as allowed by this rule and other applicable law. Any disturbances that are allowed should be conducted in a manner that minimizes desecration of the site.

R456-1-2. Purpose.

1. This rule provides procedures designed to preserve the sacred nature of Native American burials by protecting Native American burial sites and insuring that the final disposition of unidentified Native American remains, discovered on state lands or non-federal lands, shall be in keeping with that sacred nature.

R456-1-3. Authority.

1. This rule is authorized under Section 9-9-403 and Section 9-9-405, the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act and Section 9-9-104(2)(c).

R456-1-4. Definitions.

1. Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 9-9-402.

2. In addition, as used in this rule "agency" means the state agency having primary management authority over the land or state repository, including museums, where Native American remains are found.

3. "Committee" means the Native American Remains Review Committee.

4. "Director" means the Director of the Division of Indian Affairs.

5. "Division" means the Division of Indian Affairs.

6. "Scientific testing" means physical or chemical tests such as radiocarbon dating and DNA analysis, performed by a qualified technician to determine the age, ethnicity or any other pertinent information.

7. "Lineal descendant" means the genealogical descendant established by oral or written record or other evidence.

8. "Cultural affiliation" means a relationship of shared group identity that may be reasonably traced historically or prehistorically between a present-day Indian tribe and an identifiable earlier group.

9. "State land" as defined by 9-9-402.

10. "Nonfederal land" as defined by 9-9-402.

R456-1-5. Scope and Applicability.

1. This rule applies to all Native American remains found on state lands or non-federal lands.

R456-1-6. Ascertaining Lineal Descendents and Cultural Affiliation.

1. Each agency, in consultation with Antiquities Section, Utah Division of State History, shall compile an inventory of acquired ancient human remains and report updates of the inventory to the Committee biannually until such time as the remains have been determined to be unclaimed, unaffiliated, or placed in the burial vault.

a. The inventory shall identify the lineal descent, cultural affiliation, and geographic location of the remains to the extent possible, and upon completion, the inventory shall be sent to the Director to disseminate to the Committee, Indian tribes, and all interested parties.

b. The inventory of lineal descent and cultural affiliation shall be completed in consultation with appropriate tribes and tribal government representatives, which consultation shall be coordinated and facilitated by the Division.

2. The agency shall have one year from date of discovery to complete research for an assessment of lineal descent or cultural affiliation.

a. The documentation for the inventory can consist of existing agency records, relevant studies, other pertinent data for determining lineal descent, the cultural affiliation, geographical origin, and basic facts surrounding the acquisition of ancient human remains.

b. Evidence of a lineal descendant or cultural affiliation to ancient human remains shall be established by using the following types of evidence: kinship, biological, archeological, anthropological, linguistic, folklore, oral tradition, historical, geographical, or other relevant information or expert opinion.

3. Lineal descent and cultural affiliation assessments shall be established by a preponderance of the evidence. Agencies do not have to establish lineal descent or cultural affiliation with scientific certainty.

4. If an agency has made a good faith effort to consult and identify the remains, but has been unable to complete the process within the one year time frame, the agency may appeal to the Committee for an extension. The Committee may grant an extension upon findings of good faith effort.

R456-1-7. Notification of Possible Owners of the Remains.

1. Once the Division has been notified of the discovery of Native American remains and a lineal descendent ascertained by the Agency, the Director shall notify any known or possible lineal descendants, Indian tribes in Utah, and all other interested parties within 30 days.

2. If no lineal descendants can be ascertained, and if the cultural affiliation of the remains has been determined by the Agency, the Director shall notify within 30 days all Indian tribes in Utah and any other interested parties who have requested notification and have designated a contact person.

3. If no lineal descendent or cultural affiliation to any tribe can be ascertained, or the geographic location of discovery of the remains is unknown, the Director shall notify all Indian tribes in Utah and any other interested parties who have requested notification and have designated a contact person, of known information regarding the remains.

4. Notice to the tribes shall include a request that the tribes take reasonable steps to notify their members of the discovery and of the process and time limits for filing an intent to claim by posting the notice in a public place and/or by including it in tribal news media.

5. Any interested party may request notification of the discovery and repatriation process of Native American remains by sending a letter to the Division, specifying a contact person to be notified in the event of a discovery and an address where they can be reached.

R456-1-8. Claims of Ownership.

1. Lineal descendants or Indian tribes may assert a claim of ownership for the remains by notifying the Division of their intent to claim within forty-five days from the date that notification is sent out by the Division. Lineal descendants or Indian tribes will have sixty days from the Division's receipt of the Intent to Claim notice to provide substantiating documentation.

R456-1-9. Determination of Ownership.

1. When only one claimant has asserted a claim of ownership with an intent to claim notice regarding a claim of lineal descent or cultural affiliation, the Director shall request a

written petition from the claimant, substantiating the claim. The claimant will have 60 days from the Divisions receipt of the intent to claim notice, to deliver substantiating documents. Once the Division receives the substantiating documents and/or the 60 days has expired, the Director shall notify the Agency of all claims with substantiating documents, or lack of claims, within 10 business days. If the claimant makes a substantial showing of lineal descent or cultural affiliation the Agency will make a determination of lineal descent or cultural affiliation and grant ownership of the remains to that claimant.

2. When two or more claimants have asserted claims of ownership with intent to claim notices for lineal descent or cultural affiliation, the Director shall request a written petition from the claimants, substantiating the claims. The claimants will have 60 days from the Division's receipt of the intent to claim notices to deliver substantiating documents. Once the Division receives the substantiating documents and/or the 60 days has expired, the Director shall notify the Agency of all claims with substantiating documents, or lack of claims, within 10 business days. If the agency determines both claimants have made a substantial showing of lineal descent or cultural affiliation, the Director and Committee shall facilitate a resolution of the competing claims. If the facilitation of resolution between claimants does not result in resolution, determination of ownership shall be made by the Agency in consultation with the Director and Committee based upon a preponderance of the evidence in an informal proceeding which shall comply with Section 63G-4-101 et seq., the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

R456-1-10. Procedure for the Resolution of Claims for Lineal Descent or Cultural Affiliation.

1. After the expiration of time for the substantiating documents of claims regarding lineal descent or cultural affiliation to be submitted has occurred, and the agency has determined all claims have made a substantial showing, the Director, in consultation with the Agency and Committee, shall schedule a time within 60 days to facilitate the resolution of the competing claims and shall notify the claimants of such date.

2. In an informal proceeding, the Director and Committee shall meet with competing claimants and facilitate the resolution between claimants if at all possible.

3. If the facilitation of resolution of the competing claims does not result in resolution, the Agency shall conduct an informal hearing at which the competing claimants shall be allowed to testify, present evidence, and comment on issues concerning their claim.

a. Lineal descent or cultural affiliation may be established by genealogical records, archeological records, oral or written history, oral tradition, scientific analysis, relevant Tribal records, associated funerary objects and any other supporting material.

4. The Agency shall grant ownership to the claimant that has shown the closest lineal descent, or if none, to the tribe that has shown the strongest genetic or cultural relationship with the remains, by a preponderance of the evidence.

R456-1-11. Adjudication of Disputed Claims.

1. If any party is dissatisfied with the Agency's or Director's decision, the claimants may appeal the decision to the Committee. The Committee shall review the decision and issue findings relating to the identity of, the cultural affiliation of the remains, or an aboriginal land use determination, which shall be used in accordance with 9-9-403(6).

2. A copy of the Committee's findings and the Director's or Agency's decision shall be mailed to each of the claimants and interested parties who have designated a contact person along with a notice explaining the procedure for seeking an appeal of the Director's or Agency's decision in the District Court where the Agency that has temporary possession of the remains pending this process, is located.

3. If no party has filed an appeal in the District Court within 30 days, the Director's or Agency's decision shall be binding upon the parties.

R456-1-12. Disposition of Unidentified and Unclaimed Remains.

1. When lineal descent and cultural affiliation cannot be determined, and the Division has notified all Indian tribes in Utah and any other interested parties who have requested notification and have designated a contact person, and has received no intent to claim notices within 30 days, then the Director shall, upon recommendation of the agency and in consultation with the Committee, coordinate at least every six months, the placement of the ancient human remains in the Indian burial vault or other designated cemetery until such time as further information regarding the identity and owner of the remains can be obtained.

2. If the remains have not been excavated and have gone through the determination of ownership and control process and are unclaimed, the remains may be permanently left in place upon final approval by the agency and in consultation with the Director.

3. If the remains have been excavated and have gone through the determination of ownership process and are unclaimed, the remains shall be re-interred in the Indian Burial Repository or other designated cemeteries throughout the state.

R456-1-13. Re-interment of Ancient Human Remains.

1. Annually, or as needed, the Director shall present to the Committee an inventory of remains that have completed the process of repatriation and have been determined to be without a lineal descendant or cultural affiliation or unclaimed, that reside in the burial vault. The Director shall include a plan for interment regarding the final resting place of the remains in either the burial vault or designated cemetery, and with approval of the Committee, the Director shall coordinate the interment of the remains.

R456-1-14. Role and Responsibilities of Committee.

1. The Committee shall meet quarterly or as deemed necessary to monitor the identification process described in R456-1-10 conducted by the Agency for lineal descent or cultural affiliation claims per 9-9-405(3).

R456-1-15. Disposition of Remains Once Ownership has been Determined.

1. If the remains have not been excavated, the owner of the remains may excavate the remains pursuant to Section 76-9-704, for the purpose of repatriation elsewhere or may leave the remains in place, subject to agreement by the agency or non-federal agency.

2. If the remains have already been excavated pursuant to R212-4, the owner or person or tribe in control of the remains may then take possession of the remains from the agency that has temporary possession of the remains.

R456-1-16. Scientific Investigation of Remains.

1. No scientific investigation beyond that allowed in 9-9-4 shall be conducted on remains except upon written permission granted by the Director in consultation with the Committee.

2. If the ownership of the remains has not been determined, and further information regarding the identity and owner of remains becomes available, the agency or other interested parties may petition the Committee to recommend removal of the remains from the Indian burial vault or designated cemetery for testing.

a. The agency will provide to the Committee and Director a report specifying the nature and duration of the testing and the

Committee will determine per majority vote whether to grant the removal request.

R456-1-17. Savings Provision.

1. If, following the conclusion of the process to determine ownership of human remains using lineal descent and cultural affiliation, an owner cannot be identified by the responsible agency, tribes may submit claims based on aboriginal land to the Division. The Director shall make a determination of ownership based upon findings of the Committee and in consultation with the landowner.

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R458. Heritage and Arts, Library.
R458-1. Adjudicative Procedures.
R458-1-1. Authority and Purpose.

The State Library Division, Department of Heritage and Arts, State of Utah, hereby declares, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated Section 63G-4-202, that all programs, actions, or proceedings carried out under the authority of the State Library Division by State Library Division personnel which require adjudicative procedures in accordance with the provisions of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Utah Code Annotated Title 63G, Chapter 3, shall be conducted informally according to the provisions of rules adopted under Utah Code Annotated Title 63G, Chapter 4.

R458-1-2. Procedures.

The requirement that all adjudicative procedures be conducted informally shall apply to all current programs, actions, or proceedings for which adjudicative procedures are required and to all future programs, actions, or proceedings carried out under the authority of the State Library Division for which adjudicative procedures are required.

KEY: administrative procedures, adjudicative procedures, informal procedures

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R458. Heritage and Arts, Library.
R458-2. Public Library Online Access for Eligibility to Receive Public Funds.
R458-2-1. Authority and Policy.

(1) The Utah State Library Division, Department of Heritage and Arts, State of Utah, hereby adopts this rule in accordance with Sections 63G-3-101 et seq., and 9-7-213, 9-7-215, 9-7-216, and 9-7-217, UCA, for the purpose of determining public library eligibility to receive state funds.

(2) For a public library that offers public access to the Internet to qualify and retain eligibility to receive state funds, the Library Board shall adopt and enforce a Policy that meets the process and content standards defined in Section 9-7-216, UCA.

R458-2-2. Definitions.

In addition to the terms defined in Section 9-7-101, and 9-7-215:

(1) "Minor" means any individual younger than 18 years of age.

R458-2-3. Reporting.

(1) Each Library Board shall submit a copy of its Policy to the Director of the State Library Division no later than July 1, beginning 2001, and every three years thereafter, accompanied by a letter signed by the Library Director and Library Board Chair affirming that the Policy is intended to meet the provisions of Section 9-7-215, UCA.

(2) All documents submitted shall be classified as public records in accordance with the Government Records Access and Management Act (Title 63G, Chapter 2).

R458-2-4. State Library Administrative Procedures.

(1) The State Library Division shall review all public library policies received by July 1, beginning 2001, for compliance with this rule.

(2) The Director of the State Library Division shall issue notices of compliance or non-compliance within 30 days following the receipt of the policy and accompanying letter affirming its compliance with Section 9-7-215, UCA. Any library not submitting a policy and accompanying letter shall receive a notice of non-compliance.

(3) Appeals to a notice of non-compliance shall be submitted in writing, within 30 days of the date of the notice, to the Executive Director of the Department of Community and Culture, who shall respond within 30 days.

(4) A public library receiving a notice of non-compliance shall not be eligible to receive state funds until the condition(s) upon which the notice of non-compliance is based are corrected and a notice of compliance is received.

(5) A public library in compliance shall be eligible to receive state funds in state fiscal year beginning 2002 and subsequent years, as long as a current Policy and accompanying letter is resubmitted to the State Library Division no later than July 1, 2004, and every three years thereafter.

(6) A public library otherwise in compliance with the provisions of this rule shall not lose eligibility to receive state funds unless a complaint under its Policy results in a ruling from a court of law that a violation of applicable State Statute occurred expressly due to insufficient enforcement of, or deficient language in the Policy.

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R458. Heritage and Arts, Library.
R458-3. Capital Funds Request Prioritization.
R458-3-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish the procedure regarding annual capital grant request prioritization by the State Library in the Division of Utah State Library within the Department of Heritage and Arts.

R458-3-2. 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.

R458-3-3. Application Submission and Review.

(1) The Board of the State Library shall accept applications for capital facilities grant prioritization through June 1 of each year.

(2) All applications must be submitted electronically via the Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA) and its division web portals. Before July 1, Division staff will be allowed to re-direct applications if it is determined the applicant would be better served if another DHA 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.

(3) Prioritization will be based on the following criteria:

(a) Goals of application

(b) Public benefit of project

(c) Strategic value of partnerships

(4) The Board shall submit its final prioritized list to DHA 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.

(5) DHA Administration will submit the Board's prioritized lists to the DHA-assigned budget analyst in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the DHA-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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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-1. Definitions.
R477-1-1. Definitions.

The following definitions apply throughout these rules unless otherwise indicated within the text of each rule.

(1) Abandonment of Position: An act of resignation resulting when an employee is absent from work for three consecutive working days without approval.

(2) Actual FTE: The total number of full time equivalents based on actual hours paid in the state payroll system.

(3) Actual Hours Worked: Time spent performing duties and responsibilities associated with the employee's job assignments.

(4) Actual Wage: The employee's assigned salary rate in the central personnel record maintained by the Department of Human Resource Management.

(5) Administrative Leave: Leave with pay granted to an employee at management discretion that is not charged against the employee's leave accounts.

(6) Administrative Adjustment: A DHRM approved change of a position from one job to another job or a salary range change for administrative purposes that is not based on a change of duties and responsibilities.

(7) Administrative Salary Decrease: A decrease in the current actual wage based on non-disciplinary administrative reasons determined by an agency head or commissioner.

(8) Administrative Salary Increase: An increase in the current actual wage based on special circumstances determined by an agency head or commissioner.

(9) Agency: An entity of state government that is:

(a) directed by an executive director, elected official or commissioner defined in Title 67, Chapter 22 or in other sections of the code;

(b) authorized to employ personnel; and

(c) subject to Title 67, Chapter 19, Utah State Personnel Management Act.

(10) Agency Head: The executive director or commissioner of each agency or a designated appointee.

(11) Agency Human Resource Field Office: An office of the Department of Human Resource Management located at another agency's facility.

(12) Agency Management: The agency head and all other officers or employees who have responsibility and authority to establish, implement, and manage agency policies and programs.

(13) Alternative State Application Program (ASAP): A program designed to appoint a qualified person with a disability through an on the job examination period.

(14) Appeal: A formal request to a higher level for reconsideration of a grievance decision.

(15) Appointing Authority: The officer, board, commission, person or group of persons authorized to make appointments in their agencies.

(16) Break in Service: A point at which an individual has an official separation date and is no longer employed by the State of Utah.

(17) Budgeted FTE: The total number of full time equivalents budgeted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

(18) Bumping: A procedure that may be applied prior to a reduction in force action (RIF). It allows employees with higher retention points to bump other employees with lower retention points as identified in the work force adjustment plan, as long as employees meet the eligibility criteria outlined in interchangeability of skills.

(19) Career Mobility: A time limited assignment of an employee to a different position for purposes of professional growth or fulfillment of specific organizational needs.

(20) Career Service Employee: An employee who has successfully completed a probationary period in a career service position.

(21) Career Service Exempt Employee: An employee appointed to work for a period of time, serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority, who may be separated from state employment at any time without just cause.

(22) Career Service Exempt Position: A position in state service exempted by law from provisions of career service under Section 67-19-15.

(23) Career Service Status: Status granted to employees who successfully complete a probationary period for career service positions.

(24) Category of Work: A job series within an agency designated by the agency head as having positions to be eliminated agency wide through a reduction in force. Category of work may be further reduced as follows:

(a) a unit smaller than the agency upon providing justification and rationale for approval, including:

(i) unit number;

(ii) cost centers;

(iii) geographic locations;

(iv) agency programs.

(b) positions identified by a set of essential functions, including:

(i) position analysis data;

(ii) certificates;

(iii) licenses;

(iv) special qualifications;

(v) degrees that are required or directly related to the position.

(25) Change of Workload: A change in position responsibilities and duties or a need to eliminate or create particular positions in an agency caused by legislative action, financial circumstances, or administrative reorganization.

(26) Classification Grievance: The approved procedure by which an agency or a career service employee may grieve a formal classification decision regarding the classification of a position.

(27) Classified Service: Positions that are subject to the classification and compensation provisions stipulated in Section 67-19-12.

(28) Classification Study: A Classification review conducted by DHRM under Section R477-3-4. A study may include single or multiple job or position reviews.

(29) Compensatory Time: Time off that is provided to an employee in lieu of monetary overtime compensation.

(30) Contractor: An individual who is contracted for service, is not supervised by a state supervisor, but is responsible for providing a specified service for a designated fee within a specified time. The contractor shall be responsible for paying all taxes and FICA payments, and may not accrue benefits.

(31) Critical Incident Drug or Alcohol Test: A drug or alcohol test conducted on an employee as a result of the behavior, action, or inaction of an employee that is of such seriousness it requires an immediate intervention on the part of management.

(32) Demotion: A disciplinary action resulting in a reduction of an employee's current actual wage.

(33) Detailed Position Record Management Report: A document that lists an agency's authorized positions, incumbent's name and hourly rate, job identification number, salary range, and schedule.

(34) DHRM: The Department of Human Resource Management.

(35) DHRM Approved Recruitment and Selection System: The state's recruitment and selection system, which is a centralized and automated computer system administered by the Department of Human Resource Management.

(36) Disability: Disability shall have the same definition

found in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, 42 USC 12101 (2008); Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regulation, 29 CFR 1630 (2008); including exclusions and modifications.

(37) Disciplinary Action: Action taken by management under Rule R477-11.

(38) Dismissal: A separation from state employment for cause under Section R477-11-2.

(39) Dual State Employment: Employees who work for more than one agency and meet the employee criteria which is located in the Division of Finance accounting policy 11-18.00.

(40) Drug-Free Workplace Act: A 1988 congressional act, 34 CFR 84 (2008), requiring a drug-free workplace certification by state agencies that receive federal grants or contracts.

(41) Employee Personnel Files: For purposes of Title 67, Chapters 18 and 19, the files or records maintained by DHRM and agencies as required by Section R477-2-5. This does not include employee information maintained by supervisors.

(42) Employment Eligibility Verification: A requirement of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 USC 1324 (1988) that employers verify the identity and eligibility of individuals for employment in the United States.

(43) "Escalator" Principle: Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), returning veterans are entitled to return back onto their seniority escalator at the point they would have occupied had they not left state employment.

(44) Excess Hours: A category of compensable hours separate and apart from compensatory or overtime hours that accrue at straight time only when an employee's actual hours worked, plus additional hours paid, exceed an employee's normal work period.

(45) Fitness For Duty Evaluation: Evaluation, assessment or study by a licensed professional to determine if an individual is able to meet the performance or conduct standards required by the position held, or is a direct threat to the safety of self or others.

(46) FLSA Exempt: Employees who are exempt from the overtime and minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

(47) FLSA Nonexempt: Employees who are not exempt from the overtime and minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

(48) Follow Up Drug or Alcohol Test: Unannounced drug or alcohol tests conducted for up to five years on an employee who has previously tested positive or who has successfully completed a voluntary or required substance abuse treatment program.

(49) Furlough: A temporary leave of absence from duty without pay for budgetary reasons or lack of work.

(50) Grievance: A career service employee's claim or charge of the existence of injustice or oppression, including dismissal from employment resulting from an act, occurrence, omission, condition, discriminatory practice or unfair employment practice not including position classification or schedule assignment.

(51) Grievance Procedures: The statutory process of grievances and appeals as set forth in Sections 67-19a-101 through 67-19a-406 and the rules promulgated by the Career Service Review Office.

(52) Gross Compensation: Employee's total earnings, taxable and nontaxable, as shown on the employee's pay statement.

(53) Highly Sensitive Position: A position approved by DHRM that includes the performance of:

(a) safety sensitive functions:

(i) requiring an employee to operate a commercial motor vehicle under 49 CFR 383 (January 18, 2006);

(ii) directly related to law enforcement;

(iii) involving direct access or having control over direct access to controlled substances;

(iv) directly impacting the safety or welfare of the general public;

(v) requiring an employee to carry or have access to firearms; or

(b) data sensitive functions permitting or requiring an employee to access an individual's highly sensitive, personally identifiable, private information, including:

(i) financial assets, liabilities, and account information;

(ii) social security numbers;

(iii) wage information;

(iv) medical history;

(v) public assistance benefits; or

(vi) driver license

(54) Hiring List: A list of qualified and interested applicants who are eligible to be considered for appointment or conditional appointment to a specific position created in the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system.

(55) HRE: Human Resource Enterprise; the state human resource management information system.

(56) Incompetence: Inadequacy or unsuitability in performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.

(57) Inefficiency: Wastefulness of government resources including time, energy, money, or staff resources or failure to maintain the required level of performance.

(58) Interchangeability of Skills: Employees are considered to have interchangeable skills only for those positions they have previously held successfully in Utah state government executive branch employment or for those positions which they have successfully supervised and for which they satisfy job requirements.

(59) Intern: An individual in a college degree or certification program assigned to work in an activity where on-the-job training or community service experience is accepted.

(60) Job: A group of positions similar in duties performed, in degree of supervision exercised or required, in requirements of training, experience, or skill and other characteristics. The same salary range is applied to each position in the group.

(61) Job Description: A document containing the duties, distinguishing characteristics, knowledge, skills, and other requirements for a job.

(62) Job Requirements: Skill requirements defined at the job level.

(63) Job Series: Two or more jobs in the same functional area having the same job title, but distinguished and defined by increasingly difficult levels of skills, responsibilities, knowledge and requirements; or two or more jobs with different titles working in the same functional area that have licensure, certification or other requirements with increasingly difficult levels of skills, responsibilities, knowledge and requirements.

(64) Legislative Salary Adjustment: A legislatively approved salary increase for a specific category of employees based on criteria determined by the Legislature.

(65) Malfeasance: Intentional wrongdoing, deliberate violation of law or standard, or mismanagement of responsibilities.

(66) Market Based Bonus: One time lump sum monies given to a new hire or a current employee to encourage employment with the state.

(67) Market Comparability Adjustment: Legislatively approved change to a salary range for a job based on a compensation survey conducted by DHRM.

(68) Merit Increase: A legislatively approved and funded salary increase for employees to recognize and reward successful performance.

(69) Misconduct: Wrongful, improper, unacceptable, or unlawful conduct or behavior that is inconsistent with prevailing

agency practices or the best interest of the agency.

(70) Misfeasance: The improper or unlawful performance of an act that is lawful or proper.

(71) Nonfeasance: Failure to perform either an official duty or legal requirement.

(72) Performance Evaluation: A formal, periodic evaluation of an employee's work performance.

(73) Performance Improvement Plan: A documented administrative action to address substandard performance of an employee under Section R477-10-2.

(74) Performance Management: The ongoing process of communication between the supervisor and the employee which defines work standards and expectations, and assesses performance leading to a formal annual performance evaluation.

(75) Performance Plan: A written summary of the standards and expectations required for the successful performance of each job duty or task. These standards normally include completion dates and qualitative and quantitative levels of performance expectations.

(76) Performance Standard: Specific, measurable, observable and attainable objectives that represent the level of performance to which an employee and supervisor are committed during an evaluation period.

(77) Personnel Adjudicatory Proceedings: The informal appeals procedure contained in Section 63G-4-2 for all human resource policies and practices not covered by the state employees grievance procedure promulgated by the Career Service Review Office, or the classification appeals procedure.

(78) Position: A unique set of duties and responsibilities identified by DHRM authorized job and position management numbers.

(79) Position Description: A document that describes the detailed tasks performed, as well as the knowledge, skills, abilities, and other requirements of a specific position.

(80) Position Identification Number: A unique number assigned to a position for FTE management.

(81) Post Accident Drug or Alcohol Test: A Drug or alcohol test conducted on an employee who is involved in a vehicle accident while on duty or driving a state vehicle:

(a) where a fatality occurs;

(b) where there is sufficient information to conclude that the employee was a contributing cause to an accident that results in bodily injury or property damage; or

(c) where there is reasonable suspicion that the employee had been driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

(82) Preemployment Drug Test: A drug test conducted on:

(a) final candidates for a highly sensitive position;

(b) employees who are final candidates for transfer or promotion from a non-highly sensitive position to a highly sensitive position; or

(c) employees who transfer or are promoted from one highly sensitive position to another highly sensitive position.

(83) Probationary Employee: An employee hired into a career service position who has not completed the required probationary period for that position.

(84) Probationary Period: A period of time considered part of the selection process, identified at the job level, the purpose of which is to allow management to evaluate an employee's ability to perform assigned duties and responsibilities and to determine if career service status should be granted.

(85) Proficiency: An employee's overall quality of work, productivity, skills demonstrated through work performance and other factors that relate to employee performance or conduct.

(86) Promotion: An action moving an employee from a position in one job to a position in another job having a higher salary range maximum.

(87) Protected Activity: Opposition to discrimination or participation in proceedings covered by the antidiscrimination statutes or the Utah State Grievance and Appeal Procedure. Harassment based on protected activity can constitute unlawful retaliation.

(88) Random Drug or Alcohol Test: Unannounced drug or alcohol testing of a sample of highly sensitive employees done in accordance with federal regulations or state rules, policies, and procedures, and conducted in a manner such that each highly sensitive employee has an equal chance of being selected for testing.

(89) Reappointment: Return to work of an individual from the reappointment register after separation from employment.

(90) Reappointment Register: A register of individuals who have prior to March 2, 2009:

(a) held career service status and been separated in a reduction in force;

(b) held career service status and accepted career service exempt positions without a break in service and were not retained, unless discharged for cause; or

(c) by Career Service Review Board decision been placed on the reappointment register.

(91) Reasonable Suspicion Drug or Alcohol Test: A drug or alcohol test conducted on an employee based on specific, contemporaneous, articulated observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech or body odors of the employee.

(92) Reassignment: An action mandated by management moving an employee from one job or position to a different job or position with an equal or lesser salary range maximum for administrative reasons. A reassignment may not include a decrease in actual wage except as provided in federal or state law.

(93) Reclassification: A DHRM reallocation of a single position or multiple positions from one job to another job to reflect management initiated changes in duties and responsibilities.

(94) Reduction in Force: (RIF) Abolishment of positions resulting in the termination of career service staff. RIFs can occur due to inadequate funds, a change of workload, or a lack of work.

(95) Reemployment: Return to work of an employee who resigned or took military leave of absence from state employment to serve in the uniformed services covered under USERRA.

(96) Requisition: An electronic document used for HRE Online recruitment, selection and tracking purposes that includes specific information for a particular position, job seekers' applications, and a hiring list.

(97) Salary Range: An established minimum salary rate and maximum salary rate assigned to a job.

(98) Schedule: The determination of whether a position meets criteria stipulated in the Utah Code Annotated to be career service (schedule B) or career service exempt (schedule A).

(99) Settling Period: A sufficient amount of time, determined by agency management, for an employee to fully assume new or higher level duties required of a position.

(100) Tangible Employment Action: A significant change in employment status, such as firing, demotion, failure to promote, work reassignment, or a decision which changes benefits.

(101) Transfer: An action not mandated by management moving an employee from one job or position to another job or position with an equal or lesser salary range maximum for which the employee qualifies. A transfer may include a decrease in actual wage.

(102) Uniformed Services: The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard; Reserve units of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard;

Army National Guard or Air National Guard; Commissioned Corps of Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Disaster Medical Systems (NDMS) and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or emergency. Service in Uniformed Services includes: voluntary or involuntary duty, including active duty; active duty for training; initial active duty for training; inactive duty training; full-time National Guard duty; or absence from work for an examination to determine fitness for any of the above types of duty.

(103) Unlawful Discrimination: An action against an employee or applicant based on race, religion, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, protected activity under the anti-discrimination statutes, political affiliation, military status or affiliation, or any other factor, as prohibited by law.

(104) USERRA: Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-353), requires state governments to re-employ eligible veterans who resigned or took a military leave of absence from state employment to serve in the uniformed services and who return to work within a specified time period after military discharge.

(105) Veteran: An individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized. Individuals must have been separated or retired under honorable conditions.

(106) Volunteer: Any person who donates services to the state or its subdivisions without pay or other compensation except actual and reasonable expenses incurred, as approved by the supervising agency.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-2. Administration.
R477-2-1. Rules Applicability.

These rules apply to the executive branch of Utah State Government and its career and career service exempt employees. Other entities may be covered in specific sections as determined by statute. Any inclusions or exceptions to these rules are specifically noted in applicable sections. Entities which are not bound by mandatory compliance with these rules include:

(1) members of the Legislature and legislative employees;

(2) members of the judiciary and judicial employees;

(3) officers, faculty, and other employees of state institutions of higher education;

(4) officers, faculty, and other employees of the public education system, other than those directly employed by the State Office of Education;

(5) employees of the Office of the Attorney General;

(6) elected members of the executive branch;

(7) employees of quasi-governmental agencies and special service districts;

(8) employees in any position that is determined by statute to be exempt from these rules.

R477-2-2. Compliance Responsibility.

Agencies shall comply with these rules.

(1) The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to these rules where allowed when:

(a) applying the rule prevents the achievement of legitimate government objectives; or

(b) applying the rule infringes on the legal rights of an employee.

(2) Agency personnel records, practices, policies and procedures, employment and actions, shall comply with these rules and are subject to compliance audits by DHRM.

(3) In cases of noncompliance with Title 67, Chapter 19, and these rules, the Executive Director, DHRM, may find the responsible agency official to be subject to the penalties under Subsection 67-19-18(1) pertaining to misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office.

R477-2-3. Fair Employment Practice.

All state personnel actions shall provide equal employment opportunity for all individuals.

(1) Employment actions including appointment, tenure or term, condition or privilege of employment shall be based on the ability to perform the essential duties, functions, and responsibilities assigned to a particular position.

(2) Employment actions may not be based on race, religion, national origin, color, gender, age, disability, protected activity under the anti-discrimination statutes, political affiliation, military status or affiliation or any other non-job related factor.

(3) An employee who alleges unlawful discrimination may:

(a) submit a complaint to the agency head; and

(b) file a charge with the Utah Labor Commission Anti-Discrimination and Labor Division within 180 days of the alleged harm, or directly with the EEOC within 300 days of the alleged harm.

(4) A state official may not impede any employee from the timely filing of a discrimination complaint in accordance with state and federal requirements.

R477-2-4. Control of Personal Service Expenditures.

(1) Statewide control of personal service expenditures shall be the shared responsibility of the employing agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Human Resource Management and the Division of Finance.

(2) Changes in job identification numbers, salary ranges, or number of positions listed in the Detailed Position Record Management Report shall be approved by the Executive Director, DHRM or designee.

(3) No person shall be placed or retained on an agency payroll unless that person occupies a position listed in an agency's approved Detailed Position Record Management Report.

R477-2-5. Records.

Access to and privacy of personnel records maintained by DHRM are governed by Title 63G, Chapter 2, the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) and applicable federal laws. DHRM shall designate and classify the records and record series it maintains under the GRAMA statute and respond to GRAMA requests for employee records.

(1) DHRM shall maintain an electronic record for each employee that contains the following, as appropriate:

(a) Social Security number, date of birth, home address, and private phone number.

(i) This information is classified as private under GRAMA.

(ii) DHRM may grant agency access to this information for state business purposes. Agencies shall maintain the privacy of this information.

(b) performance ratings;

(c) records of actions affecting employee salary history, classification history, title and salary range, employment status and other personal data.

(2) DHRM shall maintain, on behalf of agencies, personnel files.

(3) DHRM shall maintain, on behalf of agencies, a confidential medical file. Confidentiality shall be maintained in accordance with applicable regulations. Information in the medical file is private, controlled, or exempt in accordance with Title 63G-2.

(4) An employee has the right to review the employee's personnel file, upon request, in the presence of a DHRM representative.

(a) An employee may request corrections, amendments to, or challenge any information in the DHRM electronic or hard copy personnel file, through the following process:

(i) The employee shall request in writing to the appropriate agency human resource field office that changes occur.

(ii) The employing agency shall be given an opportunity to respond.

(iii) Disputes over information that are not resolved between the employing agency and the employee shall be decided in writing by the Executive Director, DHRM. DHRM shall maintain a record of the employee's letter, the agency's response, and the DHRM Executive Director's decision.

(5) When a disciplinary action is rescinded or disapproved upon appeal, forms, documents and records pertaining to the case shall be removed from the personnel file.

(a) When the record in question is on microfilm, a seal will be placed on the record and a suitable notice placed on the carton or envelope. This notice shall indicate the limits of the sealed Title and the authority for the action.

(6) Upon employee separation, DHRM shall retain electronic records for thirty years. Agency hard copy records shall be retained at the agency for a minimum of two years, and then transferred to the State Record Center to be retained according to the record retention schedule.

(7) When an employee transfers from one agency to another, the former agency shall transfer the employee's personnel file, medical and I-9 records to the new agency.

(8) An employee who violates confidentiality is subject to disciplinary action and may be personally liable.

R477-2-6. Release of Information in a Reference Inquiry.

Reference checks or inquiries made regarding current or

former public employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of advisory boards or commissions can be released if the information is classified as public, or if the subject of the record has signed and provided a current reference release form for information authorized under Title 63G, Chapter 2, of the Government Records Access and Management Act.

(1) The employment record is the property of Utah State Government with all rights reserved to utilize, disseminate or dispose of in accordance with the Government Records Access and Management Act.

(2) Additional information may be provided if authorized by law.

R477-2-7. Employment Eligibility Verification (Immigration Reform and Control Act - 1986).

Employees newly hired, rehired, or placed through reciprocity with or assimilation from another career service jurisdiction shall provide verifiable documentation of their identity and eligibility for employment in the United States by completing all sections of the Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9 as required under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

R477-2-8. Disclosure by Public Officers Supervising a Relative.

It is unlawful for a public officer to appoint, directly supervise, or to make salary or performance recommendations for relatives except as prescribed under Section 52-3-1.

(1) A public officer supervising a relative shall make a complete written disclosure of the relationship to the agency head in accordance with Section 52-3-1.

R477-2-9. Employee Liability.

An employee who becomes aware of any occurrence which may give rise to a law suit, who receives notice of claim, or is sued because of an incident related to state employment, shall give immediate notice to his supervisor and to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Risk Management.

(1) In most cases, under Title 63G, Chapter 7, the Governmental Immunity Act, an employee shall receive defense and indemnification unless the case involves fraud, malice or the use of alcohol or drugs by the employee.

(2) Before an agency may defend its employee against a claim, the employee shall make a written request for a defense to the agency head within ten calendar days, under Subsection 63G-7-902(2).

R477-2-10. Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Agency management may establish a voluntary alternative dispute resolution program under Chapter 63G, Chapter 5.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-3. Classification.
R477-3-1. Job Classification Applicability.

(1) The Executive Director, DHRM, shall prescribe the procedures and methods for classifying all positions except for those exempted in 67-19-12 (2), which include:

(a) employees already exempted from DHRM rules in R477-2-1;

(b) all employees in:

(i) the office and residence of the governor;

(ii) the Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR);

(iii) the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Council;

(iv) the Office of the Utah State Auditor; and

(v) the Utah State Treasurer's Office;

(c) employees of the State Board of Education, who are licensed by the State Board of Education;

(d) employees in any position that is determined by statute to be exempt from classified service;

(e) employees whose agency has authority to make rules regarding performance, compensation, and bonuses for its employees;

(f) other persons appointed by the governor under statute;

(g) temporary employees in Schedule TL or IN who work part time indefinite or work on a time limited basis; and

(h) educational interpreters and educators as defined by Section 53A-25b-102 who are employed by the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

(2) The Executive Director, DHRM, may designate specific job titles, job and position identification numbers, schedule codes, and other administrative information for all employees exempted in R477-2-1 and R477-3-1 for identification and reporting purposes only. These employees are not to be considered classified employees.

R477-3-2. Job Description.

DHRM shall maintain job descriptions, as appropriate.

(1) Job descriptions shall contain:

(a) job title;

(b) distinguishing characteristics;

(c) a description of tasks commonly associated with most positions in the job;

(d) statements of required knowledge, skills, and other requirements;

(e) FLSA status and other administrative information as approved by DHRM.

R477-3-3. Assignment of Duties.

(1) Management may assign, modify, or remove any position task or responsibility in order to accomplish reorganization, improve business practices or processes, or for any other reason deemed appropriate by agency management.

(2) Significant changes in the assigned duties may require a position classification review as described in R477-3-4.

R477-3-4. Position Classification Review.

(1) A formal classification review may be conducted under the following circumstances:

(a) as part of a classification study;

(b) at the request of an agency, with the approval of the Executive Director, DHRM or designee; or

(c) as part of a classification grievance review

(2) DHRM shall determine if there have been sufficient significant changes in the duties of a position to warrant a formal review.

(3) When an agency is reorganized or positions are redesigned, no classification reviews shall be conducted until an appropriate settling period has occurred.

(4) The Executive Director, DHRM, or designee shall make final classification decisions unless overturned by a hearing officer or court.

R477-3-5. Position Classification Grievances.

(1) Under 67-19-31, an agency or a career service employee may grieve formal classification decisions regarding the classification of a position.

(a) This rule refers to grievances concerning the assignment of individual positions to appropriate jobs based on duties and responsibilities. The assignment of salary ranges is not included in this rule.

(b) An employee may only grieve a formal classification decision regarding the employee's own position.

(2) Formal service for classification grievance communication to employees shall be made by:

(a) certified mail to the employee's address of record, and

(b) email to the employee's state email account.

R477-3-6. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-4. Filling Positions.
R477-4-1. Authorized Recruitment System.

Agencies shall use the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system unless an alternate system has been pre-approved by DHRM.

R477-4-2. Career Service Exempt Positions.

(1) The Executive Director, DHRM, may approve the creation and filling of career service exempt positions, as defined in Section 67-19-15.

(2) Agencies may use any pre-approved process to select an employee for a career service exempt position. Appointments may be made without competitive examination, provided job requirements are met.

(3) Appointments to fill an employee's position who is on approved leave shall only be made temporarily.

(4) Appointments made on a temporary basis shall be career service exempt and:

(a) be Schedule IN, in which the employee:

(i) is hired to work part time indefinitely;

(ii) shall work less than 30 hours per week; and

(iii) shall be notified annually of the temporary status of the position; or

(b) be Schedule TL, in which the employee:

(i) is hired to work on a time limited basis; and

(ii) shall be notified annually of the temporary status of the position.

(c) may, at the discretion of management, be offered benefits if working a minimum of 20 hours per week.

(d) if the required work hours of the position meet or exceed 30 hours per week for Schedule IN or if the position exceeds anticipated time limits for Schedule TL, agency management shall consult with DHRM to review possible alternative options.

(5) Only Schedule A, IN or TL appointments made from a hiring list under Subsection R477-4-8 may be considered for conversion to career service.

(6) Disclosure statements shall be obtained and reference and background checks shall be conducted for all Schedule AB, AC, AD and AR new hire appointees.

R477-4-3. Career Service Positions.

(1) Selection of a career service employee shall be governed by the following:

(a) DHRM business practices;

(b) career service principles;

(c) equal employment opportunity principles;

(d) Section 52-3-1, employment of relatives;

(e) reasonable accommodation for qualified applicants covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

R477-4-4. Recruitment and Selection for Career Service Positions.

(1) Prior to initiating recruitment, agencies may administer any of the following personnel actions:

(a) reemployment of a veteran eligible under USERRA;

(b) reassignment within an agency initiated by an employee's reasonable accommodation request under the ADA;

(c) fill a position as a result of return to work from long term disability or workers compensation at the same or lesser salary range;

(d) reassignment or transfer made in order to avoid a reduction in force, or for reorganization or bumping purposes;

(e) reassignment, transfer, or career mobility of qualified employees to better utilize skills or assist management in meeting the organization's mission;

(f) reclassification; or

(g) conversion from schedule A to schedule B as authorized by Subsection R477-5-1(3).

(2) Agencies shall use the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system for all career service position vacancies. This includes recruitments open within an agency, across agency lines, or to the general public. Recruitment shall comply with federal and state laws and DHRM rules and procedures.

(a) All recruitment announcements shall include the following:

(i) Information about the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system; and

(ii) opening and closing dates.

(b) Recruitments for career service positions shall be posted for a minimum of seven calendar days.

(3) Agencies may carry out all the following steps for recruitment and selection of vacant career service positions concurrently. Management may make appointments according to the following order:

(a) from the reappointment register created prior to March 2, 2009, provided the applicant applies for the position and meets minimum qualifications.

(b) from a hiring list of qualified applicants for the position, or from another process pre-approved by the Executive Director, DHRM.

R477-4-5. Transfer and Reassignment.

(1) Positions may be filled through a transfer or reassignment.

(a) The receiving agency shall verify the employee's career service status and that the employee meets the job requirements for the position.

(b) Agencies receiving a transfer or reassignment of an employee shall accept all of that employee's previously accrued sick, annual, and converted sick leave on the official leave records.

(c) A career service employee assimilated from another career service jurisdiction shall accrue leave at the same rate as a career service employee with the same seniority.

(d) A transfer may include a decrease in actual wage.

(e) A reassignment may not include a decrease in actual wage except as provided in federal or state law.

(2) A reassignment or transfer may include assignment to:

(a) a different job or position with an equal or lesser salary range maximum;

(b) a different work location; or

(c) a different organizational unit.

R477-4-6. Rehire.

(1) A former employee shall compete for career service positions through the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system and shall serve a new probationary period, as designated in the official job description.

(a) The annual leave accrual rate for an employee who is rehired to a position which receives leave benefits shall be based on all eligible employment in which the employee accrued leave.

(b) An employee rehired into a benefited position within one year of separation shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated as Program II sick leave.

(c) An employee rehired into a benefited position within one year of separation due to a reduction in force shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated to Program I and Program II as accrued prior to the reduction in force.

(d) A rehired employee may be offered any salary within the salary range for the position.

R477-4-7. Examinations.

(1) Examinations shall be designed to measure and predict applicant job performance.

(2) Examinations shall include the following:

(a) a detailed position record (DPR) based upon a current job or position analysis;

(b) an initial, impartial screening of the individual's qualifications;

(c) impartial evaluation and results; and

(d) reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals with disabilities.

(3) Examinations and ratings shall remain confidential and secure.

R477-4-8. Hiring Lists.

(1) The hiring list shall include the names of applicants to be considered for appointment or conditional appointment to a specific job, job series or position.

(a) An individual shall be considered an applicant when the individual applies for a particular position identified through a specific recruitment.

(b) Hiring lists shall be constructed using the DHRM approved recruitment and selection system.

(c) Applicants for career service positions shall be evaluated and placed on a hiring list based on job, job series or position related criteria.

(d) All applicants included on a hiring list shall be examined with the same examination or examinations.

(2) An individual who falsifies any information in the job application, examination or evaluation processes may be disqualified from further consideration prior to hire, or disciplined if already hired.

(3) The appointing authority shall demonstrate and document that equal consideration was given to all applicants whose final score or rating is equal to or greater than that of the applicant hired.

(4) The appointing authority shall ensure that any employee hired meets the job requirements as outlined in the official job description.

R477-4-9. Job Sharing.

Agency management may establish a job sharing program as a means of increasing opportunities for part-time employment. In the absence of an agency program, individual employees may request approval for job sharing status through agency management.

R477-4-10. Internships.

Interns or students in a practicum program may be appointed with or without competitive selection. Intern appointments shall be to temporary career service exempt positions.

R477-4-11. Volunteer Experience Credit.

(1) Documented job related volunteer experience shall be given the same consideration as similar paid employment in satisfying the job requirements for career service positions.

(a) Volunteer experience may not be substituted for required licensure, POST certification, or other criteria for which there is no substitution in the job requirements in the job description.

(b) Court ordered community service experience may not be considered.

R477-4-12. Reorganization.

When an agency is reorganized, but an employee's position does not change substantially, the agency may not require the employee to compete for his current position.

R477-4-13. Career Mobility Programs.

Employees and agencies are encouraged to promote career mobility programs.

(1) A career mobility is a temporary assignment of an employee to a different position for purposes of professional growth or fulfillment of specific organizational needs. Career mobility assignments may be to any salary range.

(2) Agencies may provide career mobility assignments inside or outside state government in any position for which the employee qualifies.

(3) An eligible employee or agency may initiate a career mobility.

(a) Career mobility assignments may be made without going through the competitive process but shall remain temporary.

(b) Career mobility assignments shall only become permanent if:

(i) the position was originally filled through a competitive recruitment process; or

(ii) a competitive recruitment process is used at the time the agency determines a need for the assignment to become permanent.

(4) Agencies shall develop and use written career mobility contract agreements between the employee and the supervisor to outline all program provisions and requirements. The career mobility shall be both voluntary and mutually acceptable.

(5) A participating employee shall retain all rights, privileges, entitlements, tenure and benefits from the previous position while on career mobility.

(a) If a reduction in force affects a position vacated by a participating employee, the participating employee shall be treated the same as other RIF employees.

(b) If a career mobility assignment does not become permanent at its conclusion, the employee shall return to the previous position or a similar position at a salary rate described in R477-6-4(11).

(6) An employee who has not attained career service status prior to the career mobility program cannot permanently fill a career service position until the employee obtains career service status through a competitive process.

R477-4-14. Assimilation.

(1) An employee assimilated by the state from another career service system shall receive career service status after completing a probationary period if originally selected through a competitive examination process judged by the Executive Director, DHRM, to be equivalent to the process used in the state career service.

(a) Assimilation agreements shall specify whether there are employees eligible for reemployment under USERRA in positions affected by the agreement.

R477-4-15. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule, consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-6. Compensation.
R477-6-1. Pay Plans.

(1) With approval of the Governor, the Executive Director, DHRM, shall develop and adopt pay plans for each position in classified service. Positions exempt from classified service are identified in Subsection R477-3-1(1).

(a) Each job description shall include salary ranges with established minimum and maximum rates.

(b) A salary range includes all pay rates from minimum to maximum.

(c) Pay rate increases within salary ranges shall be:

(i) at least 1/2%, or

(ii) to the maximum rate within the salary range, if the difference between the current salary rate and the range maximum rate is less than 1/2%.

(iii) This subsection does not apply to legislatively approved salary adjustments and longevity.

(d) Pay rate decreases within salary ranges shall be:

(i) at least 1/2%, or

(ii) to the minimum rate within the salary range, if the difference between the current salary rate and the range minimum rate is less than 1/2%.

(iii) This subsection does not apply to legislatively approved salary adjustments.

R477-6-2. Allocation to the Pay Plans.

(1) Each job in classified service shall be assigned to a salary range.

(2) Salary ranges can be adjusted through:

(a) an administrative adjustment determined appropriate by DHRM for administrative purposes that is not based on a change of duties and responsibilities, nor based on a comparison to salary ranges in the market; or

(b) a comparison of the state's benchmark job salary ranges to salary ranges for similar positions in the market through an annual compensation survey conducted by DHRM.

(i) Market comparability salary range adjustment recommendations shall be included in the annual compensation plan and shall be submitted to the Governor no later than October 31 of each year.

(ii) Market comparability salary range adjustments shall be legislatively approved.

(iii) If market comparability adjustments are approved for benchmark jobs, salary ranges for other jobs in the same job family shall be adjusted by relative ranking with the benchmark job.

(3) Each job exempted from classified service shall have a salary range with a beginning and ending salary of any amount determined appropriate by the affected agency.

R477-6-3. Appointments.

(1) All appointments shall be placed on the DHRM approved salary range for the job.

(2) Reemployed veterans under USERRA shall be placed in their previous position or a similar position at their previous salary range. Reemployment shall include the same seniority status, salary, including any cost of living adjustments, reclassification of the veteran's preservice position, or market comparability adjustments that would have affected the veteran's preservice position during the time spent by the affected veteran in the uniformed services. Performance related salary increases are not included.

R477-6-4. Salary.

(1) Merit increases. The following conditions apply if merit pay increases are authorized and funded by the legislature:

(a) Employees, classified in position schedule B, shall be eligible for the merit increase if the following conditions are met:

(i) Employee may not be in longevity.

(ii) Employee may not be paid at the maximum of their salary range.

(iii) Employee has received a minimum rating of successful on their most recent performance evaluation, which shall have been within the previous twelve months.

(iv) Employee has been in a paid status by the state for at least six months at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

(b) Employees designated as schedule AA, AQ and AU are not eligible for merit increases.

(c) All other position schedules will be reviewed by DHRM in consultation with the Governor's Office to determine if they are eligible for merit increases.

(2) Promotions.

(a) An employee, except for those designated schedule IN or TL, promoted to a position with a salary range maximum exceeding the employee's current salary range maximum shall receive a salary increase of at least 5%.

(b) An employee may not be placed higher than the maximum or lower than the minimum in the new salary range. Placement of an employee in longevity shall be consistent with Subsection R477-6-4(4).

(c) To be eligible for a promotion, an employee shall meet the requirements and skills specified in the job description and position specific criteria as determined by the agency for the position.

(3) Reclassifications.

(a) At agency management's discretion, an employee reclassified to a position with a salary range maximum exceeding the employee's current salary range maximum may receive a pay rate increase of at least 1/2% or the salary range maximum rate.

(b) An employee may not be placed higher than the maximum or lower than the minimum in the new salary range. Placement of an employee in longevity shall be consistent with Subsection R477-6-4(4).

(c) An employee whose position is reclassified to a position with a lower salary range shall retain the current salary. The employee shall be placed in longevity at the employee's current salary if the salary exceeds the maximum of the new salary range.

(4) Longevity.

(a) An employee shall receive a longevity increase of 2.75% when:

(i) the employee has been in state service for eight years or more. The employee may accrue years of service in more than one agency and such service is not required to be continuous; and

(ii) the employee has been at the maximum of the current salary range for at least one year and received a performance appraisal rating of successful or higher within the 12-month period preceding the longevity increase.

(b) An employee in longevity shall be eligible for the same across the board pay plan adjustments authorized for all other employee pay plans.

(c) An employee in longevity shall only be eligible for an additional 2.75% increase every three years. To be eligible, an employee shall receive a performance appraisal rating of successful or higher within the 12-month period preceding the longevity increase.

(d) An employee in longevity who is reclassified to a position with a lower salary range shall retain the current actual wage.

(e) An employee in longevity who is promoted or reclassified to a position with a higher salary range shall only receive a salary increase if the current actual wage is less than the salary range maximum of the new position. The salary increase shall be at least 1/2% or the range maximum rate of the

new position.

(f) Employees in Schedules AB, IN, AH, or TL are not eligible for the longevity program.

(5) Administrative Adjustment.

(a) An employee whose position has been allocated by DHRM from one job to another job or salary range for administrative purposes, may not receive an adjustment in the current actual wage.

(b) Implementation of new job descriptions as an administrative adjustment shall not result in an increase in the current actual wage unless the employee is below the minimum of the new range.

(c) An employee whose position is changed by administrative adjustment to a position with a lower salary range shall retain the current salary. The employee shall be placed in longevity at the employee's current salary if the salary exceeds the maximum of the new salary range.

(6) Reassignment.

An employee's current actual wage may not be lowered except when provided in federal or state law. Wage rate decreases shall be at least 1/2% or the minimum rate in the salary range.

(7) Transfer.

Management may decrease the current actual wage of an employee who transfers to another position. Wage rate decreases shall be at least 1/2% or the minimum rate in the salary range.

(8) Demotion.

An employee demoted consistent with Section R477-11-2 shall receive a reduction in the current actual wage of at least 1/2%, or the minimum rate of the new position's salary range as determined by the agency head or designee. The agency head or designee may move an employee to a position with a lower salary range concurrent with the reduction in the current actual wage.

(9) Administrative Salary Increase.

The agency head authorizes and approves administrative salary increases under the following parameters:

(a) An employee shall receive an increase of at least 1/2% or the maximum rate of the salary range.

(b) Administrative salary increases shall only be granted when the agency has sufficient funding within their annualized base budgets for the fiscal year in which the adjustment is given.

(c) Justifications for Administrative Salary Increases shall be:

(i) in writing;

(ii) approved by the agency head or designee;

(iii) supported by unique situations or considerations in the agency.

(d) The agency head or designee shall answer any challenge or grievance resulting from an administrative salary increase.

(e) Administrative salary increases may be given during the probationary period. Wage rate increases shall be at least 1/2% or the maximum rate of the salary range. These increases alone do not constitute successful completion of probation or the granting of career service status.

(f) An employee at the salary range maximum or in longevity may not be granted administrative salary increases.

(10) Administrative Salary Decrease.

The agency head authorizes and approves administrative salary decreases for nondisciplinary reasons according to the following:

(a) The final salary may not be less than the minimum of the salary range.

(b) Wage rate decreases shall be at least 1/2% or the minimum rate of the salary range.

(c) Justification for administrative salary decreases shall be:

(i) in writing;

(ii) approved by the agency head; and

(iii) supported by issues such as previous written agreements between the agency and the employee to include career mobility, reasonable accommodation, or other unique situations or considerations in the agency.

(d) The agency head or designee shall answer any challenge or grievance resulting from an administrative salary decrease.

(11) Career Mobility.

(a) Agencies may offer an employee on a career mobility assignment a salary increase or salary decrease by any amount within the new salary range.

(b) If a career mobility assignment does not become permanent at its conclusion, the employee shall return to the previous position or a similar position and shall receive, at a minimum, the same salary rate and the same or higher salary range that the employee would have received without the career mobility assignment.

(12) Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions for wage rate increases or decreases.

R477-6-5. Incentive Awards.

(1) Only agencies with written and published incentive award and bonus policies may reward employees with incentive awards or bonuses. Incentive awards and bonuses are discretionary, not an entitlement, and are subject to the availability of funds in the agency.

(a) Policies shall be approved annually by DHRM and be consistent with standards established in these rules and the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance, rules and procedures.

(b) Individual awards may not exceed $4,000 per pay period and $8,000 in a fiscal year, except when approved by DHRM and the governor.

(i) A request for a retirement incentive award shall be accompanied by documentation of the work units affected and any cost savings.

(ii) A single payment of up to $8,000 may be granted as a retirement incentive.

(c) All cash and cash equivalent incentive awards and bonuses shall be subject to payroll taxes.

(2) Performance Based Incentive Awards.

(a) Cash Incentive Awards

(i) An agency may grant a cash incentive award to an employee or group of employees that demonstrates exceptional effort or accomplishment beyond what is normally expected on the job for a unique event or over a sustained period of time.

(ii) All cash awards shall be approved by the agency head or designee. They shall be documented and a copy shall be maintained by the agency.

(b) Noncash Incentive Awards

(i) An agency may recognize an employee or group of employees with noncash incentive awards.

(ii) Individual noncash incentive awards may not exceed a value of $50 per occurrence and $200 for each fiscal year.

(iii) Noncash incentive awards may include cash equivalents such as gift certificates or tickets for admission. Cash equivalent incentive awards shall be subject to payroll taxes and shall follow standards and procedures established by the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance.

(3) Cost Savings Bonus

(a) An agency may establish a bonus policy to increase productivity, generate savings within the agency, or reward an employee who submits a cost savings proposal.

(i) The agency shall document the cost savings involved.

(4) Market Based Bonuses

An agency may award a cash bonus as an incentive to

acquire or retain an employee with job skills that are critical to the state and difficult to recruit in the market.

(a) All market based incentive awards shall be approved by DHRM.

(i) When requesting market based awards an agency shall submit documentation specifying how the agency will benefit by granting the incentive award based on:

(A) budget;

(B) recruitment difficulties;

(C) a mission critical need to attract or retain unique or hard to find skills in the market; or

(D) other market based reasons.

(b) Retention Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to an employee who has unusually high or unique qualifications that are essential for the agency to retain.

(c) Recruitment or Signing Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a qualified job candidate to incentivize the candidate to work for the state.

(d) Scarce Skills Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a qualified job candidate that has the scarce skills required for the job.

(e) Relocation Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a current employee who must relocate to accept a position in a different commuting area.

(f) Referral Bonus

An agency may award a bonus to a current employee who refers a job applicant who is subsequently selected.

R477-6-6. Employee Benefits.

(1) An employee shall be eligible for benefits when:

(a) in a position designated by the agency as eligible for benefits; and

(b) in a position which normally requires working a minimum of 40 hours per pay period.

(2) An eligible employee has 60 days from the hire date to enroll in or decline a medical insurance plan.

(a) An employee shall only be permitted to change medical plans during the annual open enrollment period for all state employees.

(b) An employee with previous medical coverage shall provide a certificate of credible coverage to the state's health care provider which states dates of eligibility for the employee, and the employee's dependents in order to have a preexisting waiting period reduced or waived.

(i) An eligible employee or dependent under the age of 19 may not be required to meet any preexisting waiting period.

(3) An eligible employee has 60 days from the hire date to enroll in dental, vision, and a flexible spending account.

(4) An employee shall enroll in guaranteed issue life insurance within 60 days of the hire date to avoid having to provide proof of insurability.

(a) An employee may enroll in additional life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance at any time and may be required to provide proof of insurability.

(5) An employee eligible for retirement benefits shall be electronically enrolled using the URS online certification process as follows:

(a) An employee with any service time with Utah Retirement Systems prior to July 1, 2011, from any URS eligible employer, shall be automatically enrolled in the Tier I defined benefit plan and the Tier I defined contribution plan.

(i) Eligibility for Tier I shall be determined by Utah Retirement Systems.

(ii) An employee eligible for Tier I shall remain in the Tier I system, even after a break in service.

(b) An employee with no previous service time with Utah Retirement Systems in Tier I shall be enrolled in the Tier II retirement system.

(i) An employee has 30 days from the date of eligibility to elect whether to participate in the Tier II hybrid retirement system or the Tier II defined contribution plan.

(A) If no election is made the employee shall be automatically enrolled in the Tier II hybrid retirement system.

(ii) An employee eligible for the Tier II system has one year from the date of eligibility to change the election or it is irrevocable.

(c) Changes in employee contributions, beneficiaries, and investment strategies shall be submitted electronically to URS through the URS website.

(6) A reemployed veteran under USERRA shall be entitled to the same employee benefits given to other continuously employed eligible employees to include seniority based increased pension and leave accrual.

R477-6-7. Employee Converting from Career Service to Schedule AC, AD, AR, or AS.

(1) A career service employee in a position meeting the criteria for career service exempt schedule AC, AD, AR, or AS shall have 60 days from the date of offer to elect to convert from career service to career service exempt. As an incentive to convert, an employee shall be provided the following:

(a) an administrative salary increase of at least 1/2% or the maximum rate of the current salary range. An employee at the maximum of the current salary range or in longevity shall receive, in lieu of the salary adjustment, a one time bonus, as determined by the agency head or designee, not to exceed limits in Subsection R477-6-5(1)(b);

(b) state paid term life insurance coverage if determined eligible by the Group Insurance Office to participate in the Term Life Program, Public Employees Health Plan:

(i) Salaries less than $50,000 shall receive $125,000 of term life insurance;

(ii) Salaries between $50,000 and $60,000 shall receive $150,000 of term life insurance;

(iii) Salaries more than $60,000 shall receive $200,000 of term life insurance.

(2) An employee electing to convert to career service exempt after the 60 day election period may not be eligible for the salary increase, but shall be entitled to apply for the insurance coverage through the Group Insurance Office.

(3) An employee electing not to convert to career service exemption shall retain career service status even though the position shall be designated as schedule AC, AD, AR or AS. When these career service employees vacate these positions, subsequent appointments shall be career service exempt.

(4) An agency head may reorganize so that a current career service exempt position no longer meets the criteria for exemption. In this case, the employee shall be designated as career service if he had previously earned career service. However, the employee may not be eligible for the severance package or the life insurance. In this situation, the agency and employee shall make arrangements through the Group Insurance Office to discontinue the coverage.

(5) A career service exempt employee without prior career service status shall remain exempt. When the employee leaves the position, subsequent appointments shall be consistent with R477-4.

(6) Agencies shall communicate to all impacted and future eligible employees the conditions and limitations of this incentive program.

R477-6-8. State Paid Life Insurance.

(1) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AA, AB, AD, AR and AT shall be provided the following benefits if the employee is approved through underwriting:

(a) State paid term life insurance coverage if determined

eligible by the Group Insurance Office to participate in the Term Life Program Public Employees Health Plan:

(i) Salaries less than $50,000 shall receive $125,000 of term life insurance;

(ii) Salaries between $50,000 and $60,000 shall receive $150,000 of term life insurance;

(iii) Salaries more than $60,000 shall receive $200,000 of term life insurance.

(2) An employee on schedule AC or AS may be provided these benefits at the discretion of the appointing authority.

R477-6-9. Severance Benefit.

(1) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AB, AD, AR or AT who is separated from state service through an action initiated by management, to include resignation in lieu of termination, shall receive at the time of severance a benefit equal to:

(a) one week of salary, up to a maximum of 12 weeks, for each year of consecutive exempt service in the executive branch; and

(b) if eligible for COBRA, one month of health insurance coverage, up to a maximum of six months, for each year of consecutive exempt service, at the level of coverage the employee has at the time of severance, to be paid in a lump sum payment to the state's health care provider.

(2) A severance benefit may not be paid to an employee:

(a) whose statutory term has expired without reappointment;

(b) who is retiring from state service; or

(c) who is dismissed for cause.

(3) A benefits eligible career service exempt employee on schedule AB, AD, AR or AT who accepts reassignment to a position with a lower salary range, without a break in service, shall receive a severance benefit equal to the difference between the current actual wage and the new actual wage multiplied by the number of accrued annual leave, converted sick leave, and excess hours on the date of reassignment.

(4) An employee on schedule AC or AS may be provided these same severance benefits at the discretion of the appointing authority.

R477-6-10. Human Resource Transactions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, shall publicize procedures for processing payroll and human resource transactions and documents.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-7. Leave.
R477-7-1. Conditions of Leave.

(1) An employee shall be eligible for benefits when:

(a) in a position designated by the agency as eligible for benefits; and

(b) in a position which normally requires working at least 40 hours per pay period.

(2) An eligible employee shall accrue annual, sick and holiday leave in proportion to the time paid as determined by DHRM.

(3) An employee shall use leave in no less than quarter hour increments.

(4) An employee may not use annual, sick, converted sick, compensatory, excess or holiday leave before accrued.

(5) An employee may not use compensatory, annual, converted sick leave used as annual, or excess leave without advance approval by management.

(6) An employee transferring from one agency to another is entitled to transfer all accrued annual, sick, and converted sick leave to the new agency.

(7) An employee separating from state service shall be paid in a lump sum for all annual leave and excess hours. An FLSA nonexempt employee shall also be paid in a lump sum for all compensatory hours.

(a) An employee separating from state service for reasons other than retirement shall be paid in a lump sum for all converted sick leave.

(b) Converted sick leave for a retiring employee shall be subject to Section R477-7-5.

(c) Annual, sick and holiday leave may not be used or accrued after the last day worked, except for:

(i) leave without pay;

(ii) administrative leave specifically approved by management to be used after the last day worked;

(iii) leave granted under the FMLA; or

(iv) leave granted for other medical reasons that was approved prior to the commencement of the leave period.

(8) After six months cumulative from the first day of absence from or inability to perform the regular position, the employee shall be separated from employment regardless of paid leave status unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head in consultation with DHRM.

(9) Contributions to benefits may not be paid on cashed out leave, other than FICA tax, except as it applies to converted sick leave in Section R477-7-5(2) and the Retirement Benefit in Section R477-7-6.

R477-7-2. Holiday Leave.

(1) The following dates are paid holidays for eligible employees:

(a) New Years Day -- January 1

(b) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- third Monday of January

(c) Washington and Lincoln Day -- third Monday of February

(d) Memorial Day -- last Monday of May

(e) Independence Day -- July 4

(f) Pioneer Day -- July 24

(g) Labor Day -- first Monday of September

(h) Columbus Day -- second Monday of October

(i) Veterans' Day -- November 11

(j) Thanksgiving Day -- fourth Thursday of November

(k) Christmas Day -- December 25

(l) Any other day designated as a paid holiday by the Governor.

(2) If a holiday falls or is observed on a regularly scheduled day off, an eligible employee shall receive equivalent time off, not to exceed eight hours, or shall accrue excess hours.

(a) If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.

(b) If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday.

(3) If an employee is required to work on an observed holiday, the employee shall receive appropriate holiday leave, or shall accrue excess hours.

(4) A new hire shall be in a paid status on or before the holiday in order to receive holiday leave.

(5) A separating employee shall be in a paid status on or after the holiday in order to receive holiday leave.

R477-7-3. Annual Leave.

(1) An eligible employee shall accrue leave based on the following years of state service:

(a) less than 5 years -- four hours per pay period;

(b) at least 5 and less than 10 years -- five hours per pay period;

(c) at least 10 and less than 20 years --six hours per pay period;

(d) 20 years or more -- seven hours per pay period.

(2) The maximum annual leave accrual rate shall be granted to an employee under the following conditions:

(a) an employee in schedule AB, and agency deputy directors and division directors appointed to career service exempt positions.

(b) an employee who is schedule A, FLSA exempt and who has a direct reporting relationship to an elected official, executive director, deputy director, commissioner or board.

(c) The maximum accrual rate shall be effective from the day the employee is appointed through the duration of the appointment. Employees in these positions on July 1, 2003, shall have the leave accrual rate adjusted prospectively.

(3) The accrual rate for an employee rehired to a position which receives leave benefits shall be based on all eligible employment in which the employee accrued leave.

(4) The first eight hours of annual leave used by an employee in the calendar leave year shall be the employee's personal preference day.

(5) Agency management shall allow every employee the option to use annual leave each year for at least the amount accrued in the year, subject to Subsection R477-7-1(5).

(6) Unused accrued annual leave time in excess of 320 hours shall be forfeited during year end processing for each calendar year.

R477-7-4. Sick Leave.

(1) An eligible employee shall accrue sick leave, not to exceed four hours per pay period. Sick leave shall accrue without limit.

(2) Agency management may grant sick leave for preventive health and dental care, maternity, paternity, and adoption care, or for absence from duty because of illness, injury or disability of the employee, a spouse, children or parents living in the employee's home; or qualifying FMLA purposes.

(3) Agency management may grant exceptions for other unique medical situations.

(4) When management approves the use of sick leave, an employee may use any combination of Program I and Program II sick leave.

(5) An employee shall contact management prior to the beginning of the scheduled workday the employee is absent due to illness or injury.

(6) Any application for a grant of sick leave to cover an absence that exceeds three consecutive working days shall be supported by administratively acceptable evidence.

(7) If there is reason to believe that an employee is abusing

sick leave, a supervisor may require an employee to produce evidence regardless of the number of sick hours used.

(8) Unless retiring, an employee separating from state employment shall forfeit any unused sick leave without compensation.

(a) An employee rehired into a benefited position within one year of separation due to a reduction in force shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated to Program I and Program II as accrued prior to the reduction in force.

(b) An employee rehired with benefits within one year of separation for reasons other than a reduction in force shall have forfeited sick leave reinstated as Program II sick leave.

(c) An employee who retires from state service and is rehired may not reinstate forfeited sick leave.

R477-7-5. Converted Sick Leave.

An employee may convert sick leave hours to converted sick leave after the end of the last pay period of the calendar year in which the employee is eligible.

(1)(a) Converted sick leave hours accrued prior to January 1, 2006 shall be Program I converted sick leave hours.

(b) Converted sick leave hours accrued after January 1, 2006 shall be Program II converted sick leave hours.

(2) To be eligible, an employee shall have accrued a total of 144 hours or more of sick leave in Program I and Program II combined at the beginning of the first pay period of the calendar year.

(a) At the end of the last pay period of a calendar year in which an employee is eligible, all unused sick leave hours accrued that year in excess of 64 shall be converted to Program II converted sick leave.

(b) The maximum hours of converted sick leave an employee may accrue in Program I and Program II combined is 320.

(c) If the employee has the maximum accrued in converted sick leave, these hours will be added to the annual leave account balance.

(d) In order to prevent or reverse the conversion, an employee shall:

(i) notify agency management no later than the last day of the last pay period of the calendar year in order to prevent the conversion; or

(ii) notify agency management no later than the end of February in order to reverse the conversion.

(e) Upon separation, an eligible employee may convert any unused sick leave hours accrued in the current calendar leave year in excess of 64 to converted sick leave hours in Program II.

(3) An employee may use converted sick leave as annual leave or as regular sick leave.

(4) When management approves the use of converted sick leave, an employee may use any combination of Program I and Program II converted sick leave.

(5) Employees retiring from LTD who have converted sick leave balances still intact may use these hours for the unused converted sick leave retirement program at the time they become eligible for retirement.

(6) Upon retirement, 25% of the value of the unused converted sick leave, but not to exceed Internal Revenue Service limitations, shall be placed in the employee's 401(k) account as an employer contribution.

(a) Converted sick leave hours from Program II shall be placed in the 401(k) account before hours from Program I.

(b) The remainder shall be used for:

(i) the purchase of health care insurance and life insurance under Subsection R477-7-6(3)(a) if the converted sick leave was accrued in Program I ; or

(ii) a contribution into the employees PEHP health reimbursement account under Subsection R477-7-6(6)(b) if the converted sick leave was accrued in Program II.

(7) Upon retirement, Program I converted sick leave hours may not be suspended or deferred for future use. This includes retired employees who reemploy with the state and choose to suspend their defined benefit payments.

(8) Retired employees who reemploy with the state in a benefitted position will have a new benefit calculated on any new Program II converted sick leave hours accrued, upon subsequent retirement, for the new period of employment.

R477-7-6. Sick Leave Retirement Benefit.

Upon retirement from active employment, an employee shall receive an unused sick leave retirement benefit under Sections 67-19-14.2 and 67-19-14.4.

(1) An employee in the Tier I retirement system or the Tier II hybrid retirement system shall become eligible for this benefit when actively retiring with Utah Retirement Systems.

(2) An employee in the Tier II defined contribution system shall become eligible when terminating employment on or after the retirement date established by the Utah Retirement Systems. This date reflects service time accrued by the employee as if the employee were in the Tier II hybrid retirement system.

(3)(a) Sick leave hours accrued prior to January 1, 2006 shall be Program I sick leave hours.

(b) Sick leave hours accrued after January 1, 2006 shall be Program II sick leave hours.

(4) An agency may offer the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Option Program I to an employee who is eligible to receive retirement benefits. However, any decision whether or not to participate in this program shall be agency wide and shall be consistent through an entire fiscal year.

(a) If an agency decides to withdraw for the next fiscal year after initially deciding to participate, the agency shall notify all employees at least 60 days before the new fiscal year begins.

(5) An employee in a participating agency shall receive the following benefit provided by the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Options Program I.

(a) 25% of the value of the unused sick leave and converted sick leave, but not to exceed Internal Revenue Service limitations, shall be placed in the employees 401(k) account as an employer contribution.

(i) Sick leave hours from Program II shall be placed in the 401(k) account before hours from Program I.

(ii) After the 401(k) contribution is made, the remaining Program I sick leave hours and converted sick leave hours from Subsection R477-7-5(5)(b)(i) shall be used to provide the following benefit.

(iii) The purchase of PEHP health insurance, or a state approved program, and life insurance coverage for the employee until the employee reaches the age eligible for Medicare.

(A) Health insurance shall be the same coverage carried by the employee at the time of retirement; i.e., family, two-party, or single.

(B) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for the state paid portion of one month's premium.

(C) The employee shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan. The premium amount shall be determined from the approved PEHP retiree rate and not the active employee rates.

(D) Life insurance provided shall be the minimum authorized coverage provided for state employees at the time the employee retires.

(iv) When the employee becomes eligible for Medicare, a Medicare supplement policy provided by PEHP may be purchased at the rate of eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(v) When the employee becomes eligible for Medicare, a PEHP health insurance policy, or another state approved policy, may be purchased for a spouse until the spouse is eligible for

Medicare.

(A) The purchase rate shall be eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(B) The employee shall pay the same percentage of the premium as a current employee on the same plan. The premium amount shall be determined from the approved PEHP retiree rate and not the active employee rates.

(vi) When the spouse reaches the age eligible for Medicare, the employee may purchase a Medicare supplement policy provided by PEHP for the spouse at the rate of eight hours of sick leave or converted sick leave for one month's premium.

(vii) In the event an employee is killed in the line of duty, the employee's spouse shall be eligible to use the employee's available sick leave hours for the purchase of health and dental insurance under Section 67-19-14.3.

(b) Employees retiring from LTD who have sick leave balances still intact may use these hours for the unused sick leave retirement program at the time they become eligible for retirement.

(c) Upon retirement, Program I sick leave hours may not be suspended or deferred for future use. This includes retired employees who reemploy with the state and choose to suspend their defined benefit payments.

(6) An employee shall receive the following benefit provided by the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Option Program II.

(a) 25% of the value of the unused sick leave and converted sick leave, but not to exceed Internal Revenue Service limitations, shall be placed in the employee's 401(k) account as an employer contribution.

(b) After the 401(k) contribution the remaining sick leave hours and the converted sick leave hours from Subsection R477-7-5(5)(b)(ii) shall be deposited in the employee's PEHP health reimbursement account at the greater of:

(i) the employee's rate of pay at retirement, or

(ii) the average rate of pay of state employees who retired in the same retirement system in the previous calendar year.

(c) Retired employees who reemploy with the state in a benefited position will have a new benefit calculated on any new Program II sick leave hours accrued, upon subsequent retirement, for the new period of employment.

R477-7-7. Administrative Leave.

(1) Administrative leave may be granted consistent with agency policy for the following reasons:

(a) administrative;

(i) governor approved holiday leave;

(ii) during management decisions that benefit the organization;

(iii) when no work is available due to unavoidable conditions or influences; or

(iv) other reasons consistent with agency policy.

(b) protected;

(i) suspension with pay pending hearing results;

(ii) personal decision making prior to discipline;

(iii) removal from adverse or hostile work environment situations;

(iv) fitness for duty or employee assistance; or

(v) other reasons consistent with agency policy.

(c) reward in lieu of cash;

(i) the agency head or designee may grant paid administrative leave up to one day per occurrence;

(ii) administrative leave in excess of one day may be granted with written approval by the agency head.

(iii) administrative leave given as a reward in lieu of cash may not exceed 40 hours in a fiscal year.

(iv) administrative leave given as a reward in lieu of cash may be given from one agency to employees of another agency if both agency heads agree in advance.

(d) student educational assistance.

(e) An employee who satisfies the criteria in this subsection shall be granted up to two hours of administrative leave to vote in an official election.

(i) The employee shall:

(A) have fewer than three total hours off the job between the time the polls open and close, and;

(B) apply for the time in the previous 24 hours.

(ii) Management may specify the hours when the employee may be absent.

(f) Administrative leave shall be given for non-performance based purposes to employees who are on Family and Medical Leave or a military leave of absence if the leave would have been given had the employee been in a working status.

(2) With the exception of administrative leave used as a reward, under Subsection R477-7-7(1)(c), the agency head or designee may grant paid administrative leave.

(3) Administrative leave taken shall be documented in the employee's leave record.

R477-7-8. Jury Leave.

(1) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence from a regularly scheduled work day with full pay when, in obedience to a subpoena or direction by proper authority, the employee is required to:

(a) appear as a witness as part of the employee's position for the federal government, the State of Utah, or a political subdivision of the state; or

(b) serve as a witness in a grievance hearing under Section 67-19-31 and Title 67, Chapter 19a; or

(c) serve on a jury.

(2) An employee who is absent in order to litigate in matters unrelated to state employment shall use eligible accrued leave or leave without pay.

(3) An employee choosing to use accrued leave while on jury duty shall be entitled to keep juror's fees; otherwise, juror's fees received shall be returned to agency payroll clerks for deposit with the State Treasurer. The fees shall be deposited as a refund of expenditure in the unit where the salary is recorded.

R477-7-9. Bereavement Leave.

An employee may receive a maximum of three days bereavement leave per occurrence with pay, at management's discretion, following the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. Bereavement leave may not be charged against accrued sick or annual leave.

(1) The immediate family means relatives of the employee or spouse including in-laws, step-relatives, or equivalent relationship as follows:

(a) spouse;

(b) parents;

(c) siblings;

(d) children;

(e) all levels of grandparents; or

(f) all levels of grandchildren.

R477-7-10. Military Leave.

An employee who is a member of the National Guard or Military Reserves and is on official military orders is entitled to paid military leave not to exceed 120 hours each calendar year, including travel time, under Section 39-3-2.

(1) An employee may not claim salary for nonworking days spent in military training or for traditional weekend training.

(2) An employee may use any combination of military leave, accrued leave or leave without pay under Section R477-7-13.

(a) Accrued sick leave may only be used if the reason for leave meets the conditions in Section R477-7-4.

(3) An employee on military leave is eligible for any service awards or non-performance administrative leave the employee would otherwise be eligible to receive.

(4) An employee shall give notice of official military orders as soon as possible.

(5) Upon release from official military orders under honorable conditions, an employee shall be placed in a position in the following order of priority.

(a) If the period of service was for less than 91 days, the employee shall be placed:

(i) in the same position the employee held on the date of the commencement of the service in the uniformed services; or

(ii) in the same position the employee would have held if the continuous employment of the employee had not been interrupted by the service.

(b) If the period of service was for more than 90 days, the employee shall be placed:

(i) in a position of like seniority, status and salary, of the position the employee held on the date of the commencement of the service in the uniformed services; or

(ii) in a position of like seniority, status, and salary the employee would have held if the continuous employment of the employee had not been interrupted by the service.

(c) When a disability is incurred or aggravated while on official military orders, the employing agency shall adhere to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), United States Code, Title 38, Chapter 43.

(d) The cumulative length of time allowed for reemployment may not exceed five years. This rule incorporates by reference 20CFR1002.103 for the purposes of calculating cumulative time.

(e) An employee is entitled to reemployment rights and benefits including increased pension and leave accrual to which the employee would have been entitled had the employee not been absent due to military service. An employee entering military leave may elect to have payment for annual leave deferred.

(6) In order to be reemployed, an employee shall present evidence of military service, and:

(a) for service less than 31 days, return at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled work period on the first full day after release from service unless impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee;

(b) for service of more than 30 days but less than 181 days, submit a request for reemployment within 14 days of release from service, unless impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee; or

(c) for service of more than 180 days, submit a request for reemployment within 90 days of release from service.

R477-7-11. Disaster Relief Volunteer Leave.

(1) An employee may be granted leave from work with pay, by the agency head or designee, for an aggregate of 15 working days in any 12 month period to participate in disaster relief services for a disaster relief organization. To request this leave an employee shall be a certified disaster relief volunteer and file a written request with the employing agency. The request shall include:

(a) a copy of a written request for the employee's services from an official of the disaster relief organization;

(b) the anticipated duration of the absence;

(c) the type of service the employee is to provide; and

(d) the nature and location of the disaster where the employee's services will be provided.

R477-7-12. Organ Donor Leave.

An employee who serves as a bone marrow or human organ donor shall be granted paid leave for the donation and recovery.

(1) An employee who donates bone marrow shall be granted up to seven days of paid leave.

(2) An employee who donates a human organ shall be granted up to 30 days of paid leave.

R477-7-13. Leave of Absence Without Pay.

(1) An employee shall apply in writing to agency management for approval of a leave of absence without pay.

(a) Leave without pay may be granted only when there is an expectation that the employee will return to work.

(b) The employee shall be entitled to previously accrued annual and sick leave.

(c) If unable to return to work within the time period granted, the employee shall be separated from state employment unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(2) Nonmedical Reasons

(a) Approval may be granted for continuous leave for up to six months from the last day worked in the employee's regular position. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head.

(b) Agency management may approve leave without pay for an employee even though annual or sick leave balances exist.

(c) An employee who receives no compensation for a complete pay period shall be responsible for payment of the full premium of state provided benefits.

(d) An employee who returns to work on or before the expiration of leave without pay shall be placed in a position with comparable pay and seniority to the previously held position.

(3) Medical Reasons

(a) An employee who does not qualify for FMLA, Workers Compensation, or Long Term Disability may be granted leave without pay for medical reasons not to exceed six months cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform the employee's regular position.

(i) A leave of absence may not be granted when documentation from one or more qualified healthcare providers clearly establishes that the employee has a permanent condition preventing the employee from returning to the last held regular position unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(b) After six months cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform the regular position, the employee shall be separated from employment unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head in consultation with DHRM.

(c) Except as otherwise provided under the Family Medical Leave Act, an employee who receives no compensation for a complete pay period shall be responsible for payment of the full premium of state provided benefits.

(d) Upon request, an employee who is granted this leave shall provide a monthly return to work status update to the employee's supervisor.

R477-7-14. Furlough.

(1) Agency management may furlough employees as a means of saving salary costs in lieu of or in addition to a reduction in force. Furlough plans are subject to the approval of the agency head and the following conditions:

(a) Furlough hours shall be counted for purposes of annual, sick and holiday leave accrual.

(b) Payment of all state paid benefits shall continue at the agency's expense.

(i) Benefits that have fixed costs shall be paid at the full rate regardless of how many days an employee is furloughed.

(ii) Benefits that are paid as a percentage of actual wages shall continue to be paid as percentage of actual wages if the furlough is less than one pay period. Employees who are furloughed for a full pay period shall have no percentage based

benefits paid.

(c) An employee who is furloughed shall continue to pay the employee portion of all benefits. Voluntary benefits shall remain entitrely at the employee's expense.

(d) An employee shall return to the current position.

(e) Furlough is applied equitably; e.g., to all persons in a given class, all program staff, or all staff in an organization.

R477-7-15. Family and Medical Leave.

(1) An eligible employee is allowed up to 12 work weeks of family and medical leave each calendar year for any of the following reasons:

(a) birth of a child;

(b) adoption of a child;

(c) placement of a foster child;

(d) a serious health condition of the employee; or

(e) care of a spouse, dependent child, or parent with a serious medical condition.

(f) A qualifying exigency arising as a result of a spouse, son, daughter or parent being on active duty or having been notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces.

(2) An employee is allowed up to 26 work weeks of family and medical leave during a 12 month period to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent or next of kin who is a recovering service member as defined by the National Defense Authorization Act.

(3) An employee on FMLA leave shall continue to receive the same health insurance benefits the employee was receiving prior to the commencement of FMLA leave provided the employee pays the employee share of the health insurance premium.

(4) An employee on FMLA leave shall receive any administrative leave given for non-performance based reasons if the leave would have been given had the employee been in a working status.

(5) To be eligible for family and medical leave, the employee shall:

(a) be employed by the state for at least one year;

(b) be employed by the state for a minimum of 1250 hours worked, as determined under FMLA, during the 12 month period immediately preceding the commencement of leave.

(6) To request FMLA leave, the employee or an appropriate spokesperson, shall apply in writing for the initial leave and when the reason for requesting family medical leave changes:

(a) thirty days in advance for foreseeable needs; or

(b) as soon as practicable in emergencies.

(7) An employee may use accrued annual leave, sick leave, converted sick leave, excess hours and compensatory time prior to going into leave without pay status for the family and medical leave period.

(8) An employee who chooses to use FMLA leave shall use FMLA leave for all absences related to that qualifying event.

(9) Any period of leave for an employee with a serious health condition who is determined by a health care provider to be incapable of applying for Family and Medical Leave and has no agent or designee shall be designated as FMLA leave.

(10) An employee with a serious health condition covered under workers' compensation may use FMLA leave concurrently with the workers' compensation benefit.

(11) If an employee has gone into leave without pay status and fails to return to work after FMLA leave has ended, an agency may recover, with certain exceptions, the health insurance premiums paid by the agency on the employee's behalf. An employee is considered to have returned to work if the employee returns for at least 30 calendar days.

(a) Exceptions to this provision include:

(i) an FLSA exempt and schedule AB, AD and AR employee who has been denied restoration upon expiration of their leave time;

(ii) an employee whose circumstances change unexpectedly beyond the employee's control during the leave period preventing the return to work at the end of 12 weeks.

(12) Leave taken for purposes of childbirth, adoption, placement for adoption or foster care may not be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule unless the employee and employer mutually agree.

(13) Medical records created for purposes of FMLA and the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be maintained in accordance with confidentiality requirements of Subsection R477-2-5.

R477-7-16. Workers Compensation Leave.

(1) An employee may use accrued leave benefits to supplement the workers compensation benefit.

(a) The combination of leave benefit, wages and workers compensation benefit may not exceed the employee's gross salary. Leave benefits shall only be used in increments of one hour in making up any difference.

(b) The use of accrued leave to supplement the worker compensation benefit shall be terminated if the:

(i) employee is declared medically stable by licensed medical authority;

(ii) workers compensation fund terminates the benefit;

(iii) employee has been absent from work for six months;

(iv) employee refuses to accept appropriate employment offered by the state; or

(v) employee is notified of approval for Long Term Disability or Social Security Disability benefits.

(c) The employee shall refund to the state any accrued leave paid which exceeds the employee's gross salary for the period for which the benefit was received.

(2) Workers compensation hours shall be counted for purposes of annual, sick and holiday leave accrual while the employee is receiving a workers compensation time loss benefit for up to six months from the last day worked in the regular position.

(3) Health insurance benefits shall continue for an employee on leave without pay while receiving workers compensation benefits. The employee is responsible for the payment of the employee share of the premium.

(4) If an employee has applied for LTD and is approved, and the employee elects to continue health insurance coverage, the employee shall be responsible to pay health insurance pursuant to R477-7-17(1)(b)(i).

(5) If the employee is able to return to work in the employee's regular position, the agency shall place the employee in the previously held position or a similar position at a comparable salary range.

(6) If the employee is unable to return to work in the regular position after six months cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform in the regular position, or if documentation from one or more qualified health care providers clearly establishes that the employee has a permanent condition preventing the employee from returning to the last held regular position, the employee shall be separated from state employment unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head in consultation with DHRM.

(7) An employee who files a fraudulent workers compensation claim shall be disciplined under Rule R477-11.

(8) An employee covered under 67-19-27 who is injured in the course of employment shall be given a leave of absence with full pay during the period the employee is temporarily disabled.

(a) the employee shall be placed on administrative leave; and

(b) any compensation received from the state's workers compensation administrator shall be returned to the agency

payroll clerks for deposit with the State Treasurer as a refund of expenditure in the unit number where the salary is recorded.

R477-7-17. Long Term Disability Leave.

(1) An employee who is determined eligible for the Long Term Disability Program (LTD) may be granted up to six months of leave cumulative from the first day of absence or inability to perform the regular position as the result of health conditions, unless documentation from one or more qualified health care providers clearly establishes that the employee has a permanent condition preventing the employee from returning to the last-held regular position. Exceptions to the six months may be granted by the agency head.

(a) For LTD qualifying purposes, the medical leave begins on the day after the last day the employee worked in the employee's regular position. LTD requires a waiting period before benefit payments begin.

(b) An employee determined eligible for Long Term Disability benefits shall be eligible for health insurance benefits the day after the last day worked or the last day of FMLA leave.

(i) If the employee elects to continue health insurance coverage, the health insurance premiums shall be equal to 102% of the regular active premium beginning on the day after the last day worked. The employee is responsible for 10% of the health insurance premium during the first year of disability, 20% during the second year of disability, and 30% thereafter until the employee is no longer covered by the long term disability program. If the employee has a lapse of creditable coverage for more than 62 days, pre-existing condition exclusions shall apply.

(c) Upon approval of the LTD claim:

(i) Biweekly salary payments that the employee may be receiving shall cease. If the employee received any salary payments after the three month waiting period, the LTD benefit shall be offset by the amount received.

(ii) The employee shall be paid for remaining balances of annual leave, excess hours, and compensatory hours earned by FLSA non-exempt employees in a lump sum payment. This payment shall be made at the time LTD is approved unless the employee requests in writing to receive it upon separation from state employment. No reduction of the LTD payment shall be made to offset this payment. Upon return to work from an approved leave of absence, the employee has the option of buying back annual leave at the current hourly rate.

(iii) An employee with a converted sick leave balance at the time of LTD eligibility shall have the option to receive a lump sum payout of all or part of the balance or to keep the balance intact to pay for health and life insurance upon retirement. The payout shall be at the rate at the time of LTD eligibility.

(iv) An employee who retires from state government directly from LTD may be eligible for health and life insurance under Subsection 67-19-14.

(v) Unused sick leave balance shall remain intact until the employee retires. At retirement, the employee shall be eligible for the 401(k) contribution and the purchase of health and life insurance under Subsection 67-19-14.2.

(2) An employee in the Tier I retirement system shall continue to accrue service credit for retirement purposes while receiving long term disability benefits.

(3) Conditions for return from long term disability include:

(a) If an employee provides an administratively acceptable medical release allowing a return to work, the agency shall place the employee in the previously held position or similar position in a comparable salary range provided the employee is able to perform the essential functions of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation.

(b) After six months of cumulative absence from or inability to perform the regular position, the employee shall be separated from state employment unless prohibited by state or federal law. Exceptions may be granted by the agency head.

(4) An employee who files a fraudulent long term disability claim shall be disciplined under Rule R477-11.

(5) Long term disability benefits are provided to eligible employees in accordance with 49-21-403.

R477-7-18. Disabled Law Enforcement Officer Amendments.

(1) A law enforcement officer or state correctional officer, as defined in 67-19-27, who is injured in the course of employment, as defined in 67-19-27, shall be given a leave of absence with 100% of the officer's regular monthly salary and benefits, either:

(a) during the period the employee has a temporary disability; or

(b) in the case of a total disability, until the employee is eligible for an unreduced retirement under Title 49 or reaches the retirement age of 62 years, whichever occurs first.

(2) The eligible employee shall disclose to the agency any time-loss benefit amounts received by, or payable to, the employee, from outside sources, as soon as the employee is made aware.

(a) These amounts do not include benefits received from sources in which the employee pays the full premium.

(3) The agency shall apply R477-7-16, workers compensation leave, and R477-7-17, long term disability leave rules first. They then must consider any benefit amounts received under (2). If the total of these benefits is less than 100% of the employee's monthly salary and benefits, the agency shall make arrangements through payroll to pay the employee the difference.

(4) DHRM shall work with the Division of Risk Management, Workers' Compensation, and the Public Employee's Health Program on a periodic and case-by-case basis to assure that eligible employees receive full benefits.

(a) If at any time it is discovered that the employee is receiving less than 100% of their regular monthly salary and benefits, the agency shall make up the difference to the employee.

(5) If an employee discloses other time-loss benefits received under (2) after these additional payments by the agency have been made, the employee shall reimburse the agency for salary and benefits paid in overage.

R477-7-19. Leave Bank.

With the approval of the agency head, agencies may establish a leave bank program as follows:

(1) Only annual leave, excess hours, compensatory time earned by an FLSA nonexempt employee, and converted sick leave hours may be donated to a leave bank.

(2) Only employees of agencies with approved leave bank programs may donate leave hours to another agency with a leave bank program, if mutually agreed on by both agencies.

(3) An employee may not receive donated leave until all individually accrued leave is used.

(4) Leave shall be accrued if an employee is on sick leave donated from an approved leave bank program.

(5) Employees using donated leave may not work a second job without written consent of the agency head.

R477-7-20. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-8. Working Conditions.
R477-8-1. Work Period.

(1) The state's standard work week begins Saturday and ends the following Friday. Agencies may implement alternative work schedules from among those approved by the Executive Director, DHRM.

(2) State offices are typically open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Agencies may adopt extended business hours to enhance service to the public.

(3) Agency management shall establish work schedules and may approve a flexible starting and ending time for an employee as long as scheduling is consistent with overtime provisions of Section R477-8-4.

(4) An employee is required to be at work on time. An employee who is late, regardless of the reason including inclement weather, shall, with management approval, make up the lost time by using accrued leave, leave without pay or adjusting their work schedule.

(5) An employee's time worked shall be calculated in increments of 15 minutes. This rule incorporates by reference 29 CFR 785.48 for rounding practices when calculating time worked.

R477-8-2. Telecommuting.

(1) Telecommuting is an agency option, not a universal employee benefit. Agencies utilizing a telecommuting program shall:

(a) establish a written policy governing telecommuting;

(b) enter into a written contract with each participating employee to specify conditions, such as use of state or personal equipment, protecting confidential information, and results such as identifiable benefits to the state and how customer needs are being met;

(c) not allow participating employees to violate overtime rules;

(d) not compensate for normal commute time; and

(e) document telecommuting authorization in the Utah Performance Management system.

R477-8-3. Lunch, Break and Exercise Release Periods.

(1) Each full time work day shall include a minimum of 30 minutes noncompensated lunch period, unless otherwise authorized by management.

(a) Lunch periods may not be used to shorten a work day.

(2) An employee may take a 15 minute compensated break period for every four hours worked.

(a) Break periods may not be accumulated to accommodate a shorter work day or longer lunch period.

(3) Compensated exercise release time may be allowed at agency discretion for up to three days per week for 30 minutes.

(a) Participating agencies shall have a written policy regarding exercise release time.

(b) Work time exercise that is a bona fide job requirement is not subject to this section.

(4) Authorization for exercise time and regular scheduled lunch breaks less than 30 minutes shall be documented in the Utah Performance Management system.

(5) Reasonable daily noncompensated break periods, as requested by the employee, shall be granted for the first year following the birth of a child so that the employee may express breast milk for her child. A private location, other than a restroom, shall be provided.

R477-8-4. Overtime Standards.

The state's policy for overtime is adopted and incorporated from the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 CFR Parts 500 to 899(2002) and Section 67-19-6.7.

(1) Management may direct an employee to work overtime. Each agency shall develop internal rules and procedures to ensure overtime usage is efficient and economical. These policies and procedures shall include:

(a) prior supervisory approval for all overtime worked;

(b) recordkeeping guidelines for all overtime worked;

(c) verification that there are sufficient funds in the budget to compensate for overtime worked.

(2) Overtime compensation designations are identified for each job title in HRE as either FLSA nonexempt, or FLSA exempt.

(a) An employee may appeal the FLSA designation to the agency human resource field office. Further appeals may be filed directly with the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division. Sections 67-19-31, 67-19a-301 and Title 63G, Chapter 4 may not be applied for FLSA appeals purposes.

(3) An FLSA nonexempt employee may not work more than 40 hours a week without management approval. Overtime shall accrue when the employee actually works more than 40 hours a week. Leave and holiday time taken within the work period may not be counted as hours worked when calculating overtime accrual. Hours worked over two or more weeks may not be averaged with the exception of certain types of law enforcement, fire protection, and correctional employees.

(4) Agency management shall arrange for an employee's use of compensatory time as soon as possible without unduly disrupting agency operations or endangering public health, safety or property.

R477-8-5. Compensatory Time for FLSA Nonexempt Employees.

(1) An FLSA nonexempt employee shall sign a prior overtime agreement authorizing management to compensate the employee for overtime worked by actual payment or accrual of compensatory time at time and one half.

(a) An FLSA nonexempt employee may receive compensatory time for overtime up to a maximum of 80 hours. Only with prior approval of the Executive Director, DHRM, may compensatory time accrue up to 240 hours for regular employees or up to 480 hours for peace or correctional officers, emergency or seasonal employees. Once an employee reaches the maximum, additional overtime shall be paid on the payday for the period in which it was earned.

(b) Compensatory time balances for an FLSA nonexempt employee shall be paid down to zero in the same pay period that the employee is:

(i) transferred from one agency to a different agency,

(ii) promoted;

(iii) reclassified;

(iv) reassigned: or

(v) transferred to an FLSA exempt position.

(c) The pay down for unused compensatory time balances shall be based on the employee's hourly rate of pay in the old position.

R477-8-6. Compensatory Time for FLSA Exempt Employees.

(1) An FLSA exempt employee may not work more than 80 hours in a pay period without management approval. Compensatory time shall accrue when the employee actually works more than 80 hours in a work period. Leave and holiday time taken within the work period may not count as hours worked when calculating compensatory time. Each agency shall compensate an FLSA exempt employee who works overtime by granting time off. For each hour of overtime worked, an FLSA exempt employee shall accrue an hour of compensatory time.

(a) Agencies shall establish in written policy a uniform overtime year either for the agency as a whole or by unit number and communicate it to employees. Overtime years shall be set at one of the following pay periods: Five, Ten, Fifteen, Twenty,

or the last pay period of the calendar year. If an agency fails to establish a uniform overtime year, the Executive Director, DHRM, and the Director of Finance, Department of Administrative Services, will establish the date for the agency at the last pay period of the calendar year. An agency may change the established overtime year only after the current overtime year has lapsed, unless justifiable reasons exist and the Executive Director, DHRM, has granted a written exception.

(b) Any compensatory time earned by an FLSA exempt employee is not an entitlement, a benefit, nor a vested right.

(c) Any compensatory time earned by an FLSA exempt employee shall lapse upon occurrence of any one of the following events:

(i) at the end of the employee's established overtime year;

(ii) upon assignment to another agency; or

(iii) when an employee terminates, retires, or otherwise does not return to work before the end of the overtime year.

(d) If an FLSA exempt employee's status changes to nonexempt, that employee's compensatory time earned while in exempt status shall lapse if not used by the end of the current overtime year.

(e) The agency head may approve overtime for career service exempt deputy and division directors, but overtime may not be compensated with actual payment. Schedule AB employees may not be compensated for compensatory time except with time off.

R477-8-7. Nonexempt Public Safety Personnel.

(1) To be considered for overtime compensation under this rule, a law enforcement or correctional officer shall meet the following criteria:

(a) be a uniformed or plain clothes sworn officer;

(b) be empowered by statute or local ordinance to enforce laws designed to maintain public peace and order, to protect life and property from accident or willful injury, and to prevent and detect crimes;

(c) have the power to arrest;

(d) be POST certified or scheduled for POST training; and

(e) perform over 80% law enforcement duties.

(2) Agencies shall select one of the following maximum work hour thresholds to determine when overtime compensation is granted to law enforcement or correctional officers designated FLSA nonexempt and covered under this rule.

(a) 171 hours in a work period of 28 consecutive days; or

(b) 86 hours in a work period of 14 consecutive days.

(3) Agencies shall select one of the following maximum work hour thresholds to determine when overtime compensation is granted to fire protection employees.

(a) 212 hours in a work period of 28 consecutive days; or

(b) 106 hours in a work period of 14 consecutive days.

(4) Agencies may designate a lesser threshold in a 14 day or 28 day consecutive work period as long as it conforms to the following:

(a) the Fair Labor Standards Act, Section 207(k);

(b) 29 CFR 553.230;

(c) the state's payroll period;

(d) the approval of the Executive Director, DHRM.

R477-8-8. Time Reporting.

(1) Employees shall complete and submit a state approved biweekly time record that accurately reflects the hours actually worked, including:

(a) approved and unapproved overtime;

(b) on-call time;

(c) stand-by time;

(d) meal periods of public safety and correctional officers who are on duty more than 24 consecutive hours; and

(e) approved leave time.

(2) An employee who fails to accurately record time may be disciplined.

(3) Time records developed by the agency shall have the same elements of the state approved time record and be approved by the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Finance.

(4) A Supervisor who directs an employee to submit an inaccurate time record or knowingly approves an inaccurate time record may be disciplined.

(5) A Non-exempt employee who believes FLSA rights have been violated may submit a complaint directly to the Executive Director, or designee, of the Department of Human Resource Management.

R477-8-9. Hours Worked.

(1) An FLSA nonexempt employee shall be compensated for all hours worked. An employee who works unauthorized overtime may be disciplined.

(a) All time that an FLSA nonexempt employee is required to wait for an assignment while on duty, before reporting to duty, or before performing activities is counted towards hours worked.

(b) Time spent waiting after being relieved from duty is not counted as hours worked if one or more of the following conditions apply:

(i) the employee arrives voluntarily before their scheduled shift and waits before starting duties;

(ii) the employee is completely relieved from duty and allowed to leave the job;

(iii) the employee is relieved until a definite specified time; or

(iv) the relief period is long enough for the employee to use as the employee sees fit.

R477-8-10. On-call Time.

(1) An FLSA nonexempt employee required by agency management to be available for on-call work shall be compensated for on-call time at a rate of one hour for every 12 hours the employee is on-call. A FLSA exempt employee required by agency management to be available for on-call work may be compensated at agency discretion, not to exceed a rate of one hour for every 12 hours the employee is on-call.

(a) Time is considered on-call time when the employee has freedom of movement in personal matters as long as the employee is available for a call to duty. An employee may not be in on-call status while using leave or while otherwise unable to respond to a call to duty.

(b) Agencies who enter into on-call agreements with employees shall have an agency policy consistent with this rule and finance policy.

(c) On-call status shall be designated by a supervisor and shall be in writing and documented in the Utah Performance Management system on an annual basis. Carrying a pager or cell phone shall not constitute on-call time without this written agreement.

(d) The employee shall record the hours spent in on-call status, and any actual hours worked, on the official time record, for the specific date the hours were incurred, in order to be paid.

(e) An employee may not record on-call hours and actual hours worked for the same period of time. On-call hours, actual hours worked, and leave hours cannot exceed 24 hours in a day.

(f) An employee shall round on-call hours to the nearest two decimal places. Hours of on-call pay shall be calculated by subtracting the number of hours worked in the on-call period from the number of hours in the on-call period then dividing the result by 12.

R477-8-11. Stand-by Time.

(1) An employee restricted to stand-by at a specified location ready for work shall be paid full-time or overtime, as

appropriate. An employee shall be paid for stand-by time if required to stand by the post ready for duty, even during lunch periods, equipment breakdowns, or other temporary work shutdowns.

(2) The meal periods of guards, police, and other public safety or correctional officers and firefighters who are on duty more than 24 consecutive hours shall be counted as working time, unless an express agreement excludes the time.

R477-8-12. Commuting and Travel Time.

(1) Normal commuting time from home to work and back may not count towards hours worked.

(2) Time an employee spends traveling from one job site to another during the normal work schedule shall count towards hours worked.

(3) Time an employee spends traveling on a special one day assignment shall count towards hours worked except meal time and ordinary home to work travel.

(4) Travel that keeps an employee away from home overnight does not count towards hours worked if it is time spent outside of regular working hours as a passenger on an airplane, train, boat, bus, or automobile.

(5) Travel as a passenger counts toward hours worked if it is time spent during regular working hours. This applies to nonworking days, as well as regular working days. However, regular meal period time is not counted.

R477-8-13. Excess Hours.

(1) An employee may use excess hours the same way as annual leave.

(a) Agency management shall approve excess hours before the work is performed.

(b) Agency management may deny the use of any leave time, other than holiday leave, that results in an employee accruing excess hours.

(c) An employee may not accumulate more than 80 excess hours.

(d) Agency management shall pay out excess hours:

(i) for all hours accrued above the limit set by DHRM;

(ii) when an employee is assigned from one agency to another; and

(iii) upon separation.

(e) Agency management may pay out excess hours:

(i) automatically in the same pay period accrued;

(ii) at any time during the year as determined appropriate by a state agency or division; or

(iii) upon request of the employee and approval by the agency head.

R477-8-14. Dual State Employment.

An employee who has more than one position within state government, regardless of schedule is considered to be in a dual employment situation. The following conditions apply to dual employment status.

(1) An employee may work in up to four different positions in state government.

(2) An employee's benefit status for any secondary position(s), regardless of schedule of any of the positions, shall be the same as the primary position.

(3) An employee's FLSA status (exempt or nonexempt) for any secondary position(s) shall be the same as the primary position.

(4) Leave accrual shall be based on all hours worked in all positions and may not exceed the maximum amount allowed in the primary position.

(5) As a condition of dual employment, an employee in dual employment status is prohibited from accruing excess hours in either the primary or secondary positions. All excess hours earned shall be paid at straight time in the pay period in which the excess hours are earned.

(6) As a condition of dual employment, the Overtime or Comp selection shall be as overtime paid regardless of FLSA status. An employee may not accrue comp hours while in dual employment status.

(7) Overtime shall be calculated at straight time or time and one half depending on the FLSA status of the primary position. Time and a half overtime rates shall be calculated based on the weighted average rate of the multiple positions. Refer to Division of Finance's payroll policies, dual employment section.

(8) The Accepting Terms of Dual Employment form shall be completed, signed by the employee and supervisor, and placed in the employee's personnel file with a copy sent to the Division of Finance.

(9) Secondary positions may not interfere with the efficient performance of the employee's primary position or create a conflict of interest. An employee in dual employment status shall comply with conditions under Subsection R477-9-2(1).

R477-8-15. Reasonable Accommodation.

Reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals with disabilities may be a factor in any employment action. Before notifying an employee of denial of reasonable accommodation, the agency shall consult with the Division of Risk Management.

R477-8-16. Fitness For Duty Evaluations.

Fitness for duty medical evaluations may be performed under any of the following circumstances:

(1) return to work from injury or illness except as prohibited by federal law;

(2) when management determines that there is a direct threat to the health or safety of self or others;

(3) in conjunction with corrective action, performance or conduct issues, or discipline; or

(4) when a fitness for duty evaluation is a bona fide occupational qualification for selection, retention, or promotion.

R477-8-17. Temporary Transitional Assignment.

(1) Agency management may place an employee in a temporary transitional assignment when an employee is unable to perform essential job functions due to temporary health restrictions.

(2) Temporary transitional assignments may also be part of any of the following:

(a) when management determines that there is a direct threat to the health or safety of self or others;

(b) in conjunction with an internal investigation, corrective action, performance or conduct issues, or discipline;

(c) where there is a bona fide occupational qualification for retention in a position;

(d) while an employee is being evaluated to determine if reasonable accommodation is appropriate.

R477-8-18. Change in Work Location.

(1) An involuntary change in work location shall not be permitted if this requires the employee to commute or relocate 50 miles or more, one way, beyond the current one way commute, unless:

(a) the change in work location is communicated to the employee at employment; or

(b) the agency either pays to move the employee consistent with Section R25-6-8 and Finance Policy FIACCT 05-03.03, or reimburses commuting expenses up to the cost of a move.

R477-8-19. Agency Policies and Exemptions.

(1) Each agency may write its own policies for work schedules, overtime, leave usage, and other working conditions

consistent with these rules.

R477-8-20. Background Checks.

In order to protect the citizens of the State of Utah and state resources and with the approval of the agency head, agencies may establish background check policies requiring specific employees to submit to a criminal background check through the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Identification.

(1) Agencies who have statewide responsibility for confidential information, sensitive financial information, or handle state funds may require employees to submit to a background check, including employees who work in other state agencies.

(2) The cost of the background check will be the responsibility of the employing agency.

R477-8-21. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule, consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-9. Employee Conduct.
R477-9-1. Standards of Conduct.

An employee shall comply with the standards of conduct established in these rules and the policies and rules established by agency management.

(1) Employees shall apply themselves to and shall fulfill their assigned duties during the full time for which they are compensated.

(a) An employee shall:

(i) comply with the standards established in the individual performance plans;

(ii) maintain an acceptable level of performance and conduct on all other verbal and written job expectations;

(iii) report conditions and circumstances, including controlled substances or alcohol impairment, that may prevent the employee from performing their job effectively and safely;

(iv) inform the supervisor of any unclear instructions or procedures.

(2) An employee shall make prudent and frugal use of state funds, equipment, buildings, time, and supplies.

(3) An employee who reports for duty or attempts to perform the duties of the position while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant, including use of illicit drugs, nonprescribed controlled substances, and misuse of volatile substances, shall be subject to corrective action or discipline in accordance with Section R477-10-2, Rule R477-11 and R477-14.

(a) The agency may decline to defend and indemnify an employee found violating this rule, in accordance with Section 63G-7-2 of the Utah Governmental Immunity Act.

(4) An employee may not drive a state vehicle or any other vehicle, on state time, while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

(a) An employee who violates this rule shall be subject to corrective action or discipline under Section R477-10-2, Rules R477-11 and R477-14.

(b) The agency may decline to defend or indemnify an employee who violates this rule, according to Subsection 63G-7-202(3)(c)(ii) of the Utah Governmental Immunity Act.

(5) An employee shall provide the agency with a current personal mailing address.

(a) The employee shall notify the agency in writing of any change in address.

(b) Mail sent to the current address on record shall be deemed to be delivered for purposes of these rules.

R477-9-2. Outside Employment.

(1) State employment shall be the principal vocation for a full-time employee governed by these rules. An employee may engage in outside employment under the following conditions:

(a) Outside employment may not interfere with an employee's performance.

(b) Outside employment may not conflict with the interests of the agency nor the State of Utah.

(c) Outside employment may not give reason for criticism nor suspicion of conflicting interests or duties.

(d) An employee shall notify agency management in writing if the outside employment has the potential or appears to conflict with Title 67, Chapter 16, Employee Ethics Act.

(e) Agency management may deny an employee permission to engage in outside employment, or to receive payment, if the outside activity is determined to cause a real or potential conflict of interest.

(f) Failure to notify the employer and to gain approval for outside employment is grounds for disciplinary action if the secondary employment is found to be a conflict of interest.

R477-9-3. Conflict of Interest.

(1) An employee may receive honoraria or paid expenses for activities outside of state employment under the following conditions:

(a) Outside activities may not interfere with an employee's performance, the interests of the agency nor the State of Utah.

(b) Outside activities may not give reasons for criticism nor suspicion of conflicting interests or duties.

(2) An employee may not use a state position; any influence, power, authority or confidential information received in that position; nor state time, equipment, property, or supplies for private gain.

(3) An employee may not accept economic benefit tantamount to a gift, under Section 67-16-5 and the Governor's Executive Order, 1/26/2010, nor accept other compensation that might be intended to influence or reward the employee in the performance of official business.

(4) An employee shall declare a potential conflict of interest when required to do or decide something that could be interpreted as a conflict of interest. Agency management shall then excuse the employee from making decisions or taking actions that may cause a conflict of interest.

R477-9-4. Political Activity.

A state employee may voluntarily participate in political activity, except as restricted by this section or the federal Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 1501 through 1508.

(1) The federal Hatch Act restricts the political activity of state government employees who work in connection with federally funded programs.

(a) State employees in positions covered by the Hatch Act may run for public office in nonpartisan elections, campaign for and hold office in political clubs and organizations, actively campaign for candidates for public office in partisan and nonpartisan elections, contribute money to political organizations, and attend political fundraising functions.

(b) State employees in positions covered by the federal Hatch Act may not be candidates for public office in a partisan election, use official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the results of an election or nomination, or directly or indirectly coerce contributions from subordinates in support of a political party or candidate.

(c) Prior to filing for candidacy, a state employee who is considering running for a partisan office shall submit a statement of intent to become a candidate to the agency head.

(i) The agency head shall consult with DHRM.

(ii) DHRM shall determine whether the employee's intent to become a candidate is covered under the Hatch Act.

(iii) Employees in violation of section R477-9-4(1)(c) may be disciplined up to termination of their employment.

(d) If a determination is made that the employee's position is covered by the Hatch Act, the employee may not run for a partisan political office.

(i) If it is determined that the employee's position is covered by the Hatch Act, the state shall dismiss the employee if the employee files for candidacy.

(2) Any state employee elected to any partisan or full-time nonpartisan political office shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for times when monetary compensation is received for service in political office. An employee may not use annual leave while serving in a political office.

(3) During work time, no employee may engage in any political activity. No person shall solicit political contributions from employees of the executive branch during hours of employment. However, a state employee may voluntarily contribute to any party or any candidate.

(4) Decisions regarding employment, promotion, demotion or dismissal or any other human resource actions may not be based on partisan political activity.

R477-9-5. Employee Indebtedness to the State.

(1) An employee indebted to the state because of an action or performance in official duties may have a portion of salary that exceeds the minimum federal wage withheld. Overtime salary shall not be withheld.

(a) The following three conditions shall be met before withholding of salary may occur:

(i) The debt shall be a legitimately owed amount which can be validated through physical documentation or other evidence.

(ii) The employee shall know about and, in most cases, acknowledge the debt. As much as possible, the employee should provide written authorization to withhold the salary.

(iii) An employee shall be notified of this rule which allows the state to withhold salary.

(b) An employee separating from state service will have salary withheld from the last paycheck.

(c) An employee going on leave without pay for more than two pay periods may have salary withheld from their last paycheck.

(d) The state may withhold an employee's salary to satisfy the following specific obligations:

(i) travel advances where travel and reimbursement for the travel has already occurred;

(ii) state credit card obligations where the state's share of the obligation has been reimbursed to the employee but not paid to the credit card company by the employee;

(iii) evidence that the employee negligently caused loss or damage of state property;

(iv) payroll advance obligations that are signed by the employee and that the Division of Finance authorizes;

(v) misappropriation of state assets for unauthorized personal use or for personal financial gain. This includes reparation for employee theft of state property or use of state property for personal financial gain or benefit;

(vi) overpayment of salary determined by evidence that an employee did not work the hours for which they received salary or was not eligible for the benefits received and paid for by the state;

(vii) excessive reimbursement of funds from flexible reimbursement accounts;

(viii) other obligations that satisfy the requirements of Subsection R477-9-5(1) above.

(2) This rule does not apply to state employee obligations to other state agencies where the obligation was not caused by their actions or performance as an employee.

R477-9-6. Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources.

Information technology resources are provided to a state employee to assist in the performance of assigned tasks and in the efficient day to day operations of state government.

(1) An employee shall use assigned information technology resources in compliance with Rule R895-7, Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources.

(2) An employee who violates the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources policy may be disciplined according to Rule R477-11.

R477-9-7. Personal Blogs and Social Media Sites.

(1) An employee who participates in blogs and social networking sites for personal purposes may not:

(a) claim to represent the position of the State of Utah or an agency;

(b) post the seal of the State of Utah, or trademark or logo of an agency;

(c) post protected or confidential information, including copyrighted information, confidential information received from agency customers, or agency issued documents without permission from the agency head; or

(d) unlawfully discriminate against, harass or otherwise threaten a state employee or a person doing business with the State of Utah.

(2) An agency may establish policy to supplement this section.

(3) An employee may be disciplined according to R477-11 for violations of this section or agency policy.

R477-9-8. Policy Exceptions.

The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule, consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-11. Discipline.
R477-11-1. Disciplinary Action.

(1) Agency management may discipline any employee for any of the following causes or reasons:

(a) noncompliance with these rules, agency or other applicable policies, including but not limited to safety policies, agency professional standards, standards of conduct and workplace policies;

(b) work performance that is inefficient or incompetent;

(c) failure to maintain skills and adequate performance levels;

(d) insubordination or disloyalty to the orders of a superior;

(e) misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance;

(f) any incident involving intimidation, physical harm, or threats of physical harm against co-workers, management, or the public;

(g) no longer meets the requirements of the position;

(h) conduct, on or off duty, which creates a conflict of interest with the employee's public responsibilities or impacts that employee's ability to perform job assignments;

(i) failure to advance the good of the public service, including conduct on or off duty which demeans or harms the effectiveness or ability of the agency to fulfill its mission;

(j) dishonesty; or

(k) misconduct.

(2) Agency management shall consult with DHRM prior to disciplining an employee

(a) DHRM shall consult with the Office of the Attorney General, if necessary, prior to agency management imposing discipline on an employee that is grievable to the Career Service Review Office.

(3) All disciplinary actions of career service employees shall be governed by principles of due process and Title 67, Chapter 19a. The disciplinary process shall include all of the following, except as provided under Subsection 67-19-18(4):

(a) The agency representative notifies the employee in writing of the proposed discipline, the underlying reasons supporting the intended action, and the right to reply within five working days.

(b) The employee's reply shall be received within five working days in order to have the agency representative consider the reply before discipline is imposed.

(c) If an employee waives the right to reply or does not reply within the time frame established by the agency representative or within five days, whichever is longer, discipline may be imposed in accordance with these rules.

(4) After a career service employee has been informed of the reasons for the proposed discipline and has been given an opportunity to respond and be responded to, the agency representative may discipline that employee, or any career service exempt employee not subject to the same procedural rights, by imposing one or more of the following:

(a) written reprimand;

(b) suspension without pay up to 30 calendar days per incident requiring discipline;

(c) demotion of any employee, in accordance with Section R477-11-2, through one of the following actions:

(i) An employee may be moved from a position in one job to a position in another job having a lower maximum salary range and shall receive a reduction in the current actual wage.

(ii) An employee's current actual wage may be lowered within the current salary range, as determined by the agency head or designee.

(d) dismissal in accordance with Section R477-11-2.

(5) If agency management determines that a career service employee endangers or threatens the peace and safety of others or poses a grave threat to the public service or is charged with aggravated or repeated misconduct, the agency may impose the following actions, under Subsection 67-19-18(4), pending an investigation and determination of facts:

(a) paid administrative leave; or

(b) temporary reassignment to another position or work location at the same current actual wage.

(6) At the time disciplinary action is imposed, the employee shall be notified in writing of the discipline, the reasons for the discipline, the effective date and length of the discipline.

(7) Disciplinary actions are subject to the grievance and appeals procedure by law for career service employees only. The employee and the agency representative may agree in writing to waive or extend any grievance step, or the time limits specified for any grievance step.

R477-11-2. Dismissal or Demotion.

An employee may be dismissed or demoted for cause under Subsection R477-10-2(3)(e) and Section R477-11-1, and through the process outlined in this rule.

(1) An agency head or appointing officer may dismiss or demote a probationary employee or career service exempt employee without right of appeal. Such dismissal or demotion may be for any reason or for no reason.

(2) No career service employee shall be dismissed or demoted from a career service position unless the agency head or designee has observed the Grievance Procedure Rules and law cited in Section R137-1-13 and Title 67, Chapter 19a, and the following procedures:

(a) The agency head or designee shall notify the employee in writing of the specific reasons for the proposed dismissal or demotion.

(b) The employee shall have up to five working days to reply. The employee shall reply within five working days for the agency head or designee to consider the reply before discipline is imposed.

(c) The employee shall have an opportunity to be heard by the agency head or designee. The hearing before the agency head or designee shall be strictly limited to the specific reasons raised in the notice of intent to demote or dismiss.

(i) At the hearing the employee may present, either in person, in writing, or with a representative, comments or reasons as to why the proposed disciplinary action should not be taken. The agency head or designee is not required to receive or allow other witnesses on behalf of the employee.

(ii) The employee may present documents, affidavits or other written materials at the hearing. However, the employee is not entitled to present or discover documents within the possession or control of the department or agency that are private, protected or controlled under Section 63G-2-3.

(d) Following the hearing, the employee may be dismissed or demoted if the agency head finds adequate cause or reason.

(e) The employee shall be notified in writing of the agency head's decision. Specific reasons shall be provided if the decision is a demotion or dismissal.

(3) Agency management may place an employee on paid administrative leave pending the administrative appeal to the agency head.

R477-11-3. Discretionary Factors.

(1) When deciding the specific type and severity of discipline, the agency head or representative may consider the following factors:

(a) consistent application of rules and standards;

(i) the agency head or representative need only consider those cases decided under the administration of the current agency head. Decisions in cases prior to the administration of the current agency head are not binding upon the current agency head and are not relevant in determining consistent application

of rules and standards.

(ii) In determining consistent application of rules and standards, the disciplinary actions imposed by one agency may not be binding upon any other agency and may not be used for comparison purposes in hearings wherein the consistent application of rules and standards is at issue.

(b) prior knowledge of rules and standards;

(c) the severity of the infraction;

(d) the repeated nature of violations;

(e) prior disciplinary/corrective actions;

(f) previous oral warnings, written warnings and discussions;

(g) the employee's past work record;

(h) the effect on agency operations;

(i) the potential of the violations for causing damage to persons or property.

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R477. Human Resource Management, Administration.
R477-13. Volunteer Programs.
R477-13-1. Volunteer Programs.

(1) Agency management may establish a volunteer program.

(a) A volunteer program shall include:

(i) documented agreement of the type of work and duration for which the volunteer services will be provided;

(ii) orientation to the conditions of state service and the volunteer's specific assignments;

(iii) adequate supervision of the volunteer; and

(iv) documented hours worked by a volunteer.

(2) Agency management shall approve all work programs for volunteers before volunteers serve the state or any agency or subdivisions of the state.

(3) A volunteer is considered a government employee for purposes of workers' compensation, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, if properly licensed and authorized to do so, and liability protection and indemnification.

(4) The Executive Director, DHRM, may authorize exceptions to this rule consistent with Subsection R477-2-2(1).

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-1. Authority and Purpose.
R510-1-1. Authority.

(1) These rules are promulgated in accordance with the following laws:

(a) Older Americans Act, Pub. L. No. 106-501, 42 USC Section 3001 et seq.

(b) Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services, Section 62A, Chapter 3, Parts 1, 2, and 3.

(c) Workforce Investment Act of 1998, 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.

(d) Social Services Block Grant, 45 CFR Parts 16, 74, and 96.

R510-1-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is for clarification of statutory authority and definition problems.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-100. Funding Formulas.
R510-100-1. Older Americans Act.

(1) Compliance with State and Federal Law for Older Americans Act (OAA).

(a) The Division of Aging and Adult Services (Division) shall develop an intrastate funding formula for distribution of OAA, Title III: Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging funds and State general funds for social and nutrition services which complies with 45 CFR, Subchapter C, Part 1321.37 and with Section 62A-3-108.

(b) The formula shall be reviewed whenever a new State Plan on Aging is required to be submitted.

(2) Affected Funding Sources for OAA.

(a) The funding formula shall include:

(i) All federal funds received under Title III of the OAA with the exception of:

(A) Allowable State Division administrative funds, and

(B) Funds allocated to the State-delivered Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

(ii) All state funds appropriated for Title III social and nutrition services.

(b) The funding formula shall not include state or federal funds appropriated for:

(i) The Alternatives Program,

(ii) Adult Services under the Division, or

(iii) Funds identified under Section 62A-3-108(2).

(3) Funding Formula Factors for OAA.

(a) The funding formula shall incorporate the following factors:

(i) Base factor divided equally among the twelve Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in existence on July 1, 1986;

(ii) Population factor comprised of each AAA's proportion of the State's weighted elderly population; and

(iii) Land area factor consisting of each AAA's proportion of the State's total adjusted square miles.

(b) Weighted elderly population shall consist of:

(i) The number of persons age 60 and over who have annual incomes below 125% of the poverty level, plus

(ii) The number of persons age 75 and over weighted two times, plus

(iii) The number of minority persons, as defined by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, age 60 and over.

(c) All population figures utilized shall reflect the most recent U.S. census figures adjusted on an annual basis based on available population estimates from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

(4) Base Restrictions for OAA.

(a) If any AAA in existence on July 1, 1986, should in the future sub-divide into two or more AAAs, the base amount allocated to the original AAA shall be divided proportionally among the new AAAs.

(5) Base Factor Funds.

(a) Base factor funds shall consist of those federal Title III and state funds appropriated for Title III social and nutrition services and allocated as base funds in FY 2003.

(6) Funding Distribution for OAA.

(a) Distribution of funds under the formula shall be as follows:

(i) Base factor funds;

(ii) 7.5% of total remaining formula funds allocated to the land area factor; and

(iii) 92.5% of total remaining formula funds allocated to the population factor.

R510-100-2. In-Home Services.

(1) Affected Funding Sources for In-Home Services.

(a) The funding formula shall include all federal and state funds appropriated for use by local area agencies on aging to be used for in-home services with the exception of:

(i) funds allocated under Section R510-100-1 and

(ii) funds identified under Section 62A-3-108(2), and

(iii) Adult Services funded under the Division pursuant to Section 62A-3-301 et seq.

(2) Funding Formula Factors for In-Home Services.

(a) The funding formula shall include the following factors:

(i) Land area factor consisting of each AAA's proportion of the state's total adjusted square miles.

(ii) Population factor comprised of each AAA's proportion of the designated population factors.

(iii) Base amount of $16,000 allocated to each Area Agency on Aging.

(b) Designated population factors shall consist of the following:

(i) The number of minority persons, as defined by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, age 60 and over weighted 10%,

(ii) The number of all persons age 18-59 weighted 5%,

(iii) The number of all persons 60 years of age and over weighted 55%, and

(iv) The number of all persons 75 years of age and over weighted 30%.

(c) All population figures utilized shall reflect the most recent U.S. census figures adjusted on an annual basis based on available population estimates from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

(3) Funding Distribution for In-Home Services.

(a) Distribution of funds under the formula will be as follows:

(i) 10% of total formula funds allocated to the land area factor; and

(ii) 90% of total formula funds allocated to the population factor.

(4) Funding Formula Phase-In for In-Home Services.

(a) Funds allocated in fiscal year 1993 shall be held harmless.

(b) New funds above the fiscal year 1993 level shall be allocated by the in-home services funding formula.

(5) The following is the funding formula adjustment phase-in period for In-Home Services:

(a) The Division is authorized to apply an adjustment to the allocation calculated in accord with funding formula contained in paragraph (2) of this section for five fiscal years beginning with FY 2004.

(b) Each adjustment shall be applied to the allocation to all area agencies calculated in accord with the funding formula contained in paragraph (2) of this section and shall represent 20% of the difference between the funds allocated in accord with paragraph (2) of this section and the allocation for FY 2004.

R510-100-3. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

(1) Affected funding sources for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) Program.

(a) All Federal and State funds received for delivery of the LTCO Program with the exception of State Division administrative funds.

(i) Funding Formula for the LTCO Program.

The funding formula for the LTCO Program shall allocate dollars to each designated AAA based on the following factors:

(A) Federal Funds.

Using the base allocation of federal funds available for the LTCO program during State Fiscal Year 1993, each designated AAA will receive an equal share of the dollars available.

Additional funds that may become available above the base allocation will be distributed based on each AAA proportion of long-term care beds in the State as reported by the State

Department of Health and the Division for the preceding year. Long-term care beds shall include licensed nursing facility beds, licensed residential care beds, and approved adult foster care beds.

(B) State General Funds.

A base allocation of $60,000 shall be distributed equally to each designated AAA.

State General funds in excess of this base allocation shall be distributed based on each AAA's proportion of long-term care beds in the State, as reported by the State Department of Health and the Division for the preceding year.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-101. Carryover Policy for Title III: Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging.
R510-101-1. Policy.

In accordance with Federal regulation 45 CFR, Chapter XIII Subchapter C, Part 1321.37, the Division of Aging and Adult Services distributes OAA Title III social and nutrition dollars to AAA according to an established intrastate funding formula. All Title III funds of a specified federal year unspent at the end of that year's state contract period shall be re-contracted to the AAA in the succeeding year's contract. Administration of federal carryover funds must conform with federal laws and regulations. All Title III funds carried over by the AAA from one state fiscal year to the next must be spent according to a written amendment to the Area Plan as approved by the Division.

R510-101-2. Process.

2.1 The amounts of carryover funds in all Title III categories shall be determined at the time of the final state fiscal year financial report as submitted by the AAA and as reviewed and finalized by the Division.

2.2 Upon Division approval of an Area Plan amendment which designates amount and use of carryover funds, the Division will amend the current state year AAA contract to add all Title III carryover funding from the previous year.

2.3 The Division shall spend out the previous year's funds prior to spending current funds.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-102. Amendments to Area Plan and Management Plan.
R510-102-1. Area Plan Amendments.

A. Area Plan Amendments will be made only with the approval of the Division.

B. The AAA must submit Area Plan amendments in accordance with the uniform area plan format and other instructions issued by the Division.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-103. Use of Senior Centers by Long-Term Care Facility Residents Participating in Activities Outside Their Planning and Service Area.
R510-103-1. Criteria for Use.

(1) Eligibility: Long-term care facility residents shall have access to senior centers and programs operated within which receive financial assistance through the Older Americans Act (OAA), Social Services Block Grant, or any other source of federal funds.

(2) Fees and Contributions:

(a) Facility residents who individually participate and who are age 60 or over are encouraged to donate at the contribution rate as established by the responsible AAA Advisory Council and/or Nutrition Council for all programs. The amount of contribution will be confidential.

(b) Facility residents who are under age 60 shall be subject to the fee for participants under 60 as established by the responsible AAA Advisory Council and/or Nutrition Council.

(c) Long-term care residents who elect to take a special class or participate in an activity where there is a charge will be required to pay the fee in accordance with the senior center's policy. This would include requested transportation costs to and from such activities.

(d) The source of contributions and fees for group participants shall be the long-term care facility's responsibility if the use of senior centers is an activity planned by the long-term care facility.

(e) Contributions and fees shall not originate from the resident's personal needs allowance unless participation in the senior center is totally at the request of an individual or their family or legally responsible person, and participation in senior centers is not a component of the facility's activity plan.

(6) Visiting senior center groups shall be given an opportunity to donate a confidential contribution to the planned group activity.

(3) Supervision: Residents who participate in the senior center programs as part of a long-term care group planned activity and/or who require supervision shall be accompanied by a facility staff member or other responsible parties.

(4) Advance Reservations: As is the standard policy for all senior center participants, activities by long-term care facility residents who participate in senior center activities shall require an advanced reservation.

(5) Complaints Regarding Adherence:

All complaints regarding adherence to this regulation by long-term care facilities should first be reported to the facility administrator. If this action does not resolve the complaint, the concern should be directed to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) Program where its resolution will be coordinated with the appropriate agencies.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-106. Minimum Percentages of Older Americans Act, Title III Part B: State and Supportive Services Funds.
R510-106-1. General Principles.

(1) In accordance with the (OAA), as amended in 2000, the following general principles apply to setting minimum percentages which must be spent for Access, In-Home, and Legal Assistance:

(a) In-Home, Access, and Legal Assistance are priority services.

(b) "The minimum percentage is intended to be a floor, not a ceiling. AAAs are encouraged to devote additional funds to each of these service areas to meet local needs." (Source: House of Representatives Conference Report regarding the 1987 Amendment to the Older Americans Act.)

(c) AAAs should be given flexibility to administer their programs at the local level.

(d) The minimum percentage should be applied to both Title IIIB and State Service Dollars.

(2) The minimum percentages shall be established at: 8% for Access Services, 8% for In-Home Services, and 2% for Legal Assistance.

(3) The minimum percentages will be based upon Title III B dollars and State Service dollars that are distributed by formula to the AAAs.

(4) The minimum percentages will be reviewed on an annual basis.

R510-106-2. Criteria for Approval of Title IIIB Priority Services Waiver.

(1) AAAs which do not plan to fund a Title IIIB priority category of service at the required minimum percentage must request a waiver. In order to be approved, the waiver request must demonstrate to the State that the need for the service is adequately met through other means.

(a) The waiver request must include:

(i) Categories of service to be waived, i.e. access, in-home, or legal.

(ii) Extent of waiver requested, i.e. request to provide zero funding or request to provide some funding, but not at the minimum percentage required.

(iii) Justification that services provided in the planning and service area for the waiver category are sufficient to meet the need. Justification should include: types of services in the category available in the planning and service area, funding sources and amounts available, history of service usage, needs assessment data, sources of information, efforts to publicize services, comments from providers of services, waiting lists, etc.

(iv) Documentation of notice to conduct a timely public hearing, upon request of an individual or service provider from the area to be affected by decision, including:

(A) Copies of publicity to conduct a hearing.

(B) Lists of individuals and agencies notified.

(C) Lists of individuals or service providers who requested a hearing.

(v) If a hearing is requested, documentation of notice to conduct a timely public hearing, upon request of an individual or service provider from the area to be affected by decision, will be needed, including:

(A) copies of publicity for to conduct a hearing;

(B) lists of individuals and agencies notified; and

(C) lists of individuals or service providers who requested a hearing.

(vi) Record of public hearing.

(2) In order for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to demonstrate public knowledge about ability to request a hearing, it is recommended that the AAA:

(a) Publicize the hearing in advance so that interested parties can arrange to attend.

(b) Use publicity means that will enable potentially interested parties to be aware of the ability to request a hearing, to have sufficient background to understand the purpose of the hearing, and to be able to testify at the hearing if desired. In addition to a legal notice in the classified section of a newspaper, letters, flyers, larger newspaper articles or other similar announcements are recommended for the purpose of granting a waiver.

(c) Notify interested parties of the ability to request a hearing, such as those individuals or groups specified below:

(i) All Categories of Service: Clients, potential clients, senior advocates, local advisory council members, designated state advisory council member for the area, representatives or relatives of clients, local elected officials, Department of Human Services, agency staff, and State Division of Aging and Adult Services staff, etc.

(ii) Access Services: Information and referral providers, public or private transportation providers, outreach staff.

(iii) In-Home Services: Chore provider agencies, home health agencies, local health departments, homemaker provider agencies, friendly visitor and telephone reassurance agencies or volunteers, homemakers, personal care aides, and home health aides.

(iv) Legal Assistance: Legal Services Developer, Utah Legal Services Corporation, representatives of the Utah Bar Association.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-107. Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program Standards and Procedures.
R510-107-1. Purpose.

(1) Provide useful part-time community service employment for persons with low incomes who are 55 years old or older and provide useful community services.

R510-107-2. Program Standards and Procedures.

(1) The Division's standards and procedures for this program are incorporated by reference to be 20 CFR Part 641 as published April 9, 2004.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-108. Definition of Rural for Title III: Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging Reporting Under the Older Americans Act.
R510-108-1. Definition.

For the purpose of reporting for Title III of the (OAA), rural shall be defined as any county having a total population of less than 100 persons per square mile. This means that all counties in Utah will be considered rural for Title III reporting except Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber Counties.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-109. Definition of Significant Population of Older Native Americans.
R510-109-1. Definition.

A Planning and Service Area has a "significant population of older Native Americans" when 50% or more of its 60+ minority population is older Native Americans.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-110. Policy Regarding Contractual Involvements of Area Agencies on Aging for Private Eldercare and Case Management Services.
R510-110-1. Definitions.

A. Eldercare: a service provided by a corporation on behalf of its employees who have caregiver responsibilities for elderly relatives. The service includes information and referral, but may extend to other types of services and programs, as determined by the corporation.

B. Case Management: a service with several components which collectively make up case management. These components include a combination of some or all of the following:

(1) Intake and Screening: an initial contact with the AAA from the company requesting case management services.

(2) Assessment: a face-to-face evaluation utilizing a standardized Division assessment tool. The assessment provides some or all of the following information regarding the individual:

(a) functional level, including ADL and IADL status;
(b) cognitive status;
(c) health status;
(d) current living arrangement; and
(e) use of formal and informal support systems.

(3) Care Planning: a determination of the appropriate and available mix of formal and informal services and support systems required to meet the individual's long-term care needs. A care plan is then developed.

(4) Care Plan Implementation: assessment and coordination of the appropriate services. It also includes assisting the individual to make the necessary financial arrangements as required.

(5) Continued Care Management: monitoring, reassessment, and termination components of case management. More specifically this includes:

(a) monitoring the service delivery, quality of care provided, and status of the individual;

(b) reassessing the individual's cognitive status, health status, and functional level as they relate to the care provided, and making appropriate changes as needed; and

(c) closing the case once an individual no longer requires or is eligible for case management.

C. Entrepreneurial Activities of AAAs include the manufacturing, processing, selling, offering for sale, rental, leasing, delivering, dispersal or advertising of goods or services.

R510-110-2. Purpose.

A. A basic mission of AAAs under the (OAA) is to foster the development of comprehensive and coordinated systems of services for all older persons. Activities such as eldercare and case management and other entrepreneurial endeavors, which are intended to enhance the scope and quality of the system of services available to older persons in a Planning and Service Area (PSA), are consistent with the purpose of an AAA. As a result, the Division encourages the Utah AAAs to engage in appropriate relations with private corporations in the development and implementation of eldercare programs, case management, and related activities. Utah AAAs may engage in these activities provided that those activities conform to the provision of this policy issuance.

B. The Division recognizes that an AAA, in lieu of a direct contract with a corporation, insurance company, or brokering organization may elect to provide the services directly or to join with other AAAs in those contracts. These arrangements are permissible, provided that the provisions of this policy are followed.

R510-110-3. General Provisions.

A. An AAA which engages in corporate eldercare and private case management services:

(1) shall assure that its statutory duties are maintained as prescribed in the OAA, Title III: Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging, as amended, to focus on the needs of older persons in greatest need, with particular attention to low-income minority persons; and to engage only in activities which are consistent with its statutory mission as prescribed in the OAA as amended, related federal rules and regulations, and related state policy;

(2) shall assure that activities specified under the Area plan and subsequent amendments, as approved by the Division, will not be reduced as a result of activities engaged in under this policy;

(3) shall not use Title III, Title XIX, SSBG or state funds to supplement third-party payments made by a corporation under a contract covered by this policy;

(4) shall assure that any third-party payment under a private contract fully covers the cost of services provided, including administrative and overhead costs, unless a public/private partnership is established whereby the state or federal governments or other funding source agrees to subsidize the costs of private case management or older care;

(5) shall account for private corporate contract revenues and expenditures separately from federal and state funds awarded under the Area Plan contract;

(6) shall include in their Area Plan on Aging and amendments thereto an explanation describing their relationships with private corporations and services rendered to older persons as a consequence of those agreements or contracts. These AAAs, as part of their Area Plans, shall also sign a statement of assurance of compliance with the provisions of this policy.

B. The provision of IVA(2), above, does not constrain the AAA from utilizing OAA Title III Part B: Supportive Services and Senior Centers funds to develop new resources and coordinate services to develop corporate eldercare and private case management services systems in its PSA. This complies with the statutory mission of AAAs of fostering the development of comprehensive and coordinated systems of services for all older persons, which includes all types of services and resources, both public and private, which are available to serve older persons.

C. AAA offices may engage in entrepreneurial activities if this is in response to a demonstrated need and the funds raised by these activities are used for the following purposes:

(1) to further extend services and opportunities for senior citizens, or

(2) to initiate services and opportunities for seniors, provided that these services or opportunities are compatible with the AAA functions and goals.

R510-110-4. Requirements for Contracts Between AAAs and Corporations, Insurance Companies, and Related Organizations.

A. General Provisions:

(1) An AAA cannot execute an agreement or contract that demands exclusivity; an AAA must be free to negotiate other similar agreements or contracts with other companies.

(2) An AAA cannot enter into an agreement or contract that obligates it to be identified with or to promote the company or its products or places it in a conflict of interest with its public mission.

(3) A contract must state that the AAA has the right to refuse services to a company or its employees or clients in the event that there is a potential conflict of interest for the AAA, as identified by the AAA or the Division.

(4) A contract must provide that an AAA has the right to reveal its findings, plans, and recommendations to the client,

regardless of the company's final decision regarding client eligibility and services provided.

(5) A contract must provide that all information as to personal facts and circumstances obtained by the AAA shall be treated as privileged communications, shall be held confidential and shall not be divulged without the written consent of the individual receiving the services, his attorney, or his legal guardian, except as is required by the corporation, insurance company, or brokering organization, or as may be required by the Division for the purposes of monitoring for compliance with the provisions of this policy, or as directed by the court. However, nothing prohibits the disclosure of information in summary, statistical, or other form which does not identify particular individuals.

(6) A contract must hold the AAA and the Division, where it is a party to the contract, harmless and defend them in any actions brought against them on the basis of companies' policies or decisions regarding benefits and services.

(7) Provisions of the contract may not require the withholding of information or otherwise limit the ability of the AAA to judge or act in the public interest; or restrict the ability of the Division to exercise appropriate oversight of the AAA in its fulfillment of its public mission and responsibilities.

B. Specific Provisions Regarding Long-Term Care Insurance Case Management Contracts: In contracts covering long-term care insurance case management services, companies must assure that:

(1) they are financially stable, are in good standing, and are in compliance with all statutes and rules governing insurance companies in the state of Utah;

(2) their long-term care insurance policies comply with the Utah insurance laws.

R510-110-5. Monitoring by the State Division of Aging and Adult Services.

the Division through its program monitoring activities, including financial audits, shall periodically assess AAA compliance through the following actions:

A. Review and approval of the AAA Area Plan and amendments, to be done annually and more frequently for modifications as submitted. The Division office will review:

(1) explanation describing AAA relationship with private corporations;

(2) signed statement of assurance of compliance with this policy; and

(3) related data in program and service costs in Area Plan.

B. Annual review of financial audits. The Division will review:

(1) adequacy of AAA financial control system;

(2) adequacy of AAA financial system to maintain separate accounting for different funds, including private contracts; and

(3) adequacy of AAA support documents to justify costs to each funding source.

C. Field visits and assessments of AAA activities: the Division monitoring and assessment will include a review for compliance with policy contained herein, including contract requirements.

D. When a finding shows the AAA to be out of compliance with the provisions of this policy or contract requirements, the Division may impose one or more of the following: 1) corrective actions; 2) special conditions included in the Division/AAA Contract; 3) withhold funds; 4) withhold or deny approval of the Area Plan. Process for appeal of these actions is outlined in Section 63G-6-801 through 63G-6-820, Utah Procurement Code.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-111. Policy on Use of State Funding for Travel Expenses to Assist the National Senior Service Corps (NSSC).
R510-111-1. State Funds for NSSC Programs.

(1) Purpose:

(A) The purpose of state funds for National Senior Service Corps (NSSC) programs is to provide NSSC programs with state general funds to help pay volunteer travel expenses.

(B) Definition and Service Scope:

(i) The Corporation for National and Community Service, formerly known as ACTION, a federal agency, monitors the three programs that make up the NSSC. The three programs are the Senior Companion Program, Foster Grandparent Program, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

(ii) For the purposes of this subsection, a Senior Volunteer is defined as an individual who is 60 years of age or over, or is 55 or over for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and is currently participating in one of the NSSC programs.

(iii) Service scope: senior volunteer job placement or site locations are not limited to senior services only. They are determined by the needs of the community and may include elementary schools, hospitals, and parks, to enhance intergenerational interaction and society's awareness of the contributions seniors make in their communities.

(C) The Division's Responsibilities:

(i) The Division will allocate state general funds, through legislative appropriation, to the local NSSC programs designated by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Division.

(ii) The Division will be held accountable for state NSSC funds and will monitor contractors to insure that those funds are being expended in compliance with state legislative intent.

(iii) State funds for NSSC programs will be used for volunteer travel expenses support.

(A) "Volunteer travel expenses support" is defined as a payment made to retired and senior volunteers for mileage reimbursement, not to exceed the state's current rate by more than $0.05; excess auto insurance; gasoline, maintenance and insurance for service vehicles utilized for volunteer activities; van or bus drivers' salaries; contracts with transportation companies, bus fare, cab fare or passes, or other related direct NSSC volunteer travel cost.

(B) If state funds for NSSC programs are used as federal match by local volunteer programs, Corporation for National and Community Service travel reimbursement rules apply. Under these rules, volunteer programs are limited to reimbursing volunteers for the cost of traveling from their home to their volunteer station and back. Funds used as federal match can not be used to reimburse volunteers for transportation costs incurred while performing their volunteer assignments. Volunteer stations are responsible for reimbursing these costs.

(D) Contractor Responsibilities:

(i) Contractor will be held accountable for the distribution of state funds to appropriate NSSC programs. Contractor will monitor expenditures to ensure compliance with state legislative intent, as is provided in sub-section 1(C)(ii) above.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-200. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Policy.
R510-200-1. Purpose.

A. The Long-term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) Program is created for the purpose of promoting, advocating, and ensuring the adequacy of care received, and the quality of life experienced by elderly residents of long-term care facilities within the State.

B. Operation of the LTCO Program is a joint responsibility of the Division and local AAAs. Authority to administer the LTCO Program is derived from the Older Americans Act (OAA) Title VII: Allotments for Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection Activities and Section 62a-3-201 et seq.

C. The Division will establish a State Office of LTCO.

D. The State LTCO is responsible for:

(1) oversight of the statewide LTCO program;

(2) providing training to local LTCO staff and volunteers;

(3) provision of public information regarding the LTCO program;

(4) working with federal agencies, the State Legislature, other units of state government and other agencies to obtain funding and other resources;

(5) developing cooperative relationships among agencies involved in long-term care;

(6) resolving conflicts among agencies regarding long-term care;

(7) assuring consistent, statewide reporting of LTCO program activities:

(8) monitoring local LTCO programs;

(9) providing technical assistance to local LTCO programs;

(10) maintaining close communication and cooperation in the LTCO statewide network;

(11) recommending rules governing implementation of the LTCO program; and

(12) providing overall leadership for the Utah LTCO program.

E. The Division may employ Regional Ombudsmen to assist the State LTCO in meeting his or her responsibilities. In addition to assisting the State LTCO, Regional Ombudsmen are responsible to:

(1) Spend a majority of their time providing ombudsman services, including but not limited to, investigating and resolving complaints when local ombudsmen transfer a case, providing services to assist elderly residents of long-term care facilities, informing and educating elderly residents about their rights, providing administrative and technical assistance to local ombudsmen and volunteers, providing systemic advocacy, providing training to long-term care facilities, and assisting in the development of family and resident councils;

(2) Provide monitoring, oversight, assistance and leadership to local ombudsmen and volunteers in their region;

(3) Ensure that all ombudsmen in their region adhere to established policy and procedure; and

(4) Improve consistency and quality of Ombudsmen services in their region.

F. AAAs are responsible for daily operation of the program, either directly or by contract, as defined in these rules.

G. The Division, State LTCO and AAAs must work together to protect elderly residents, promote quality care in long term care facilities, and promote the LTCO program.

R510-200-2. Definitions.

A. "AAA" means area agency on aging as designated by the Division of Aging and Adult Services.

B. "APS" means adult protective services.

C. The Division means the Division of Aging and Adult Services within the Utah Department of Human Services.

D. "Elderly resident" means an adult 60 years of age or older who resides in a long-term care facility.

E. Long-term ombudsman is a person, operating within the guidelines of the Older American Act and the policies of the Division, who advocates for elderly residents of long-term care facilities to ensure the quality and adequacy of care received.

F. "Local LTCO" means the local program and personnel designated by the Division, through each AAA, to implement the (LTCO) Program within a defined geographic area.

G. "Responsible Agency" means the agency responsible to investigate or provide services on a particular case.

H. "State LTCO" means long-term care ombudsman personnel within the Division.

I. "Long-Term Care Facility" means any skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, nursing home, assisted living facility, adult foster care home, or any living arrangement in the community through which room and personal care services are provided for elderly residents.

R510-200-3. Local LTCO Program Administrative Standards.

A. AAAs shall operate the LTCO Program in accordance with the following standards:

(1) Supervision: All local LTCO shall have an identified supervisor. The person supervising the ombudsman shall meet all requirements for a supervisor as specified by the AAA and shall have at least a general knowledge of long-term care facilities.

B. Staffing: Each AAA shall recommend for certification one or more paid or volunteer staff members to serve as local LTCO.

(a) Persons assigned this responsibility shall have either education or experience in one or more of the following areas: gerontology, long-term care, health care, legal or human service programs, advocacy, complaint and dispute resolution, mediation or investigating.

(b) Assigned individuals shall be certified by the State LTCO within six months after assuming a local LTCO role.

B. The AAA shall have primary responsibility to provide for certified back-up to the local LTCO. AAAs may enter into cooperative agreements with other AAAs to provide for LTCO back-up. In emergency situations, AAAs may request back-up support from the State LTCO.

C. Local ombudsmen shall have no conflict of interest which would interfere with performing the function of this position, including:

(1) direct involvement in the licensing or certification of a long-term care facility or of a provider of a long-term care service;

(2) ownership or investment interest, represented by equity, debt, or other financial relationship in a long-term care facility or a long-term care service;

(3) employment by, or participation in the management of, a long-term care facility;

(4) receiving, or having the right to receive, directly or indirectly, remuneration in cash or in kind under a compensation arrangement with an owner or operator of a long-term care facility.

D. AAAs shall establish, and specify in writing, mechanisms to identify and remove conflicts of interest and to identify and eliminate relationships described in paragraph 3 including mechanisms such as:

(1) methods by which the AAA will examine individuals and immediate family members to identify conflicts; and

(2) actions the AAA will require individuals and family members to take in order to remove those conflicts.

E. Local LTCO shall have the ability to act in the best interests of residents of long-term care facilities, including taking public positions on policies or actions which affect residents. Local LTCO shall not be constrained by the local

AAA or governing body from taking a stand in good-faith performance of their job.

(1) AAAs shall have on file a written description outlining the working relationship between the AAA and the ombudsman which spells out arrangements for assuring this ability.

(2) Grievance Procedure

(a) AAAs shall establish a grievance procedure to accept and hear complaints regarding an ombudsman's actions. The procedure shall allow for a final appeal to the Utah State Department of Human Services Office of Administrative Hearings.

(3) Records System

(a) AAAs shall maintain a records classification and retention program in accordance with Sections 63G-2-301 and 63A-12-101 and PL 89-73 42 USC 300-1 et seq.

R510-200-4. Local LTCO Classifications and Duties.

A. Ombudsman

An Ombudsman, who may be either a paid staff member or volunteer, may perform the following duties:

(1) investigate complaints and develop an action plan to resolve the complaint;

(2) provide supervision over the implementation of the action plan and any follow-up determined necessary;

(3) review complaints to set complaint response priorities;

(4) assign complaints to staff and volunteers;

(5) provide case consultation to long-term care facility staff; and

(6) perform duties of an assistant ombudsman.

B. Assistant Ombudsman

(1) An Assistant Ombudsman, who may be either a paid staff member or volunteer, may:

(a) provide outreach to residents, families, facilities, and other entities concerned about long-term care;

(b) observe actions and quality of care in long-term care facilities;

(c) perform complaint intake;

(d) provide residents, families, and the general public with information about the LTCO program and resident rights;

(e) provide public presentations;

(f) assist with resolution and follow-up on complaints while under the supervision of a Certified Ombudsman; and

(g) provide technical assistance to the general public and long-term care facility staff.

C. Ombudsman Program Director

(1) An Ombudsman Program Director, who may be the AAA director or his designee, may perform the duties of an Ombudsman, if certified as such, and shall:

(a) provide overall administration of the local ombudsman program;

(b) provide overall supervision of LTCO paid and volunteer staff;

(c) conduct quality assurance and complaint case record reviews;

(d) oversee the screening, hiring, and dismissal of LTCO staff and volunteers; and

(e) assess the need for regulatory changes to improve the quality of care and life for long-term care facility residents and advocate for the passage of those changes.

D. Non-certified Staff or Volunteers

Non-certified staff or volunteers may perform the following functions:

(a) complaint intake;

(b) provide public information and presentations regarding the LTCO program, long-term care in general, and other topics on which they may have expertise, as determined by the AAA;

(c) provide outreach to residents, families, facilities, and other entities concerned about long-term care;

(d) visit long-term care facilities and residents; and

(e) any other activity which does not expressly require certification and for which the AAA has determined the individual competent to engage in on behalf of the AAA or LTCO program.

R510-200-5. Certification Curriculum and Training Hours.

A. Assistant Ombudsman: Prior to applying for certification as an Assistant Ombudsman, an individual shall complete a minimum of 18 hours of required initial training and pass the post-test with a minimum score of 70%. This training shall cover the following areas:

(1) An introduction to the LTCO Program, including a discussion of the scope of work of the LTCO.

(2) An overview of the long-term care system, including a discussion of:

(a) the types of long-term care facilities and providers, their organization and operations;

(b) federal and state regulations applicable to long-term care facilities and providers, with an emphasis on resident rights;

(c) long-term care resident profiles and methods of payment for long-term care services;

(d) the aging process and attitudes of aging; and

(e) the Aging Network and the relationship between the AAAs, the State LTCO, and various regulatory agencies.

(3) Ombudsman skills, including:

(a) interpersonal communication, observation, and interviewing;

(b) building working relationships with providers; and

(c) complaint handling, with an emphasis on intake.

(4) An overview of complaint resolution skills, with an emphasis on advocacy, negotiating, empowering residents, and follow-up activities.

(5) LTCO Program policies and procedures, including:

(a) confidentiality;

(b) access to facilities and residents;

(c) complaint investigation and resolution;

(d) reporting; and

(e) ethics.

(6) Case record documentation.

(7) Mediation and negotiation between residents.

(8) Any additional topics deemed appropriate by the State LTCO in consultation with the Division, AAAs, long-term care regulatory agencies and local LTCO Program Directors.

B. Ombudsman: Prior to applying for certification as a local Ombudsman, an individual shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of required initial training and pass the post-test with a minimum score of 70%. This training shall include all training described in Section A plus an additional 12 hours of training covering the following areas:

(1) a more in-depth review of the content areas covered for candidates for certification as ombudsman representatives, including written exercises, case studies, role plays, research exercises, and analysis of systemic issues;

(2) development of a complaint resolution action plan;

(3) legal, administrative, and other remedies;

(4) actions regarding public disclosure of actions or inactions which affect residents of long-term care facilities, including appropriateness, confidentiality of certain information, and how to work with the media;

(5) review of client records;

(6) alternative dispute resolution options for use in complaint handling; and

(7) advocacy skills.

C. Post-tests: The post-tests referred to in Sections A and B shall be developed by the State LTCO and shall be structured in sections to correspond to major training topics. If an applicant does not receive a score of at least 70% on a post-test they shall be eligible to retake the test one time within 30 days.

If they do not receive a minimum score of at least 70% on the retake test, they will need to complete the training pertaining to the test sections on which they did not receive a passing score. Upon completion, they will be allowed to take the test one additional time. If a passing score is not obtained, the applicant will be deemed by the State LTCO to not be appropriate for certification as an Assistant Ombudsman or Ombudsman.

D. Ongoing Training: To maintain certification, an assistant ombudsman must complete a minimum of 12 hours of training annually; an ombudsman must complete a minimum of 24 hours of training annually.

(1) The State LTCO will provide for at least 48 hours of LTCO specific training per year. Training shall be scheduled at various times throughout the year and in various locations throughout the State.

(2) During the first year in which a person functions as an assistant ombudsman or ombudsman the required initial training will count toward the annual training requirement;

(3) Relevant training offered in the community can serve to meet annual training requirements in lieu of state-sponsored LTCO training on an hour-for-hour basis. Documentation of attendance at a training, including a copy of the training agenda, shall be submitted to the State LTCO for approval.

R510-200-6. Registration and Certification of Ombudsmen and Assistant Ombudsmen.

A. Central Registry

(1) The State LTCO shall maintain a central registry of all local ombudsmen and assistant ombudsmen. The registry shall retain the following information on each:

(a) the ombudsman's or assistant ombudsman's name, address, and telephone number;

(b) a summary of the ombudsman's or assistant ombudsman's qualifications;

(c) the ombudsman's or assistant ombudsman's classification;

(d) the AAA with which the ombudsman or assistant ombudsman is associated;

(e) the most recent date of certification;

(f) a position description which contains any prohibitions applicable to the ombudsman or assistant ombudsman. Prohibitions may include limitation on the duties that may be performed, limitations on the providers the ombudsman or assistant ombudsman may investigate or attempt complaint resolution with, or any limitations due to a conflict of interest; and

(g) information pertaining to any decertification actions and the results of those actions.

(2) Local ombudsman and assistant ombudsman shall register with the State LTCO through the AAA within 30 days of accepting assignment as a local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman.

R510-200-7. Decertification of Ombudsmen and Assistant Ombudsmen.

Decertification of an ombudsman or assistant ombudsman may occur through voluntary resignation or decertification by the State LTCO or AAA or sponsoring agency which employs him. A person who has been decertified may not be assigned to ombudsman duties.

A. Involuntary Decertification With Cause:

(1) No ombudsman or assistant ombudsman shall be recommended for involuntary decertification without cause. Cause may include:

(a) failure to follow policies and procedures that conform to the LTCO statute and rules;

(b) performing a function not recognized or sanctioned by the LTCO Program;

(c) failure to meet the required qualifications for certification;

(d) failure to meet continuing education requirements;

(e) intentional failure to reveal a conflict of interest; or

(f) misrepresentation of the ombudsman's or assistant ombudsman's category of certification or the duties he is certified to perform.

(2) The State LTCO and AAAs shall establish, for their respective programs, policies and procedures for recommending decertification. Those policies and procedures shall require that the State LTCO or AAA attempt to help the LTCO or Assistant LTCO attain satisfactory job performance through professional development, supervision, or other remedial actions prior to recommending decertification.

(3) AAAs recommending decertification shall state their reasons in writing and shall provide any relevant documentation to support the recommendation to the State LTCO. Notice of the recommendation for decertification and the basis for the recommendation shall be provided to the local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman at the same time that information is submitted to the State LTCO.

(4) The State LTCO shall review the recommendation and provide written notification of his decision to the AAA and the local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman within ten working days. The AAA or local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman may appeal the State LTCO's decision in accordance with the Department of Human Services Rule R497-100.

(5) When the State LTCO initiates a decertification action against a local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman, the State LTCO shall provide written notification to the AAA and the local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman. The AAA or the local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman may appeal the decision in accordance with the Department of Human Services Rule R497-100.

(6) Upon completion of the decertification actions, the State LTCO shall record the actions and results in the central registry.

B. Voluntary Decertification Without Cause:

When a local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman voluntarily resigns due to personal reasons which would not otherwise affect certification, they shall surrender their LTCO identification card to the AAA. The AAA shall notify the State LTCO of the voluntary decertification. The State LTCO shall record the date of voluntary decertification in the central registry.

C. Voluntary Decertification With Cause:

When a local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman voluntarily resigns for reasons which would otherwise warrant involuntary decertification, they shall surrender their LTCO identification card to the AAA within seven days. The AAA shall notify the State LTCO of the voluntary decertification with cause and shall notify the local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman of the right to a hearing. The State LTCO shall record the date of voluntary decertification in the central registry.

D. Recertification:

(1) A certified local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman who voluntarily requests decertification may apply to have his certification reinstated when he becomes reemployed or accepted as a LTCO staff or volunteer. Any person seeking recertification shall apply in writing, through the AAA, to the State LTCO. The application shall include the date of the most recent decertification action and a summary of any professional development in or experience with ombudsman skills, long-term care services, problem resolution skills or any related skills the applicant may have received since his decertification.

(2) The State LTCO shall review the application and may require the applicant to receive additional professional development, and take an appropriate examination based upon the length of time since the applicant's most recent certification,

and the experience or professional development the applicant has accumulated in the interim. The State LTCO shall make notify both the AAA and the applicant of the decision within ten working days.

R510-200-8. Operation of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

A. Intake: The local LTCO Program shall accept and screen referrals from residents, family, facility staff, agency staff and the general community. Ombudsmen and assistant ombudsmen may also serve as the complainant for situations they have personally observed.

(1) If the information indicates that the referral relates to abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a resident, the local LTCO shall refer the complaint to either the local Adult Protective Services (APS) office or local law enforcement. The local LTCO and the APS worker should collaborate on investigating and resolving the complaint whenever possible.

(2) If the information indicates that the referral relates to facilities or operations licensed or certified by the Department of Health Bureau of Medicare/Medicaid Program Certification and Resident Assessment, and the nature of the complaint is other than alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of a resident, the LTCO shall refer the complaint to the Department of Health. The local LTCO and Department of Health staff should collaborate on investigating and resolving the complaint whenever possible.

(3) Referrals to other agencies shall be made immediately if the situation appears life threatening or, in other situations, within two working days. If a referral is made to another agency, the local LTCO shall complete the intake form, indicating the referral date and entity, and maintain the form as part of the record. The local LTCO shall follow up to see that action was taken by the referral agency.

(4) If the referral involves a resident who is under the age of 60, and the nature of the complaint is limited to impact only on that resident, the local LTCO shall refer the complaint as specified in paragraph (1) or (2) of this section and take no further action. If the referral involves a resident who is under the age of 60 who resides in a facility that has other residents over the age of 60 and the nature of the complaint is such that it impacts those residents, the local LTCO shall refer the complaint as specified in paragraph (1) or (2) of this section as applicable and initiate an investigation.

(5) If the complaint involves residents rights or other issues within the jurisdiction of the LTCO, an investigation shall be initiated to determine if the complaint is valid. Issues within the purview of the LTCO include issues of privacy, confidentiality of information, and other issues relating to the action, inaction, or decisions by providers or representatives of providers of long-term care services, public agencies, or health and human service agencies that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, or rights of residents.

B. Investigations:

(1) LTCO investigations shall be initiated within three working days. If the available information indicates serious threat to a resident's life, health or property, the response shall be immediate.

(2) The investigation may involve phone or in-person contacts with the resident and complainant, collateral agency or individual contacts or an on-site investigation. The local LTCO shall:

(a) do a preliminary screening to gather facts and details of the complaint;

(b) categorize the complaint, i.e. resident rights, education, abuse, neglect, technical assistance, etc.;

(c) identify all parties to the complaint;

(d) identify relevant agencies, as required by state and federal statutes;

(e) identify steps already taken by the complainant;

(f) identify information gaps that may require additional research;

(g) determine if an on-site investigation is needed. If it is determined that an on-site investigation is not necessary, the LTCO shall document the reasons in the case file;

(h) determine if the situation is an emergency; and

(i) make verbal or written follow-up with the complainant.

(3) The method and extent of the investigation depends on the circumstances reported. The local LTCO shall complete an intake form on each referral. A complaint consists of the initial referral or any additional contacts regarding the initial referral received during the period that the case is opened. A referral regarding a different matter made during the period the case is opened is considered a new complaint. A referral received after a case is closed is considered a new complaint.

(4) When an on-site investigation is determined to be necessary the local LTCO does not have to give prior notice to the agency or facility in question. The local LTCO may choose to give notice if deemed appropriate. In either case, the ombudsman shall:

(a) upon arrival at the facility or agency, present official identification to the administration or designated person in charge;

(b) identify any factors that may interfere with the investigation;

(c) start the investigatory process to establish as clearly as possible what has happened, why it has happened, who or what is responsible for resolving the complaint, and possible solutions to the problem;

(d) interview the resident, as well as other residents, staff, family, friends and physician as deemed necessary;

(e) make phone calls, on-site observation, review resident records, and make collateral contacts with other agencies and professionals; and

(f) take any other appropriate investigatory actions within the purview of the LTCO Program.

(g) During the course of the investigation, the local LTCO shall look for credible evidence which supports or refutes the complaint. Evidence may be directly observed by the LTCO or indirectly gathered from statements from reliable sources. The State LTCO shall provide consultation and technical assistance regarding the methods used in investigating complaints as requested by the local LTCO.

(h) Ombudsmen shall be provided privacy by the facility or agency during all aspects of the investigative process.

(5) Determining Validity of Complaint

(a) The local LTCO, having gathered evidence regarding the complaint, shall review the evidence to determine whether that evidence supports the allegations made in the complaint. If the local LTCO is uncertain as to whether the complaint is valid, he shall discuss the situation with his supervisor. If further consultation is necessary, contact should be made with the State LTCO, who may suggest additional activities or approaches to the problem. The local LTCO shall gather further evidence from interviews, collateral contacts, and records review, until the body of evidence enables the local LTCO to make a supportable decision regarding validity of the complaint.

(b) Upon determination of the validity of the complaint, the local LTCO shall document the determination and reasons for it in the case file.

(6) Resolution of Complaints

(a) Having determined that the complaint is valid, the local LTCO shall take appropriate steps to resolve the complaint, including:

(i) determining the scope of the problem. Does the problem affect just the residents mentioned in the complaint, or does it affect other residents?

(ii) determining what options exist to resolve the

complaint. For example, can the complaint be resolved immediately, will the resolution require negotiation with the facility management, or has the facility already moved to resolve the situation.

(iii) discussing with the resident which of the options are acceptable to resolve the complaint. Determining an acceptable resolution may require negotiation between the parties to achieve an acceptable resolution to the situation.

(iv) developing with the resident and facility a plan to achieve the agreed-upon resolution. The plan may be very simple or may have several steps and involve other agencies. Once the plan is agreed upon, the local LTCO, facility, resident, and other parties shall take action to implement the plan.

(v) making referrals to other agencies if a referrals are required by the plan.

(a) If during the investigation process the local LTCO determines that the incident or activities should be referred to APS, Health Facility Licensure, or Health Facility Review, the LTCO shall immediately make the referral and involve all appropriate agencies.

(b) The local LTCO who has referred the complaint to another agency shall follow up to obtain final results and record the outcome of the other agency's investigation. If the other agency does not respond or if the response is inadequate, the local LTCO may:

(1) contact the agency; or

(2) contact the State LTCO for technical assistance or help in resolving the problem with the other agency; or

(3) collaborate with another advocacy agency, such as the Legal Center for People with Disabilities, the Senior Citizens Law Center, or the local office of Utah Legal Services to resolve the issue and clarify substantive legal rights of elderly residents; or

(4) track on-going problems with an agency or facility to build a body of credible evidence on which to base further action; or

(5) take any other appropriate action within the LTCO scope of authority, including filing legal action against the other agency if the AAA has the legal resources to bring legal action.

(6) compiling documentation of the validity of the complaint, of the agreed-upon outcome, and the steps taken to carry out the plan. The documentation may be summary in nature, but should clearly indicate the situation and its resolution.

(7) determining at what point the case is appropriately closed.

(8) notifying the complainant, verbally or in writing, that the investigation has been completed and the case is closed.

(7) Records

(a) The local LTCO shall maintain a set of records by resident, containing all required forms and relevant documentation, including:

(i) a completed intake form;

(ii) case recording consisting of: the nature of the complaint; validity of complaint and reasons for the determination; plan for resolution; implementation and outcome of plan; and dates and names of any collateral contacts.

(iii) consent forms; and

(iv) copies of any correspondence or written documents pertaining to the complaint, the investigation, the resolution plan, or implementation of the resolution plan.

(b) The local LTCO shall also maintain information by facility relating to all referrals.

(c) All actions, findings, conclusions, recommendations and follow-up shall be documented on the required state forms.

(8) Consent Forms

(a) In order to access resident files maintained in a facility, the local LTCO must attempt to obtain a signed release from the resident or the resident's legal representative. Signed releases shall be maintained in the case file and a copy shall be given to the facility or agency for inclusion in the residents record.

(b) If the local LTCO is unable to obtain written permission, he may get verbal approval from the resident or the resident's legal representative. The date and method of obtaining the verbal approval, e.g. phone contact with guardian, shall be documented in the case file. LTCO shall attempt to have a third-party witness the verbal consent and document it in the record.

(c) If a request for written or verbal consent is denied by the resident or their legal representative, the local LTCO shall not access the records.

(d) If the request for written or verbal consent is unsuccessful for any reason other than specific denial by the resident or legal representative, the local LTCO may proceed to access the records. The reasons for not obtaining consent shall be documented in the case file.

(9) Access to LTCO Records

(a) Records maintained by the local LTCO shall be available to the LTCO, their supervisor, the LTCO Program Director, the State LTCO, and any duly authorized agent of the AAA or the Division with program oversight responsibility. No other staff shall have access to these records.

(b) Residents have the right to read their LTCO records; however, the name of any complainants shall be withheld.

(c) LTCO records shall be released to other persons if the resident provides written consent. The consent form must be filed in the resident's file.

(d) State and federal auditors may have access to LTCO records as required for administration of the program.

(d) Statistical information and other data regarding the LTCO program which does not identify specific residents or complainants is available for public dissemination.

(10) Reporting Requirements to State LTCO

Local LTCO programs shall report to the State LTCO on the operation of the LTCO program. Reports shall include the data required to complete the State's report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. Reports shall be submitted within time frames and in a format which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Division and AAAs.

(11) Legal Issues

(a) Legal representation: The Division is responsible for assuring that adequate legal representation is available for local LTCO Programs. AAAs and their governing authorities shall have the option to provide legal representation for their local LTCO Program. If an AAA, through their governing authority, opts not to provide this representation, the Division shall arrange for the representation through the attorney general or through contract. All AAA requests for legal consultation or representation shall be directed to the State LTCO for action. The Division is responsible to assure that no conflict of interest is present in the provision of legal representation to local LTCO Programs.

(b) Liability: The local LTCO must operate within the scope of the ombudsman job description and this policy. Actions such as transporting a client, acting as a guardian or payee, signing consent forms for survey, medication, restraints, etc., signing medical directives, receiving a client power of attorney, and similar actions are outside the scope of the LTCO responsibilities. In doubtful situations the ombudsman should consult with supervisors, legal counsel or the State LTCO.

(c) Guardianship:If a resident has a legal guardian, the local LTCO must work with the guardian. If the local LTCO identifies problems in the guardianship, they will discuss the situation with the local adult protective services staff to determine the advisability of investigating for abuse, neglect, or exploitation. They may also consult legal counsel or present issues to the court which oversees the guardianship.

(12) Volunteers

Local LTCO programs which use volunteers shall follow AAA policy with respect to applications, screening and approval, reference checks, personnel records, reimbursement, supervision, liability and all other relevant aspects of the volunteer program. In addition, volunteers must meet specific training and certification requirements contained in these rules if they are serving in the capacity of local ombudsman or assistant ombudsman.

(13) Public Education

In addition to receiving and investigating complaints, local LTCO Programs are mandated by federal and state statute to provide public education regarding long-term care issues. This may include activities such as frequent presence in facilities, community advocacy, attendance at family or resident councils, technical assistance and in service to long-term care facilities, community organizations, and public information presentations.

R510-200-9. Determination of the Responsible Agency for Investigating Particular Cases in Long-Term Care Facilities.

A. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 62A-3-106.5, to avoid duplication in responding to a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation in a long-term care facility, the Division hereby establishes procedures to determine whether Adult Protective Services or the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will be responsible to investigate or provide services in a particular case and determine whether, and under what circumstances, the agency that is not the responsible agency will provide assistance to the responsible agency in a particular case.

B. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will be the responsible agency in responding to a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly adult who resides in a long-term care facility in the following cases:

(1) When an allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation occurs, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman will be the responsible agency in cases other than cases that allege sexual abuse or sexual exploitation;

(2) When an elderly resident of a long-term care facility has allegedly abused, neglected, or financially exploited another resident;

(3) When an employee of a long-term care facility has allegedly abused, neglected, or financially exploited an elderly resident and the facility has terminated the employee;

(4) When the police or local law enforcement have initiated an investigation of alleged abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

C. Adult Protective Services will be the responsible agency in responding to a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult who resides in a long-term care facility in the following cases:

(1) When an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a vulnerable adult is received.

D. The agency that is not the responsible agency will provide assistance to the responsible agency in the following circumstances:

(1) When the responsible agency requests the assistance of the non-responsible agency; or

(2) When the responsible agency is the LTCO and there is evidence that the resident's protective need has not been met.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-302. Adult Protective Services.
R510-302-1. Purpose.

This rule clarifies the responsibilities of Adult Protective Services.

R510-302-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Sections 62A-3-106.5 and 62A-3-302.

R510-302-3. Principles.

(1) Adult Protective Services shall respect the lifestyle that is knowingly and voluntarily chosen by the vulnerable adult.

A vulnerable adult with capacity to consent has the right to self-determination.

(2) All services provided are voluntary unless court ordered.

(3) All services provided should be the least restrictive possible.

(4) All services provided shall be community-based unless community-based services are unavailable.

(5) Adult Protective Services shall encourage a vulnerable adult's family and community to take responsibility for providing necessary services.

(6) Adult Protective Services shall coordinate and cooperate with other agencies to protect vulnerable adults.

(7) Adult Protective Services shall treat vulnerable adults and others in a courteous, dignified and professional manner.

R510-302-4. Definitions.

(1) All definitions found in Title 62A Chapter 3 are incorporated by reference.

(2) Activities of Daily Living means the ability to: take a full body bath or shower, including transfer in and out of the bath or shower; tend to personal hygiene needs, including care of teeth, dentures, shaving, and hair care; put on, fasten and take off all clothing, and select appropriate attire; walk without supervision or cues, including using a walker or cane; use steps or ramps; use toilet or commode, including transferring on and off toilet, cleansing self, changing pads, and caring for colostomy or catheter in appropriate manner; transfer without supervision or devices in and out of a bed or chair; and the ability to feed oneself, prepare food on a plate, drink from a cup and/or use necessary adaptive devices.

(3) Instrumental Activities of Daily Living means the core life activities of independent living, including using the telephone, managing money, preparing meals, doing housework, remembering to take medications, providing for ones necessities, and obtaining services.

(4) Conservator means an individual or agency appointed by a court in accordance with Section 75-5-401, et seq.

(5) Guardian means an individual or agency appointed by a court in accordance with Section 75-5-303, et seq.

(6) Incapacitated Person is as defined in Section 75-1-201(18).

(7) Intentionally is as defined in Section 76-2-103(1).

(8) Knowingly is as defined in Section 76-2-103(2).

(9) Lifestyle Choice means the way of life knowingly and voluntarily preferred or selected by a person who has capacity to consent.

(10) Limited Capacity means that a person's ability to understand and communicate regarding the nature and consequences of decisions concerning the adult's person or property is limited in one or more, but not all, functional areas, or during identified times of day, due to an mental illness, developmental disability, organic brain disorder, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs, chronic intoxication, short-term memory loss, or other cause.

(11) Long-term care facility is as defined in Section 62A-3-202.

Protective intervention funding means payments made to the vulnerable adult, family, or caregiver or other provider that will alleviate or resolve a protective need.

(12) Protective Need means a need resulting from or related to the abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

(13) Protective Supervision means an APS service offered to reduce or resolve a vulnerable adult's protective need.

(14) Recklessly is as defined in Section 76-2-103(3).

(15) Respite Care means a time-limited period of relief from care giving responsibilities paid to a respite care provider or individual from Protective Intervention Funds.

(16) Service Plan means a document created by the caseworker for an approved Short Term Service Case that includes a goal, objectives, methods, and progress reviews to resolve the protective needs identified in an Adult Protective Services investigation, and which implements recommendations of the case review committee.

(17) Short-term protective services include but are not limited to crisis intervention, emergency shelter, protective supervision, respite care, supported living services, short-term intervention funding, or monitoring the vulnerable adult's money-management.

(18) Short-Term intervention funding means short-term payments made to the vulnerable adult, family, or caregiver or other provider, during a short-term service case for goods or services other than for Respite care or Supported Living, that will alleviate or resolve a protective need.

(19) Supported Living means short-term payments made to individuals or providers that enable the vulnerable adult to remain in his or her own home or in the home of a relative.

R510-302-5. Records.

(1) Adult Protection case files shall be securely maintained.

(2) An Adult Protection case file shall include all records relating to an investigation performed by Adult Protective Services, and may include an adult protection report, capacity assessment, allegation assessment, risk assessment, service plan recommendations and service plans, case activity record, correspondence, agreements, authorizations, medical and psychological records, financial records, police reports, photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, court documents, and legal documents.

(a) Short-term service case files may include in addition to the above items: client eligibility documents, information releases, correspondence, Assessments, disbursement requests, records of Protective Intervention payments, and service plan documents.

(3) An Adult Protection case file shall document services needed by and provided for each vulnerable adult client.

(4) Case Review Committee recommendations will be documented in the case record.

(5) If a vulnerable adult dies after a referral is received, the investigator shall complete a report in compliance with DHS Policy and Procedures 05-02.

R510-302-6. Adult Protective Services Intake.

(1) Referrals may be submitted to APS Intake Office via written or telephonic means from any person who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited in the State of Utah.

(2) All referrals shall be evaluated by APS Intake to determine whether APS shall investigate the allegation.

(3) APS shall investigate all allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult in the State of Utah except as follows:

(a) Allegations involving non-serious incidents of abuse,

neglect or exploitation in a long-term care facility shall be referred to the long-term care ombudsman program in accordance with Section 62A-3-201, et seq.

(i) Non-serious incidents are incidents between residents over the age of 60 in which there are no injuries that require medical attention, and in which the facility has taken all reasonable steps to protect residents from future harm.

(4) APS shall notify the Department of Health and the Local Long-term Care Ombudsman when a referral involves a long-term care facility.

(5) APS may submit a referral that involves a Division employee or other potential conflict of interest to the DHS Office of Services Review for investigation.

(6) APS shall not accept a referral that does not involve an allegation that a vulnerable adult may have been or is being abused, neglected, or exploited.

(7) APS shall not accept or investigate a referral that involves the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult on an Indian Reservation unless a written agreement between APS and tribal authorities is in effect and grants APS authority to investigate.

(a) APS may refer a case that involves the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult on an Indian Reservation to federal or tribal authorities.

(8) APS shall not accept or investigate a referral that identifies no current abuse, neglect, or exploitation but anticipates that abuse, neglect, or exploitation may occur in the future.

R510-302-7. Investigation.

(1) The assigned investigator shall review the referral received from APS Intake and determine whether:

(a) there is an allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation;

(b) the alleged victim is a vulnerable adult;

(c) the alleged victim has the capacity to consent;

(d) the alleged victim has a legal guardian or conservator; and

(e) an emergency exists.

(2) The investigator shall initiate the investigation and make a face-to-face visit with the alleged victim.

(a) The investigator shall seek the consent of the vulnerable adult to provide services if the vulnerable adult has the capacity to consent.

(b) The investigator shall seek the consent of the vulnerable adult's legal guardian to provide services if the vulnerable adult does not have the capacity to consent.

(c) The investigator may seek a court order to provide services in the absence of consent from the vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult's legal guardian.

(3) The investigator may not enter the home of a vulnerable adult unless the vulnerable adult, legal guardian, or caretaker consents, except as described in subsection (a) below.

(a) The investigator may enter the home of a vulnerable adult if exigent circumstances exist to protect the vulnerable adult from imminent harm.

(b) The Investigator may contact persons who may have information regarding the vulnerable adult's circumstances and to obtain information necessary to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(4) The investigator shall evaluate the extent of the alleged victim's mental and/or physical impairment, whether the alleged victim is a vulnerable adult, and whether any impairment substantially impacts activities of daily living.

(5) The investigator shall interview the alleged perpetrator unless:

(a) specifically requested not to do so by law enforcement officers in order to avoid impeding an ongoing criminal investigation or proceeding;

(b) interviewing the alleged perpetrator would likely endanger any person;

(c) prior to interviewing the alleged perpetrator, the allegation is found to be without merit;

(d) an alleged victim with capacity terminates the APS investigation;

(e) APS is unable to locate the victim;

(f) the alleged victim died before the investigation started;

(g) the alleged perpetrator is unknown; or

(h) the alleged perpetrator has declined the interview.

(6) The Investigator shall, based on all information obtained during the investigation, determine:

(a) whether each allegation of abuse, neglect, and exploitation identified by the referent is supported, inconclusive, or without merit; and

(b) whether each allegation of abuse, neglect, and exploitation identified during the investigation is supported, inconclusive, or without merit.

(7) When the investigator has reason to believe a drug lab may be located at an investigative site, the investigator will contact law enforcement agencies and not enter the site until the local health department determines it is safe to do so.

(a) Law enforcement agencies may be asked to assess and secure a vulnerable adult's immediate safety, facilitate the vulnerable adult's exit from the lab site, and arrange for emergency transportation to the hospital for decontamination.

(8) The investigator may obtain an administrative subpoena when the following circumstances apply:

(a) the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent;

(b) the vulnerable adult's legal guardian refuses to consent;

(c) the custodian of the records or items pertinent to an investigation refuses to allow access to those records or items without a subpoena; and

(d) the information sought is necessary to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation or to protect the alleged victim.

(9) An administrative subpoena form shall include a list that specifically identifies the documents or objects being subpoenaed.

(a) An administrative subpoena is not valid until signed by the Director or Regional Director.

(b) The investigator shall document all items received as a result of the subpoena.

(10) The Investigator shall determine whether the vulnerable adult has an unmet protective need.

(a) If an unmet protective need exists, the investigator shall refer the vulnerable adult and the vulnerable adult's legal guardian to available community resources and services to resolve the protective need.

(b) If an unmet protective need exists, the investigator or Supervisor may request a review by the Case Review Committee to determine if Short-Term Services may help to resolve the protective need.

(c) APS shall not facilitate the placement of a vulnerable adult who lacks capacity to consent with an unlicensed caregiver.

(d) APS may contact the family of a vulnerable adult and inform the family that the vulnerable adult requires alternate living arrangements in an environment that is safe and meets the vulnerable adult's protective needs.

(e) APS may, but is not required to, seek or facilitate the placement of a vulnerable adult with a licensed caregiver.

(f) Protective Intervention Funds may, in the sole discretion of APS, be made available to the vulnerable adult, family caregiver or other provider to alleviate or resolve a protective need, and must directly benefit the vulnerable adult.

(i) One-time payments may be made for medications, medical treatment, or medical equipment or supplies not covered by insurance or other medical coverage; transportation; minor repairs or modifications; rent; food; or clothing, or other

needs that directly benefit the vulnerable adult to alleviate or resolve a protective need.

(ii) Payments may be made to a service provider or individual for approved Short-term services for Respite care, Supported living, or for short-term intervention funds.

R510-302-8. Income Eligibility.

(1) There are no income eligibility requirements for an APS investigation of allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(2) There are no income eligibility requirements in order to receive short-term protective supervision services.

(3) There are no income eligibility requirements in order to receive Protective Intervention Funds to resolve a situational crisis or an immediate protective need.

(4) Short-term protective services may only be provided to a vulnerable adult who is the victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(5) Short-term protective services may only be provided in accordance with the terms of a service plan consented to and signed by the vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult's legal guardian, or pursuant to court order. An updated service plan will be signed at each case review.

(6) A vulnerable adult shall meet income eligibility requirements in order to receive short-term protective services other than protective supervision services, including respite care, supported living, short-term intervention funding, protective payee services, and other services approved by the APS Director or regional director.

(a) For purposes of eligibility for short-term protective services, "family" includes an adult, the adult's spouse, and their natural children under age 18, who are residing in the same household.

A person living under the care of someone other than their spouse is considered a one-person family.

(b) In determining whether a vulnerable adult meets income eligibility requirements for short-term protective services, family assets shall be disclosed and evaluated.

(i) Family assets include the fair market value of stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, notes, savings and checking accounts, inheritance, capital gains, or gifts, which can be readily converted to cash.

(ii) A client's income and deductions will be used to determine the client's adjusted gross income to determine the client's eligibility status.

(iii) Monthly gross income includes the total monthly income received by an individual from earnings, military pay, commissions, tips, piece-rate payments, and cash bonuses; net income from self-employment; Social Security Pensions, SSI, Survivor's Benefits, and Permanent Disability Insurance payments; dividends, interest, income from estates or trusts, net rental income or royalties, net income from rental of property, receipts from boarders or lodgers; pensions, annuities; unemployment compensation; strike benefits; worker's compensation; alimony, child support, money received as specified in a divorce or support decree; Veterans' pensions or subsistence allowances; and other regular (three out of six months) financial assistance.

(iv) Monthly gross income does not include per capita payments to or funds held in trust for any individual in satisfaction of a judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Claims; net proceeds received from the sale of a primary residence or an automobile; money borrowed; insurance payments in excess of incurred costs that must be paid from the settlement; the value of the coupon allotment under the Food Stamp Act; the value of USDA donated foods; the value of supplemental food assistance under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the special food service program for children under the National School Lunch Act; any payment received under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970; earnings of a child (under 18 years of age) residing in the home; payments for energy assistance and weatherization HEAT program; housing subsidies paid by the Federal government; payments or grants received due to natural disaster; educational loans, grants, or scholarships to any undergraduate student for educational purposes that is made or insured by the U.S. Commissioner of Education (BEOG; SEOG; NDSL; Guaranteed Student Loans; SSIG; and PELL Grants); payments to participate in a service learning program, such as College Work-Study or University Year for Action; and that portion of any other loan, grant, or scholarship which is conditioned upon school attendance, actually used for tuition, books, fees, equipment, special clothing needs, transportation to and from the school, and the child care services necessary for school attendance.

(v) The expenses that shall be deducted in determining adjusted gross income are limited to medical expenses (including Medicaid spend-down and insurance); storage expenses; child support paid, including money paid for house payments, rent, etc. as specified in a divorce or support decree; the dollar amount of first mortgage/rental payment over 25% of monthly countable income (not counted for Foster Care); and fees paid for other programs and protective services.

(vi) The sum of all family assets shall be divided by the number of family members, and if that amount exceeds $4,000 per family member, then the value over $4,000 shall be prorated over twelve months, and the resulting amount shall be added to the monthly countable income.

(vii) Eligibility status must be verified annually and within 30 days of any family member's increase in assets.

(viii) A client's adjusted gross income for income tax purposes is not the same as the adjusted gross income for service eligibility purposes.

(ix) All family assets and expenses shall be supported with current bank records, check stubs, and other verifiable records. Documentation must clearly indicate the name of the applicable family member.

R510-302-9. Protective Need Intervention.

(1) If protective services are needed and the vulnerable adult has the capacity to consent, the Investigator will work with the vulnerable adult to identify options to alleviate the protective need. If a vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to protective services and has no legal guardian, the Investigator may:

(a) request a multi-disciplinary case staffing;

(b) contact the vulnerable adult's family;

(c) contact mental health professionals or physicians;

(d) contact agencies, organizations or services available to meet the vulnerable adult's protective need; or

(e) contact the Office of the Public Guardian.

(2) The Investigator may provide short-term counseling or crisis intervention to assist the vulnerable adult in obtaining services or benefits relating to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(3) The Investigator may request Protective Intervention Funding to alleviate the vulnerable adult's protective need.

(a) Emergency shelter placements may be made for up to 30 days within a twelve-month period for a vulnerable adult who has been abused, neglected, or exploited only if:

(i) the vulnerable adult's circumstances require immediate alternate living arrangements in a safe environment;

(ii) the vulnerable adult or legal guardian consents to the emergency shelter placement or a court order authorizes the placement;

(iii) the vulnerable adult does not meet the eligibility requirements for shelter under the Family Violence program; and

(iv) the emergency shelter has all required current licenses and certifications.

R510-302-10. Short Term Intervention.

(1) A short-term services Case Review Committee shall monitor and review short-term services.

(a) The Case Review Committee will consist of the primary worker, supervisor or designee, and two other region workers. The Committee may include other APS and community or agency individuals when determined necessary by the Case Review Committee.

(b) The Case Review Committee shall oversee the progress made towards resolution of the protective need.

(c) The Case Review Committee may recommend that short-term services are initiated, extended, or terminated.

(d) The Case Review Committee may recommend community referrals or alternative actions.

(e) The Case Supervisor may approve or deny Short-Term Services recommended by the Case Review Committee.

(2) Short-Term Services may only be provided under the following conditions:

(a) Short-term services are voluntary and shall not be implemented without the written consent of the vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult's legal representative.

(b) Every short-term service case shall include a protective supervision service.

(c) Protective Intervention funds for Short-term services shall not be disbursed without the approval of the APS supervisor or regional director.

(d) Respite Care funds may not be used for caring for other members of the family, performing extensive household tasks, or transportation.

(e) Respite Care may be provided in the vulnerable adult's home, a caregiver's home, or in a licensed facility.

(f) Supported Living Payments may be made to providers to enable the vulnerable adult to remain in his own home or in the home of a relative, and may include short-term supervision, transportation, assistance with shopping, training or assistance with activities of daily living.

(g) Payments for Short-Term Services may not be made until a case has been approved by the Case Review Committee and Services voluntarily agreed to in writing by the vulnerable adult, his or her guardian, or approved by court order.

R510-302-11. Protective Payee Services.

(1) Protective Payee Services are available only to a vulnerable adult who has been approved for this service prior to May 5, 2008.

(2) Protective Payee Services include money management skills for individuals without a legal guardian.

(a) The protective payee will review the vulnerable adult's financial account and allocate, with the vulnerable adult (if able to participate) funds for the vulnerable adult's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and other costs of care or special needs.

(b) If the vulnerable adult has income remaining after all basic costs are paid, it shall be placed in the vulnerable adult's trust account.

(c) The protective payee will provide the vulnerable adult with a monthly copy of the account ledger.

(3) Protective Payee Services shall be documented in accordance with standard accounting practices.

(4) Protective Payee Services shall cease if the vulnerable adult withdraws consent unless otherwise required by court order.

(5) Protective Payee Services shall cease if another person provides protective payee services.

(6) Protective Payee Services shall cease if the vulnerable adult has minor children residing in the home for whom he has legal responsibility and for whom any type of financial assistance is received.

(7) When Protective Payee Services are terminated due to the death of the vulnerable adult, the vulnerable adult's remaining expenses, including burial expenses, shall be paid from the account and the funding agencies shall be notified of the vulnerable adult's death. Any remaining funds shall be distributed in accordance with State law.

R510-302-12. Termination of Short-Term Protective Services.

(1) A vulnerable adult has no entitlement or right to short-term protective services.

(2) Protective Services may be terminated by the vulnerable adult or APS at any time.

(3) Protective Services shall be terminated when:

(a) the vulnerable adult is no longer in immediate danger of abuse, neglect or exploitation;

(b) a vulnerable adult who voluntarily accepted services requests that those services be terminated;

(c) recommended by the Case Review Committee;

(d) the court terminates an order requiring APS to provide services;

(e) the vulnerable adult is receiving protective services from other persons or agencies;

(f) the vulnerable adult's behavior is abusive or violent and constitutes a threat;

(g) the vulnerable adult no longer meets the eligibility requirements for services;

(h) the vulnerable adult refuses to comply with the service plan;

(i) there is insufficient funding to pay for the service;

(j) the vulnerable adult moves out of State; or

(k) the vulnerable adult dies.

(4) When APS terminates Short-Term protective services, a letter will be sent to the vulnerable adult stating the case is going to be terminated and the reason for termination.

(a) The letter shall state that termination becomes effective 10 days from the date the letter was sent unless the vulnerable adult requests an administrative review of the reason for the termination and to decide if the services should be reinstated or alternative services may be available.

(b) In Protective Payee Short-Term Service cases, the letter to the vulnerable adult shall be copied to the agency providing funding (income) for the vulnerable adult.

(5) Upon the death of a vulnerable adult, the following procedures should be followed:

(a) The family of the vulnerable adult will be contacted to arrange for the burial.

(b) If the family is unable to pay for the burial, APS may suggest a list of other resources to pay burial expenses, such as relatives, religious organizations, insurance, and the County Commission.

(c) If no one accepts responsibility, APS will make contacts to arrange burial, however APS shall not pay for the burial.

(d) APS shall notify SSA, VA, or other sources, of entitlement benefits if APS is acting as the vulnerable adult's protective payee.

(e) APS shall complete a Deceased Client Report form in accordance with DHS policy 05-02.

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R510. Human Services, Aging and Adult Services.
R510-400. Home and Community Based Alternatives Program.
R510-400-1. Purpose.

(1) The Home and Community Based Alternatives program provides a comprehensive array of quality, client centered services. The services are delivered in a variety of community settings designed to provide a choice of service delivery options to the eligible client who can continue to live in their own home, if their needs for social and medical services can be met. Home and Community Based Alternatives services contribute to improving the quality of life and help to preserve the independence and dignity of the recipient. This rule is intended to clarify the obligations and options available to administrators of the program and to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

(2) The objective of the Older Americans Act Title IIIB Services is to provide services to frail older clients, including the older client who is a victim of Alzheimer disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction, and to their family.

R510-400-2. Authority.

(1) The Division of Aging and Adult Services is given rulemaking authority by Section 62A-3-104. The Home and Community Based Alternatives program is provided by the Older Americans Act Title IIIB. The Utah State Department of Human Services is the umbrella agency with oversight responsibility provided by the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS). The Home and Community Based Alternatives program is funded from several sources and administered by the Division of Aging and Adult Services.

R510-400-3. Definitions.

(1) Adult means an individual who is 18 years of age or older.

(2) Aging and Aged means an individual who is 60 years of age or older.

(3) Agency means the designated Area Agency on Aging or other sub-contracting agency which may be selected by the Division, if the designated Area Agency on Aging declines to be a contractor or has been determined to be out of compliance with the contract.

(4) Assessment means a complete review of an individual's current strengths and deficits, living environment, social resources and care giving needs.

(5) Assessment Instrument means a document that meets minimum assessment criteria, as approved by DAAS, for documenting the needs of individuals.

(6) Caregiver means an individual who has the primary responsibility of providing care and/or supervision to an adult, three or more times a week.

(7) Care Plan means a written plan which contains a description of the needs of the client, the services necessary to meet those needs, the provider of those services, the funding source, and the goals to be achieved.

(8) Case Management means assessment, reassessment, determination of eligibility, development of a care plan, on-going documentation, arranging client specific services, case recording, client monitoring and follow-up.

(9) Chore Services consists of heavy household chores such as washing floors, windows and walls, tacking down loose rugs and tiles, and moving heavy furniture.

(10) Department means the Utah State Department of Human Services.

(11) Director means the Director of the Agency.

(12) Division means the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services.

(13) Emergency means that a vulnerable adult is at risk of death or immediate and serious harm to self or others. Section 62A-3-301(6) through (12).

(14) Equipment, Rent or Purchase means rental or purchase of equipment deemed necessary for the client's care.

(15) Home means an individual's place of residence.

(16) Home Health Aid means basic assistance and health maintenance by an Aide to individuals in a home setting under the direction of appropriate health professionals.

(17) Homemaker Services mean services which provide assistance in maintaining the client's home environment and home management. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with vacuuming, laundry, dish washing, dusting, cleaning bathroom, changing bed linen (unoccupied bed), cleaning stove and refrigerator, ironing, and garbage disposal; which relate to the client's well being.

(18) Home and Community Based Alternatives Services means a comprehensive array of services that are provided to an individual which enable him to increase self-sufficiency and to maintain their functional independence.

(19) Protective Services means services provided by the Division, including the services of guardian and conservator provided in accordance with Title 75, Utah Uniform Probate Code, to assist persons in need of protection to prevent or discontinue abuse, neglect, or exploitation until that condition no longer requires intervention. The services shall be consistent, if at all possible, with the accustomed lifestyle of the vulnerable adult as provided by Section 62A-3-301(12).

(20) Personal Attendant Services are defined as personal and non-medical supportive services specific to the needs of a medically stable adult experiencing chronic physical or cognitive functional impairments who is capable of directing their own care or who has a surrogate available to direct the care.

(21) Personal Care means assistance with activities of daily living in a home setting to an individual who is unable to perform activities of daily living independently or when the care giver is temporarily absent or requires respite.

(22) Respite means a rest or relief for the primary Caregiver from care giving tasks and responsibilities, to maintain the Caregiver as the primary person delivering care-giving activities.

(23) Risk Score means a score that reflects the amount of risk an individual has of premature institutionalization. Risk score is determined using a DAAS approved assessment instrument that reflects a moderate to high risk of functional, environmental, social resource and care giving needs of an individual.

(24) Screening Tool means an instrument that initially determines the client's level of functioning to determine the need for long-term Home and Community Based Services.

(25) Vulnerable Adult means an elder adult, or an adult who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially affects that person's ability to:

(a) Provide personal protection;

(b) Provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or mental or other health care;

(c) Obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;

(d) Carry out the activities of daily living;

(e) Manage the adult's own resources; or

(f) Comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Section 62A-3-301(26).

R510-400-4. Funding Sources.

(1) The Home and Community Based Alternatives program is funded by a variety of Federal, State and local community dollars, program fees, voluntary and public contributions.

(2) The Older Americans Act Title IIIB Services Programs

are funded by Federal dollars allocated by Congress, State matching funds, local matching funds and voluntary contributions.

(3) PROCEDURES-Funding Limitations:

(a) Within each Agency at least 75% of the program funding shall be used to serve clients aged 60 or older.

(b) The Division shall establish the program expenditure limit per client, prior to July 1 of each year.

(c) At the discretion of the Director or designee, waivers of the expenditure limit can be approved using the Expenditure Limit Waiver Process outlined below.

(4) PROCEDURES-Expenditure Limit Waiver Process:

(a) Waivers of the allowed expenditure limit may be granted on an individual basis.

(b) Requests for a waiver must be in writing and approved by the Agency Director or their designee.

(c) Waiver requests, documentation, and accompanying approval or denial must be maintained in the Client's file.

(d) The waiver must be re-approved with each Eligibility Declaration determination.

R510-400-5. Eligibility.

(1) Services may be provided as funds permit to eligible adults as determined by DAAS Policy and Procedures for Home and Community Based Alternatives services.

(2) Older Americans Act Title IIIB Services may be provided to eligible Aging and Aged Adults.

(3) PROCEDURES-Home and Community Based Alternatives Program Eligibility:

(a) The DAAS Eligibility Declaration form shall be used to determine financial eligibility.

(b) Eligibility is determined by the Agency using the following criteria:

(i) Age: Clients must meet the definition of an Adult.

(ii) Income and Assets:

(A) Income and asset guidelines shall be established by the Division prior to July 1 of each year and shall remain in effect until suspended.

(B) The Client's and their spouse's income and assets will be considered in determining eligibility using the DAAS Eligibility Declaration form.

(iii) Frailty level:

(A) The Client's Assessment Risk Score must be at a moderate to high level as measured by a DAAS approved assessment instrument.

(iv) Payer of last resort:

(A) Payer of last resort is the term used to denote that the Alternatives program is liable for payment for care and services only after all other liable third parties have met their legal obligation to pay.

(4) PROCEDURES-Older American Act Titles IIIB Services Program eligibility:

(a) Clients are determined eligible based on age and need. Income and Assets will not be used as a basis for providing services under Older Americans Act Service Programs.

(b) Eligibility is determined by the Agency using the following criteria:

(i) Age: Clients must be 60 years of age or older.

(ii) Need Criterion: The Client must have an Assessment Risk Score at a moderate to high level as measured by a DAAS approved assessment instrument.

R510-400-6. Authorized Services.

(1) The Agency may provide or arrange for an array of Home and Community Based Alternatives services, determined by assessment to be essential to maintain the individual's independence in order for him to remain in the home.

(2) PROCEDURES-Authorized Services:

(a) The Home and Community Based Alternatives services program may also provide an additional array of services based upon client need and which program funding permits that allows clients to remain in their own home. These services include case management and other services such as homemaker, personal care, home health, skilled health care, respite, equipment rental or purchase, emergency response systems or other services as needed. Case Managers, in providing case management and other services as appropriate, are encouraged to use innovation to efficiently and effectively meet client needs.

(b) Older Americans Act Title IIIB Program Services shall be provided as specified in the Older Americans Act 1965 as amended (Sections 306(a)(2)).

R510-400-7. Fees and Voluntary Contributions.

(1) Fees shall be assessed for all clients receiving Home and Community Based Alternatives services. Fees are based on the client's and spouse's adjusted income as determined by the DAAS Eligibility Declaration form and calculated against the Department's Fee Schedule.

(2) Older Americans Act Title IIIB Program participants shall not be assessed fees for receiving Older Americans Act Title IIIB funded services. Clients receiving Title IIIB services shall be given the opportunity to make a confidential donation to the program.

(3) PROCEDURES-Fees:

(a) The Agency shall establish procedures for fee collection. Every reasonable effort shall be made to collect the required fee. Services may be terminated for refusal to pay the required service program fee.

(b) Clients whose income and/or assets are above the maximum eligibility guideline, may purchase Home and Community Based Alternative services at cost.

(c) Waivers for full or partial fees may be granted on an individual basis using the following process:

(i) Case Managers will document the circumstances which necessitate a waiver of the fees.

(ii) The request must be made in writing.

(iii) The Agency Director or their designee must approve the waiver.

(iv) The documentation must be maintained in the Client's files at all times.

(v) All fee waivers must be re-approved with each new request by the Case Manager or on an annual basis.

(A) Clients shall be informed as to the cost of the services they receive under the Home and Community Based Alternatives program and Older American Act Title IIIB Program.

(4) PROCEDURES-Voluntary Contributions:

(a) Each client and family shall be given the opportunity to voluntarily contribute toward the cost of the service program.

R510-400-8. Service Provider Requirements.

(1) Home and Community Based Alternatives Services shall be provided through a public agency, a private licensed Service Provider Agency with at least one year experience in providing home support or home health services, or by an individual providing personal attendant services with demonstrated skills and abilities in providing the required services. The one-year experience requirement may be waived by the AAA Director or designee provided there is adequate documented justification.

(2) PROCEDURES-Service Provider Requirements:

(a) The service provider may be a public or private social service or health care agency.

(b) The agency must have one year of experience in providing in-home services.

(c) The service provider must be appropriately licensed.

(d) The service provider must maintain liability insurance and bonding of all employees.

(e) It is the responsibility of the service provider to:

(i) provide all employees with written instructions based upon the client's Care Plan;

(ii) instruct employees as needed in performing the required tasks

(iii) provide supervision of employees

(iv) inform employees regarding personal liability.

(3) PROCEDURES-Case Load Requirements:

(a) A Case Manager shall be assigned for each Client. Average case load size across all programs the case manager may work shall not exceed fifty (50) clients per available Full Time Equivalent and should be proportionate to the Agency's Case Managers time, case mix, and situation. Exceptions may be made only upon written request to the Division. The Division will review the request and if appropriate, approve a temporary waiver.

(b) Case Manager Qualifications:

(i) Case Management shall be performed by a person with a Bachelor Degree in a social science, health science, or other related field. Exceptions to this requirement may be made for individuals who have year for year experience in these fields, or substitutions on a year for year basis as follows:

(A) additional related education for the experience,

(B) additional full time paid related employment for the education.

(ii) State licensure as a Social Service Worker is recommended as a minimal qualification.

(4) Personal Attendant Services:

(a) Where appropriate, agencies and clients can make use of a Personal Attendant to provide services to clients. Personal Attendant Services are defined as: Personal care and non-medical supportive services, specific to the needs of a medically stable elderly person experiencing chronic physical or cognitive functional impairments, who is capable of directing their own care or who has a surrogate available to direct the care.

(5) Eligibility:

(a) To be eligible for the Personal Attendant Service the individual must be an active consumer on the Home and Community Based Alternatives Program.

(b) The client and their designated Personal Attendant must:

(i) Understand that Personal Attendant services is a service delivery model designed to benefit the designated client.

(ii) Be able to provide management of the employee (personal attendant) to include recruitment, scheduling, discipline and termination, if needed, of individuals eighteen (18) or more years of age.

(iii) Be willing and capable of training and directing the employee.

(iv) Follow-up with the employee regarding First Aid training/certification and provide documentation of such to the Case Manager.

(v) Personal attendant service is available to those clients for whom eligibility has been established and who have an established care plan. Preferably, the client has been receiving services from the Home and Community Based Alternatives program.

(vi) Receive, sign and copy all employee time sheets and submit them to the designated organization by the established deadline. The consumer or the personal representative will be responsible for the verification and accuracy of hours billed by the employee, not to exceed the agreed upon and approved hours on the care plan.

(vii) Complete, maintain and file with the payroll agent all necessary tax information required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

(viii) Demonstrate the skills necessary to supervise direct service employees.

(ix) Provide training to their employee(s) in the areas of confidentiality and services to be provided related to the individual's plan of care. If additional training is needed, the consumer or personal representative will request this from their Case Manager.

(x) Actively participate with the Case Manager in the monitoring and revision of the consumer Care Plan.

(xi) Provide a back-up service plan to the Case Manager that states clearly the manner in which services will be provided as a back-up when the employee is not able to provide services. Back-up services may be provided by individuals who are not employees and who will not be eligible for payment for services provided.

(xii) Develop and maintain in the home of the consumer a notebook that includes a copy of:

(A) The current Care Plan;

(B) The Employee Agreement;

(C) The Consumer/Personal representative Letter of Agreement;

(D) All payroll agent's forms and time sheets;

(E) The Back-up Plan; and

(F) The Training Plan, as needed.

(xiii) Provide periodic feedback to the Case Manager regarding the quality of service being provided by the employee and how effectively the service meets the needs identified in the Care Plan. The consumer or personal representative will report immediately to the Case Manager any abuse or exploitation of the consumer by the employee.

(xiv) Notify the Case Manager when consumer needs change in order to adjust the Care Plan as appropriate.

(xv) Obtain prior authorization for services from the Case Manager.

(xvi) Follow applicable sections of the Home and Community Based Alternatives Program policies and procedures as provided by the Case Manager.

(xvii) Furnish requested copies of all documents related to employment or services that are collected by the consumer and/or the personal representative to the Case Manager and/or payroll agent.

(xviii) Report issues of non-compliance, consumer or personal representative and employee(s) conflict, and/or other significant occurrences to the Case Manager.

R510-400-9. Client Assessment.

(1) The initiation of a DAAS approved Screening Assessment to establish a risk score shall be ten working days or less from the initial referral. Enough information shall be gathered with the client, family or referral source to determine potential eligibility and whether they shall be referred for an Assessment or referred to another agency or community resource.

(2) PROCEDURES-Assessment:

The DAAS approved Assessment shall be completed by the Case Manager to confirm and identify the need for services(s).

(a) Nursing Assessment: An additional assessment or file review by a Registered Nurse may be completed to identify the appropriate level of intervention necessary.

(b) Reassessment: Annually, the Case Manager will complete the areas indicated in the DAAS approved Assessment Instrument for reassessment of the client's service need(s) during the same calendar month as the original assessment whenever possibly.

(c) PROCEDURES-Family and Other Support System Involvement:

(i) The client's family and/or personal support systems shall be encouraged to participate in the Assessment unless the client and case manager determine that they not be included or it is the client's request that they not be included.

R510-400-10. Care Planning.

(1) The client Care Plan shall be developed based upon their current situation and needs as identified in the DAAS approved Assessment.

(2) PROCEDURES-Care Planning:

(a) A standardized Care Plan form designated by the Division shall be used.

(b) The Care Plan will be developed with the client's input.

(c) The Care Plan shall include goals, objectives, methods, services to be provided, discharge or termination goals, time frames, amount and frequency of services being authorized, together with the payment source.

(d) The Care Plan will be signed and dated by the Client or their legal representative, the Case Manager and when applicable, the Registered Nurse.

(e) The Care Plan shall be updated annually at the time of the reassessment or more frequently when changes occur with the service need(s).

(f) All support systems, both formal and informal shall be included as part of the Care Plan.

(g) A copy of the Care Plan shall be given to the client with the original maintained in the client's case file.

(h) Service(s) shall be authorized in the care Plan at the minimum level and for the least amount of service hours that will adequately meet the client's needs.

(i) Home and Community Based Alternatives services shall supplement, but not replace or duplicate, support systems that are in place in sufficient quantity to meet client's needs.

(j) Case Managers should be aware of available agency and community services and should be responsible for coordination of services provided to the client.

(3) PROCEDURES-Service Authorization:

(a) An Agency Service Authorization Form or the Care Plan must be sent to the Serviced Provider requesting specific services for the client.

R510-400-11. Case Management.

(1) Case Management shall be provided to all recipients of Home and Community Based Alternatives services.

(2) PROCEDURES-Case Management:

(a) Case Management shall include an assessment, annual reassessment, three quarterly review and monthly contacts. Other visits or contacts shall be made and documented in accordance with the client's need or as directed in the Care Plan.

(b) A monthly or more frequent contact shall be made with the client, service provider, and/or the client's family.

(c) Assessment and quarterly review, reduction and/or termination of service should be done face to face when possible, with the exception of when the client moves out of the area, enters a nursing facility or dies. Telephone and electronic contacts can be used to communicate adjustments to care plans or service orders, or changes of status.

(d) The Case Manager will record all client contacts and significant changes with a progress note.

(e) The Case Manger is expected to maximize the client's informal support systems.

(f) The Case Manager shall make quarterly reviews during the third month following the Assessment and every third month thereafter. Quarterly Reviews shall be conducted in the client's home and will document the following:

(i) A review of the services being delivered.

(ii) Changes in the client's condition.

(A) Progress toward Care Plan objectives and goals.

(B) Appropriateness of services.

(3) The client's satisfaction and concerns with the service provision.

(4) Status of rental/purchased equipment.

R510-400-12. Record Keeping.

(1) The recipient of Home and Community Based Alternatives program shall have an individual case file that include client eligibility, assessment of the client's needs, care plan, quarterly reviews, progress notes, and when applicable legal documents addressing guardianship, advanced directives or powers of attorney.

(2) PROCEDURES-Confidentiality of Records:

(a) All information and records generated within the Home and Community Based Alternatives Program and Older American Act Title IIIB Programs shall be retained and released in accordance with the Government Records Management Act (GRAMA), pursuant to Section 63G-2-101, et seq.

(b) Information that pertains to Home and Community Based Alternatives program and Older Americans Act Title IIIB Programs shall be classified as "private."

(c) Information that is medical, psychiatric, or psychological in content shall be classified as "controlled."

(d) Clients' case files and service authorizations must be secured in a locked file at the Agency or designated Service Provider.

(e) Home and Community Based Alternatives program and Older Americans Act Title IIIB Programs case records, files, authorizations, and supporting program documentation, shall be kept for five years following termination of services or until all audits initiated within the five years have been completed, whichever is later. After the end of the specified retention period, the documents shall be destroyed according to GRAMA document destruction requirements.

(3) PROCEDURES-Sharing of Records:

(a) The Case Manager shall provide a copy of the completed Care Plan to the client. The completed Assessment may be provided to the Service Provider.

R510-400-13. Client Rights and Responsibilities.

(1) The Agency shall have the responsibility to develop a method to inform all eligible clients of their rights and responsibilities. This shall be evidenced by a signed Clients Rights and Responsibilities Form in the case file.

(2) PROCEDURES-Client Rights:

Client rights shall include:

(a) To be fully informed of their rights and responsibilities governing personal conduct while participating in the programs. This shall be evidenced by a signed and dated Clients Rights and Responsibilities form in the client's file.

(b) To be fully informed of services and related fees for which the Client may be responsible and to be informed of all changes in fees.

(c) To be afforded self-determination through participation in the development of the Care Plan. This includes the right to refuse service(s), referrals to health care institutions or other agencies, and to refuse to participate in research studies.

(d) To be assured confidential treatment and maintenance of records. Clients have the right to approve or refuse the release of their records. However, all information and records generated in these Programs shall be shared pursuant to GRAMA, Section 63G-2-101, et seq.

(e) To be treated with consideration, respect, dignity and individuality, including privacy in care for personal needs.

(f) To be assured that personnel who provide services, are either licensed, certified or registered with the appropriate governmental entity and that they have demonstrated the ability to correctly implement the services for which they are responsible.

(g) To receive proper identification from the individual providing services.

(3) PROCEDURES-Client Responsibilities:

Client Responsibilities shall include:

(a) The Client has the responsibility to report to the Case Manager, any changes in their circumstance that may impact eligibility or need for services.

(b) The Client is responsible for keeping appointments and when unable to do so for any reason, to notify the Case Manager or Service Provider.

(c) The Client is responsible for their actions and their consequences. If she refuses service of does not follow the instructions in the Care Plan, future service may be withheld until she agrees to correct any identified problem(s).

R510-400-14. Grievance Procedures.

(1) The Agency shall have the responsibility to develop procedures for Client Grievance and Fair Hearing.

(2) PROCEDURES-Client Grievance:

Agency Grievance and Fair Hearing Procedures shall address the following process:

(a) An eligible client or clients who has made application for Program Services, whose service has been denied, reduced, or terminated shall be given the opportunity to grieve through a fair hearing when he believes that their interests in laws, regulations, standards or criteria related to the program were violated. Grievance and Fair Hearing procedures shall follow the Agency's contractual agreement with the Division.

(b) The Agency shall assist the client in following the correct procedures to grieve any adverse decision and request a fair hearing.

(c) Any client shall be given the opportunity to appeal to the State level, when she believes that laws, regulations, standards or criteria related to the programs were violated and have not been resolved the Agency process.

R510-400-15. Applicant Lists.

(1) The Agency shall maintain an active applicant list when funding dictates that services cannot be provided for all who have been identified as needing services.

(2) PROCEDURES-Applicant Lists:

(a) The applicant list will be comprised of those persons who have been screened using the DAAS approved Demographic Intake and Risk Screening form and have at least a moderate risk score at the time of screening.

(b) Prioritization of the applicant list shall be ranked by a high to moderate risk score, and the clients with the highest risk are provided services first as funding becomes available.

(c) The applicant list will be re-prioritized with each new potential client added.

(d) For applicants who do not meet applicant list criteria, information will be provided on other community resources that may be available.

R510-400-16. Termination of Services.

(1) The Agency shall allow for the interruption, transfer and for termination for the client receiving Home and Community-based Alternatives Services or Older Americans Act Title IIIB Services as changes in client needs, Agency Provider, circumstances or conditions occur.

(2) PROCEDURE-Temporary Interruption of Service:

(a) Program Services may be interrupted for temporary periods (e.g. Hospitalization, out-of-state visiting, etc.): Such discontinuance of service shall not exceed 90 consecutive days. After this period, the case will either be closed and reopened as a new case with no priority other than Risk Score, or will be reviewed by the agency to determine a resumption of services.

(3) PROCEDURE-Transfer of Services:

(a) When a client transfers from one agency to another, the client's original case file will be sent to the new agency. The transferring agency shall retain a copy of the client's file for Division auditing purposes.

(b) When accepting a client transferring from another agency, the receiving agency may request funding from the transferring agency to cover the client's expenses through the end of the current fiscal year. Any additional services the receiving agency proposes to provide a client being transferred would be the responsibility of the receiving agency, not the transferring agency.

(c) At the end of the fiscal year, the receiving agency will review the transferred client's care plan to determine the clients needs for the upcoming year at which time the agency may choose to maintain, increase, or decrease services as the its situation and funding dictate.

(4) PROCEDURE-Termination of Service:

(a) When a client terminates service, the Case Manager will document in the case file the circumstances that precipitated the termination.

(b) Services may be terminated due to the following circumstances:

(i) When health and safety needs can no longer be met.

(ii) Death of the client.

(iii) Program funding does not allow services to continue.

(iv) The client permanently leaves the state.

(v) The client's financial situation improves beyond eligibility criteria, in which case agencies are encouraged to investigate options for transferring the client to other appropriate programs when discontinuing services. However, in this transfer, the client should not be given special preferences that would place them ahead of other potential clients in an applicant list situation.

(vi) Client chooses to leave the program.

(vii) Client refuses to comply with the care plan or does not pay monthly fees.

R510-400-17. Purchase and Rental of Equipment.

(1) Equipment may be purchased or rented if it is deemed necessary for the client's care, providing no other funding source is available.

(2) Purchased equipment is the property of the Agency. The Agency will develop policy and procedures that address the disposition, inventory and repair of equipment.

(3) PROCEDURE-Purchase or Rental of Equipment:

(a) The Case Manager shall have the client and/or the client's representative sign an agreement if the equipment is to be returned to the Agency when it is no longer needed.

(b) The agency's policy will address the disposition, inventory and repair of equipment.

(c) Equipment shall be reviewed quarterly as part of the quarterly review to assess the need for continued use and condition of equipment.

R510-400-18. Contract Compliance.

(1) The Division is responsible for monitoring Home and Community Based Alternatives Services and Older Americans Act Title IIIB Programs. Each Agency shall be monitored annually.

(2) PROCEDURE-Scheduling:

(a) The Agency shall be notified at least 10 working days prior to an annual monitoring review. The Division will notify the Agency of the procedures, scheduling, monitoring standards and any other relevant information concerning the monitoring visit.

(3) PROCEDURE- Division Monitoring Procedures:

(a) In preparation for the monitoring visit, the Division shall review any corrective action reports, correspondence identifying technical assistance needs, and other pertinent information.

(b) The Division will conduct an entrance interview with the Agency Director or designee.

(c) The Division will monitor service program activities, case records, service expenditures, caseloads and contractual provisions.

(d) The Division will review randomly selected case records and interview the clients and Agency Case Managers as

necessary to complete the monitoring process.

(e) A minimum of 10% or ten case records (whichever is the largest of the case load) will be reviewed. At times more records, up to 100% of program records, may be reviewed if the Division finds significant program inconsistencies, errors in documentation, inadequate provision of service, or any other aspect that the Division deems necessary.

(f) An exit interview will be conducted with the Agency Director or designee. The purpose of this interview is to present findings of the monitoring visit. The findings shall include:

(i) Overall evaluation of the performance of the Home and Community Based Alternatives Services Program.

(ii) Contractual, Policy and Procedure deficiencies.

(iii) Situations where additional review of case files of other documentation is necessary.

(iv) Areas where a plan of correction will be needed.

(v) Identify and recognize positive or innovative aspects of the Agency's service program.

(vi) Client comments.

(g) The Division may request a Department fiscal/contract audit of the Agency. This audit may be requested when the Division documents problems concerning:

(i) Budget balance

(ii) Agency Service Provider sub-contract monitoring.

(iii) Case Management supervision.

(iv) Provider/Client complaints.

(v) Timely payment for service.

(vi) Intake and referral.

(vii) Access problems.

(viii) Eligibility problems.

(h) PROCEDURE-Division Monitoring Report:

(a) The Division shall provide the Agency with a written report of its formal findings within 10 working days of the monitoring visit.

(b) The report will include contractual, policy and procedural compliance status and areas of special concern.

(c) The Division will require a corrective action plan that addresses noncompliance issues as needed.

(4) PROCEDURE-Responding to Reports:

(a) The Agency may appeal issues of disagreement to the Division within 10 working days from receipt of the report. If the Division, upon appeal, concludes that a corrective action must take place, the Agency will implement the action.

(b) A correction action plan will be implemented in accordance with an agreed upon time schedule, but will not exceed 90 days from the time the Division approves the plan.

(c) The Division will provide technical assistance to the Agency, as requested, to complete the correction action plan. The Agency will notify the Division upon implementation of the corrective action plan. The Division may make additionally monitoring visits to the Agency to review records and assure that the corrective action plan requirements were met.

(d) The Division may enact the termination clause of the DHS contract if a corrective action plan is not implemented by the Agency.

R510-400-19. Emergency Interim Service.

(1) Home and Community Based Alternatives Services may be provided to clients when circumstances warrant the emergency provision of service.

(2) PROCEDURES-Emergency Interim Service:

(a) The existing emergency will be identified and documented.

(b) Services may begin immediately and will continue until assessment determines appropriate service needs and levels for the client.

(c) The DAAS approved Assessment will be completed within 5 working days from the initiation of the Emergency Interim Service.

(3) PROCEDURES-Adult Protective Services clients:

(a) Emergency Interim Services may be provided to Adult Protective Services clients when abuse, neglect or exploitation has been substantiated and Home and Community Based Alternatives Services would help eliminate the abuse, neglect or exploitation.

(b) Emergency Interim Services may be provided for up to sixty (60) days under Protective Eligibility. Client financial eligibility, waiting list and fee criterion may be waived or disregarded with substantiated Adult Protective Service Cases.

(c) When as Adult Protective Services Worker determines that the Emergency Interim Services are needed, she will contact the Agency.

(d) As soon as possible, the client shall be assessed for eligibility according to the Home and Community Based Alternatives Services program standards. If during the 60 days the client is determined to no longer meet the Protective Eligibility, the APS Worker shall make referrals in collaboration with the Agency Case Manager to other appropriate agencies for services.

(e) The Agency will ascertain whether it is able to meet the emergency needs relating to the client's disability and/or protective need.

(f) Emergency Interim Services are considered an intermediate step while the Adult Protective Services Worker, works with the client to resolve their current crisis and/or problem. The client's case will remain with the Adult Protective Service Worker during the Emergency Interim Service period. Services will be coordinated between the APS Worker and Agency Case Manager.

(4) PROCEDURES-Protective Eligibility:

(a) The client's situation is an emergency and requires immediate intervention.

(b) The client is capable of consenting to and accepts services.

(c) The client in unable to consent and the Department has a court order authorizing the service referral.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-148. Long-Term Care Insurance Rule.
R590-148-1. Authority.

This rule is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the commissioner under Sections 31A-2-201 and 31A-22-1404.

R590-148-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to implement standards for full and fair disclosure of the manner, content, and required disclosures for long-term care insurance to promote the public interest, to promote the availability of long-term care insurance coverage, to protect applicants for long-term care insurance, as defined, from unfair or deceptive sales enrollment practices, to facilitate public understanding and comparison of long-term care insurance coverages, and to facilitate flexibility and innovation in the development of long-term care insurance.

R590-148-3. Applicability and Scope.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, this rule applies to all long-term care insurance, as defined in 31A-1-301, delivered or issued for delivery in this state on or after January 1, 1993, by insurers; fraternal benefit societies; nonprofit health, hospital and medical service corporations; prepaid health plans; health maintenance organizations and all similar organizations.

Additionally, this rule is intended to apply to policies having indemnity benefits that are triggered by activities of daily living and sold as disability income insurance, if:

(1) The benefits of the disability income policy are dependent upon or vary in amount based on the receipt of long-term care services;

(2) The disability income policy is advertised, marketed or offered as insurance for long-term care services; or

(3) Benefits under the policy may commence after the policyholder has reached Social Security's normal retirement age unless benefits are designed to replace lost income or pay for specific expenses other than long-term care services.

R590-148-4. Incorporation by Reference.

The following tables and appendices are hereby incorporated by reference within this rule and are available for public inspection at the Insurance Department during normal business hours or at http://www.insurance.utah.gov/ruleindex.html. These tables and appendices were adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Long-Term Care Insurance Model Regulation #641, as approved April 2000.

(1) Table I, Notice to Applicant Regarding Replacement of Individual Accident and Sickness or Long-Term Care Insurance.

(2) Table II, Notice to Applicant Regarding Replacement of Accident and Sickness or Long-Term Care Insurance.

(3) Table III, Triggers for a Substantial Premium Increase.

(4) Table IV, Long-Term Care Insurance Outline of Coverage.

(5) Appendix A, Rescission Reporting Form.

(6) Appendix B, Long-Term Care Insurance Personal Worksheet.

(7) Appendix C, Things You Should Know Before You Buy Long-Term Care Insurance.

(8) Appendix D, Long-Term Care Insurance Suitability Letter.

(9) Appendix E, Claims Denial Reporting Form Long-Term Care Insurance.

(10) Appendix F, Worksheet Potential Rate Increase Disclosure Form.

(11) Appendix G, Replacement and Lapse Reporting Form.

R590-148-5. Definitions.

(1) For the purpose of this rule, the terms "applicant," "long-term care insurance," "certificate," "commissioner," and "policy" shall have the meanings set forth in Sections 31A-1-301 and 31A-22-1402.

(2) In addition, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Activities of daily living" means at least bathing, continence, dressing, eating, toileting and transferring.

(b) "Acute condition" means that the individual is medically unstable. Such an individual requires frequent monitoring by medical professionals, such as physicians and registered nurses, in order to maintain the individual's health status.

(c) "Adult day care" means a program for three or more individuals, of social and health-related services provided during the day in a community group setting for the purpose of supporting frail, impaired elderly or disabled adults who can benefit from care in a group setting outside the home.

(d) "Bathing" means washing oneself by sponge bath; or in either a tub or shower, including the task of getting into or out of the tub or shower.

(e) "Cognitive impairment" means a deficiency in a person's short or long-term memory, orientation as to person, place and time, deductive or abstract reasoning, or judgment as it relates to safety awareness.

(f) "Continence" means the ability to maintain control of bowel and bladder function; or, when unable to maintain control of bowel or bladder function, the ability to perform associated personal hygiene, including caring for catheter or colostomy bag.

(g)(i) "Chronically ill individual" has the meaning prescribed for this term by section 7702B(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Under this provision, a chronically ill individual means any individual who has been certified by a licensed health care practitioner as:

(A) Being unable to perform, without substantial assistance from another individual, at least two activities of daily living for a period of at least 90 days due to a loss of functional capacity; or

(B) Requiring substantial supervision to protect the individual from threats to health and safety due to severe cognitive impairment.

(ii) The term "chronically ill individual" shall not include an individual otherwise meeting these requirements unless within the preceding 12-month period a licensed health care practitioner has certified that the individual meets these requirements.

(h) "Dressing" means putting on and taking off all items of clothing and any necessary braces, fasteners or artificial limbs.

(i) "Eating" means feeding oneself by getting food into the body from a receptacle, such as a plate, cup or table, or by a feeding tube or intravenously.

(j)(i) "Exceptional increase" means only those increases filed by an insurer as exceptional for which the Commissioner determines the need for the premium rate increase is justified:

(A) due to changes in laws and rules applicable to long-term care coverage in this state; or

(B) due to increased and unexpected utilization that affects the majority of insurers of similar products.

(ii) Except as provided in Section R590-148-24, exceptional increases are subject to the same requirements as other premium rate schedule increases.

(iii) The commissioner may request review by an independent actuary or a professional actuarial body of the basis for a request that an increase be considered an exceptional increase.

(iv) The commissioner, in determining that the necessary basis for an exceptional increase exists, shall also determine any potential offsets to higher claims costs.

(k) "Hands-on assistance" means physical assistance, minimal, moderate or maximal, without which the individual would not be able to perform the activity of daily living.

(l) "Home health care services" means medical and nonmedical services, provided to ill, disabled or infirm persons in their residences. Such services may include homemaker services, assistance with activities of daily living and respite care services.

(m) "Incidental" means that the value of the long-term care benefits provided is less than 10% of the total value of the benefits provided over the life of the policy. These values shall be measured as of the date of issue.

(n) "Licensed health care practitioner" means a physician, as defined in Section 1861(r)(1) of the Social Security Act, a registered professional nurse, licensed social worker or other individual who meets requirements prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(o) "Maintenance or personal care services" means any care the primary purpose of which is the provision of needed assistance with any of the disabilities as a result of which the individual is a chronically ill individual, including the protection from threats to health and safety due to severe cognitive impairment.

(p) "Medicare" means the "Health Insurance for the Aged Act," Title XVIII of the Social Security Amendments of 1965, as then constituted or later amended.

(q) "Mental or nervous disorder" may not be defined more restrictively than a definition including neurosis, psychoneurosis, psychopathy, psychosis, or any other mental or emotional disease or disorder which does not have a demonstrable organic cause.

(r) "Personal care" means the provision of hands-on services to assist an individual with activities of daily living, for example bathing, eating, dressing, transferring and toileting.

(s) "Qualified actuary" means a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries.

(t) "Qualified long-term care services" means services that meet the requirements of Section 7702(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as follows: necessary diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, curative, treatment, mitigation and rehabilitative services, and maintenance or personal care services which are required by a chronically ill individual, and are provided pursuant to a plan of care prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner.

(u) "Similar policy forms" means all of the long-term care insurance policies and certificates issued by an insurer in the same long-term care benefit classification as the policy form being considered. Certificates of groups are not considered similar to certificates or policies otherwise issued as long-term care insurance, but are similar to other comparable certificates with the same long-term care benefit classifications. For purposes of determining similar policy forms, long-term care benefit classifications are defined as follows:

(i) institutional long-term care benefits only;

(ii) non-institutional long-term care benefits only; or

(iii) comprehensive long-term care benefits.

(v) "Skilled nursing care," "intermediate care," "personal care," "home care," and other services shall be defined in relation to the level of skill required, the nature of the care and the setting in which care must be delivered.

(w) "Toileting" means getting to and from the toilet, getting on and off the toilet, and performing associated personal hygiene.

(x) "Transferring" means moving into or out of a bed, chair or wheelchair.

(3) All providers of services, including but not limited to "skilled nursing facility," "extended care facility," "intermediate care facility," "convalescent nursing home," "personal care facility," and "home care agency" shall be defined in relation to the services and facilities required to be available and the licensure or degree status of those providing or supervising the services. The definition may require that the provider be appropriately licensed or certified.

R590-148-6. Required Provisions and Practices.

(1) Renewability.

The terms "guaranteed renewable" and "noncancellable" may not be used in any individual long-term care insurance policy without further explanatory language in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Subsection R590-148-6(1)(b).

(a) No policy issued to an individual may contain renewal provisions other than "guaranteed renewable" or "noncancellable."

(i) The term "guaranteed renewable" may be used only when the insured has the right to continue the long-term care insurance in force by the timely payment of premiums and when the insurer has no unilateral right to make any change in any provision of the policy or rider while the insurance is in force, and cannot decline to renew, except that rates may be revised by the insurer on a class basis.

(ii) The term "noncancellable" may be used only when the insured has the right to continue the long-term care insurance in force by the timely payment of premiums during which period the insurer has no right to unilaterally make any change in any provision of the insurance or in the premium rate.

(b) Individual long-term care insurance policies shall contain a renewability provision. This provision shall be appropriately captioned, shall appear on the first page of the policy, and shall clearly state the duration, where limited, of renewability and the duration of the term of coverage for which the policy is issued and for which it may be renewed. This provision may not apply to policies which do not contain a renewability provision, and under which the right to non-renew is reserved solely to the policyholder.

(c) In addition to the other requirements of this subsection, a qualified long-term care insurance contract shall be guaranteed renewable, within the meaning of Section 7702B(b)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(2) Limitations and Exclusions.

(a) No policy may be delivered or issued for delivery in this state as long-term care insurance if the policy limits or excludes coverage by type of illness, treatment, medical condition or accident, except as follows:

(i) preexisting conditions or diseases;

(ii) mental or nervous disorders; however, this may not permit exclusion or limitation of benefits on the basis of Alzheimer's Disease, or any other mental or nervous disorder of organic origin;

(iii) alcoholism and drug addiction;

(iv) illness, treatment or medical condition arising out of:

(A) war or act of war, whether declared or undeclared;

(B) participation in a felony, riot or insurrection;

(C) service in the armed forces or auxiliary units;

(D) suicide, sane or insane, attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury; or

(E) aviation for non-fare-paying passengers;

(v) treatment provided in a government facility, unless otherwise required by law,

(vi) services for which benefits are paid under:

(A) Medicare or other governmental program, except Medicaid;

(B) any state or federal workers' compensation;

(C) employer's liability or occupational disease law; or

(D) any motor vehicle no-fault law;

(vii) services provided by a member of the covered person's immediate family;

(viii) services for which no charge is normally made in the absence of insurance;

(ix) benefits provided for a level of care cannot be conditioned on a requirement that the care be in a facility licensed for higher levels of care.

(b) Subsection R590-148-6(2)(a) is not intended to prohibit exclusions and limitations by type of provider or territorial limitations outside the United States.

(3) Preexisting Condition Limitation. If a long-term care insurance policy or certificate contains any limitations with respect to preexisting conditions, the limitations shall appear as a separate paragraph of the policy or certificate and shall be labeled as "Preexisting Condition Limitations."

(4) Benefit Triggers. Activities of daily living and cognitive impairment may be used to measure an insured's need for long-term care and shall be described in the policy or certificate in a separate paragraph and shall be labeled "Eligibility for the Payment of Benefits." Any additional benefit triggers shall also be explained in this paragraph. If these triggers differ for different benefits, explanation of the trigger shall accompany each benefit description. If an attending physician or other specified person must certify a certain level of functional dependency in order to be eligible for benefits, this too shall be specified.

(5) Extension of Benefits. Termination of long-term care insurance shall be without prejudice to any benefits payable for institutionalization if the institutionalization began while the long-term care insurance was in force and continues without interruption after termination. The extension of benefits beyond the period the long-term care insurance was in force may be limited to the duration of the benefit period, if any, or to payment of the maximum benefits and may be subject to any policy waiting period, and all other applicable provisions of the policy.

(6) Discontinuance and Replacement. If a group long-term care policy is replaced by another group long-term care policy issued to the same policyholder, the succeeding insurer shall offer coverage to all persons covered under the previous group policy on its date of termination. Coverage provided or offered to individuals by the insurer and premiums charged to persons under the new group policy:

(a) may not result in any exclusion for preexisting conditions that would have been covered under the group policy being replaced; and

(b) may not vary or otherwise depend on the individual's health or disability status, claim experience or use of long-term care services.

(7) Premiums.

(a) The term "level premium" may only be used when the insurer does not have the right to change the premium.

(b) A long-term care insurance policy or certificate, other than one where the insurer does not have the right to change the premium, shall include a statement that premium rates may change.

(c) The purchase of additional coverage shall not be considered a premium rate increase, but for purposes of the calculation required under Section R590-148-14, the portion of the premium attributable to the additional coverage shall be added to and considered part of the initial annual premium.

(d) A reduction in benefits shall not be considered a premium change, but for purpose of the calculation required under Section R590-148-14, the initial annual premium shall be based on the reduced benefits.

(8) Riders and Endorsements. Except for riders or endorsements by which the insurer effectuates a request made in writing by the insured under an individual long-term care insurance policy, all riders or endorsements added to an individual long-term care insurance policy after date of issue or at reinstatement or renewal which reduce or eliminate benefits or coverage in the policy shall require signed acceptance by the individual insured. After the date of policy issue, any rider or endorsement which increases benefits or coverage with a concomitant increase in premium during the policy term must be agreed to in writing signed by the insured, except if the increased benefits or coverage are required by law. Where a separate additional premium is charged for benefits provided in connection with riders or endorsements, this premium charge shall be set forth in the policy, rider or endorsement.

(9) Payment of Benefits. A long-term care insurance policy or certificate that provides for the payment of benefits based on standards described as "usual and customary," "reasonable and customary" or words of similar import shall include a definition of these terms and an explanation of the terms in its accompanying outline of coverage.

(10) Eligibility for Benefits Limitations and Conditions. A long-term care insurance policy or certificate containing any limitations or conditions for eligibility other than those prohibited in Section 31A-22-1407 shall set forth a description of these limitations or conditions, including any required number of days of confinement, in a separate paragraph of the policy or certificate and shall label the paragraph "Limitations or Conditions on Eligibility for Benefits."

(11) Disclosure of Tax Consequences. With regard to life insurance policies which provide for long-term care, a disclosure statement is required at the time of application for the policy or rider and at the time the benefit payment request is submitted that receipt of these benefits may be taxable, and that assistance should be sought from a personal tax advisor. The disclosure statement shall be prominently displayed on the first page of the policy or rider and any other related documents. This subsection shall not apply to qualified long-term care insurance contracts.

(12) Qualified Contracts. A qualified long-term care insurance contract shall include a disclosure statement in the policy and in the outline of coverage that the policy is intended to be a qualified long-term care insurance contract under Section 7702B(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(13) Nonqualified Contracts. A nonqualified long-term care insurance contract shall include a disclosure statement in the policy and in the outline of coverage that the policy is not intended to be a qualified long-term care insurance contract.

(14) Long-term care insurance sold in conjunction with another insurance product, including but not limited to life insurance or annuities shall be in the form of a separate rider complying with all provisions of this Rule. Long-term care insurance shall not be incorporated into a life insurance policy or annuity contract.

R590-148-7. Minimum Standards for Home Health and Community Care Benefits in Long-Term Care Insurance Policies.

(1) A long-term care insurance policy or certificate shall not, if it provides benefits for home health care services, limit or exclude benefits:

(a) by requiring that the insured would need care in a skilled nursing facility if home health care services were not provided;

(b) by requiring that the insured first or simultaneously receive nursing or therapeutic services, or both, in a home, community or institutional setting before home health care services are covered;

(c) by limiting eligible services to services provided by registered nurses or licensed practical nurses;

(d) by requiring that a nurse or therapist provide services covered by the policy that can be provided by a home health aide, or other licensed or certified home care worker acting within the scope of the aid or worker's licensure or certification;

(e) by excluding coverage for personal care services provided by a home health aide;

(f) by requiring that the provision of home health care services be at a level of certification or licensure greater than that required for the eligible service;

(g) by requiring that the insured have an acute condition before home health care services are covered;

(h) by limiting benefits to services provided by Medicare-certified agencies or providers; or

(i) by excluding coverage for adult day care services.

(2) Home health care coverage may be applied to the non-home health care benefits provided in the policy or certificate when determining maximum coverage under the terms of the policy or certificate.

(3) A long-term care insurance policy or certificate, if it provides for home health or community care services, shall provide total home health or community care coverage that is a dollar amount equivalent to at least one-half of one year's coverage available for nursing home benefits under the policy or certificate, at the time covered home health or community care services are being received. This requirement may not apply to policies or certificates issued to residents of continuing care retirement communities.

R590-148-8. Standards for Benefit Triggers.

(1) A long-term care insurance policy shall condition the payment of benefits on a determination of the insured's ability to perform activities of daily living and on cognitive impairment. Eligibility for the payment of benefits shall not be more restrictive than requiring either a deficiency in the ability to perform not more than 3 of the activities of daily living or the presence of cognitive impairment.

(2) Insurers may use activities of daily living to trigger covered benefits in addition to those contained in Subsection R590-148-5(2)(a) as long as they are defined in the policy.

(3) An insurer may use additional provisions for the determination of when benefits are payable under a policy or certificate; however the provisions shall not restrict, and are not in lieu of, the requirements contained in Subsections R590-148-8(1) and (2).

(4) For purposes of this section the determination of a deficiency shall not be more restrictive than:

(a) requiring the hands-on assistance of another person to perform the prescribed activities of daily living; or

(b) if the deficiency is due to the presence of a cognitive impairment, supervision or verbal cuing by another person is needed in order to protect the insured or others.

(5) Assessments of activities of daily living and cognitive impairment shall be performed by licensed or certified professionals, such as physicians, nurses or social workers.

(6) Long-term care insurance policies shall include a clear description of the process for appealing and resolving benefit determinations.

(7) The requirements set forth in this section shall be effective January 1, 2003 and shall apply as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection R590-148-8(7)(b), the provisions of this section apply to a long-term care policy issued in this state on or after July 1, 2002.

(b) For certificates issued on or after July 1, 2002, under a group long-term care insurance policy that was in force at the time this rule became effective, the provisions of this section shall not apply.

R590-148-9. Additional Standards for Benefit Triggers for Qualified Long-Term Care Insurance Contracts.

(1) A qualified long-term care insurance contract shall pay only for qualified long-term care services received by a chronically ill individual provided pursuant to a plan of care prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner.

(2) A qualified long-term care insurance contract shall condition the payment of benefits on a determination of the insured's inability to perform activities of daily living for an expected period of at least 90 days due to a loss of functional capacity or to severe cognitive impairment.

(3) Certifications regarding activities of daily living and cognitive impairment required pursuant to Subsection R590-148-9(2) shall be performed by the following licensed or certified professionals: physicians, registered professional nurses, licensed social workers, or other individuals who meet requirements prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(4) Certifications required pursuant to Subsection R590-148-9(2) may be performed by a licensed health care professional at the direction of the carrier as is reasonably necessary with respect to a specific claim, except that when a licensed health care practitioner has certified that an insured is unable to perform activities of daily living for an expected period of at least 90 days due to a loss of functional capacity and the insured is in claim status, the certification may not be rescinded and additional certifications may not be performed until after the expiration of the 90-day period.

(5) Qualified long-term care insurance contracts shall include a clear description of the process for appealing and resolving disputes with respect to benefit determinations.

R590-148-10. Continuation and Conversion.

(1) Group long-term care insurance issued in this state on or after July 1, 2002 shall provide covered individuals with a basis for continuation or conversion of coverage.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "a basis for continuation of coverage" means a policy provision which maintains coverage under the existing group policy when the coverage would otherwise terminate and which is subject only to the continued timely payment of premium when due. Group policies which restrict provision of benefits and services to, or contain incentives to use certain providers, facilities, or both, may provide continuation benefits which are substantially equivalent to the benefits of the existing group policy. The commissioner shall make a determination as to the substantial equivalency of benefits, and in doing so, shall take into consideration the differences between managed care and non-managed care plans, including, but not limited to, provider system arrangements, service availability, benefit levels and administrative complexity.

(b) "a basis for conversion of coverage" means a policy provision that an individual whose coverage under the group policy would otherwise terminate or has been terminated for any reason, including discontinuance of the group policy in its entirety or with respect to an insured class, and who has been continuously insured under the group policy, and any group policy which it replaced, for at least six months immediately prior to termination, shall be entitled to the issuance of a converted policy by the insurer under whose group policy the individual is covered, without evidence of insurability.

(c) "converted policy" means an individual policy of long-term care insurance providing benefits identical to or benefits determined by the commissioner to be substantially equivalent to or in excess of those provided under the group policy from which conversion is made. Where the group policy from which conversion is made restricts provision of benefits and services to, or contains incentives to use certain providers, facilities, or both, the commissioner, in making a determination as to the substantial equivalency of benefits, shall take into consideration the differences between managed care and non-managed care plans, including provider system arrangements, service availability, benefit levels and administrative complexity.

(d) a "Managed-Care Plan" is a health care or assisted living arrangement designed to coordinate patient care or control costs through utilization review, case management or use of specific provider networks.

(3) Written application for the converted policy shall be made and the first premium due, if any, shall be paid as directed by the insurer not later than 60 days after termination of coverage under the group policy. The converted policy shall be

issued effective on the day following the termination of coverage under the group policy, and shall be renewable annually.

(4) Unless the group policy from which conversion is made replaced previous group coverage, the premium for the converted policy shall be calculated on the basis of the insured's age at inception of coverage under the group policy from which conversion is made. Where the group policy from which conversion is made replaced previous group coverage, the premium for the converted policy shall be calculated on the basis of the insured's age at inception of coverage under the group policy replaced.

(5) The premium for the individual converted policy shall not exceed the insurer's customary rate at the time of the termination, which is applicable to the form and amount of the individual policy, and to the class of risk to which the person belonged when terminated from the group policy.

(6) Continuation of coverage or issuance of a converted policy shall be mandatory, except where:

(a) termination of group coverage resulted from an individual's failure to make any required payment of premium or contribution when due; or

(b) the terminating coverage is replaced not later than 31 days after termination, by group coverage effective on the day following the termination of coverage:

(i) providing benefits identical to or benefits determined by the commissioner to be substantially equivalent to or in excess of those provided by the terminating coverage; and

(ii) the premium for which is calculated in a manner consistent with the requirements of Subsection R590-148-10(4).

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a converted policy issued to an individual who at the time of conversion is covered by another long-term care insurance policy which provides benefits on the basis of incurred expenses, may contain a provision which results in a reduction of benefits payable if the benefits provided under the additional coverage, together with the full benefits provided by the converted policy, would result in payment of more than 100% of incurred expenses. This provision shall only be included in the converted policy if the converted policy also provides for a premium decrease or refund which reflects the reduction in benefits payable.

(8) The converted policy may provide that the benefits payable under the converted policy, together with the benefits payable under the group policy from which conversion is made, may not exceed those that would have been payable had the individual's coverage under the group policy remained in force and effect.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any insured individual whose eligibility for group long-term care coverage is based upon the individual's relationship to another person, shall be entitled to continuation of coverage under the group policy upon termination of the qualifying relationship by death or dissolution of marriage.

R590-148-11. Unintentional Lapse and Reinstatement.

Each insurer offering long-term care insurance shall, as a protection against unintentional lapse, comply with the following:

(1)(a) Notice before lapse or termination. No individual long-term care policy or certificate shall be issued until the insurer has received from the applicant either a written designation of at least one person, in addition to the applicant, who is to receive notice of lapse or termination of the policy or certificate for nonpayment of premium, or a written waiver dated and signed by the applicant electing not to designate additional persons to receive notice. The applicant has the right to designate at least one person who is to receive the notice of termination, in addition to the insured. Designation shall not constitute acceptance of any liability on the third party for services provided to the insured. The form used for the written designation must provide space clearly designated for listing at least one person. The designation shall include each person's full name and home address. In the case of an applicant who elects not to designate an additional person, the waiver shall state: "Protection against unintended lapse. I understand that I have the right to designate at least one person other than myself to receive notice of lapse or termination of this long-term care insurance policy for nonpayment of premium. I understand that notice will not be given until 30 days after a premium is due and unpaid. I elect NOT to designate a person to receive this notice."

(b) The insurer shall notify the insured of the right to change this written designation, no less often than once every two years.

(c) When the policyholder or certificateholder pays premium for a long-term care insurance policy or certificate through a payroll or pension deduction plan the requirements contained in Subsection R590-148-11(1)(a) need not be met until 60 days after the policyholder or certificateholder is no longer on a payroll or pension deduction plan.

(d) Lapse or termination for nonpayment of premium. No individual long-term care policy or certificate shall lapse or be terminated for nonpayment of premium unless the insurer, at least 30 days before the effective date of the lapse or termination, has given notice to the insured and to those persons designated pursuant to Subsection R590-148-11(1)(a), at the address provided by the insured for purposes of receiving notice of lapse or termination. Notice shall be given by first class United States mail, postage prepaid; and notice may not be given until 30 days after a premium is due and unpaid. Notice shall be deemed to have been given as of five days after the date of mailing.

(2) Reinstatement. In addition to the requirement in Subsection R590-148-11(1)(a), a long-term care insurance policy or certificate shall include a provision that provides for reinstatement of coverage in the event of lapse if the insurer is provided proof that the policyholder or certificateholder was cognitively impaired or had a loss of functional capacity before the grace period contained in the policy expired. This option shall be available to the insured if requested within five months after termination and shall allow for the collection of past due premium, where appropriate. The standard of proof of cognitive impairment or loss of functional capacity shall not be more stringent than the benefit eligibility criteria on cognitive impairment or the loss of functional capacity contained in the policy and certificate.

R590-148-12. Applications, Enrollment and Replacement of Coverage.

(1) All applications for long-term care insurance policies or certificates except those which are guaranteed issue shall contain clear and unambiguous questions designed to ascertain the health condition of the applicant.

(2)(a) If an application for long-term care insurance contains a question which asks whether the applicant has had medication prescribed by a physician, it must also ask the applicant to list the medication that has been prescribed.

(b) If the medications listed in the application were known by the insurer, or should have been known at the time of application, to be directly related to a medical condition for which coverage would otherwise be denied, then the policy or certificate may not be rescinded for that condition.

(3) All applications shall clearly indicate the payment plan selected by the applicant.

(4) Except for policies or certificates which are guaranteed issue:

(a) the following language shall be set out conspicuously

and in close conjunction with the applicant's signature block on an application for a long-term care insurance policy or certificate:

Caution: If your answers on this application are incorrect or untrue, (company) has the right to deny benefits or rescind your policy.

(b) the following language, or language substantially similar to the following, shall be set out conspicuously on the long-term care insurance policy or certificate at the time of delivery:

Caution: The issuance of this long-term care insurance (policy) (certificate) was based upon your responses to the questions on your application. A copy of your (application) (enrollment form) (is enclosed) (was retained by you when you applied). If your answers are incorrect or untrue, the company has the right to deny benefits or rescind your policy. The best time to clear up any questions is now, before a claim arises! If, for any reason, any of your answers are incorrect, contact the company at this address: (insert address)

(5) Prior to issuance of a long-term care policy or certificate to an applicant age 80 or older, the insurer shall obtain one of the following:

(a) a report of a physical examination;

(b) an assessment of functional capacity;

(c) an attending physician's statement; or

(d) copies of medical records.

(6) A copy of the completed application or enrollment form, whichever is applicable, shall be delivered to the insured no later than at the time of delivery of the policy or certificate unless it was retained by the applicant at the time of application.

(7) Application forms shall include the following questions designed to elicit information as to whether, as of the date of the application, the applicant has another long-term care insurance policy or certificate in force or whether a long-term care policy or certificate is intended to replace any other accident and sickness or long-term care policy or certificate presently in force. A supplementary application or other form to be signed by the applicant and agent, except where the coverage is sold without an agent, containing these questions may be used. With regard to a replacement policy issued to a group, other than employee and labor union groups, the following questions may be modified only to the extent necessary to elicit information about health or long-term care insurance policies other than the group policy being replaced; provided, however, that the certificateholder has been notified of the replacement.

(a) Do you have another long-term care insurance policy or certificate in force, including health care service contract, health maintenance organization contract?

(b) Did you have another long-term care insurance policy or certificate in force during the last 12 months?

(i) If so, with which company?

(ii) If that policy lapsed, when did it lapse?

(c) Are you covered by Medicaid?

(d) Do you intend to replace any of your medical or health insurance coverage with this policy/certificate?

(8) Agents shall list any other health insurance policies they have sold to the applicant.

(a) List policies sold which are still in force.

(b) List policies sold in the past five years which are no longer in force.

(9) Solicitations Other than Direct Response. Upon determining that a sale will involve replacement, an insurer; other than an insurer using direct response solicitation methods, or its agent; shall furnish the applicant, prior to issuance or delivery of the individual long-term care insurance policy, a notice regarding replacement of accident and sickness or long-term care coverage. One copy of this notice shall be retained by the applicant and an additional copy signed by the applicant shall be retained by the insurer. The required notice shall be provided in the manner detailed in Table I, Notice to Applicant Regarding Replacement of Individual Accident and Sickness or Long-Term Care Insurance.

(10) Direct Response Solicitations. Insurers using direct response solicitation methods shall deliver a notice regarding replacement of accident and sickness or long-term care coverage to the applicant upon issuance of the policy. The required notice shall be provided in the manner detailed in Table II, Notice to Applicant Regarding Replacement of Accident and Sickness or Long-Term Care Insurance.

(11) Where replacement is intended, the replacing insurer shall notify, in writing, the existing insurer of the proposed replacement. The existing policy shall be identified by the insurer, name of the insured and policy number or address including zip code. The notice shall be made within five working days from the date the application is received by the insurer or the date the policy is issued, whichever is sooner.

(12) Life insurance policies and certificates that provide benefits for long-term care shall comply with this section if the policy being replaced is a long-term care insurance policy. If the policy being replaced is a life insurance policy, the insurer shall comply with the replacement requirements of R590-93, Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities. If a life insurance policy that provide benefits for long-term care is replaced by another such policy, the replacing insurer shall comply with both the long-term care and the life insurance replacement requirements.

(13) Electronic Enrollment for Group Policies:

(a) In the case of a group policy, any requirement that a signature of an insured be obtained by an agent or insurer shall be deemed satisfied if:

(i) the consent is obtained by telephonic or electronic enrollment by the group policyholder or insurer. A verification of enrollment information shall be provided to the enrollee;

(ii) the telephonic or electronic enrollment provides necessary and reasonable safeguards to assure the accuracy, retention and prompt retrieval of records; and

(iii) the telephonic or electronic enrollment provides necessary and reasonable safeguards to assure the confidentiality of individually identifiable information and "privileged information" as defined by the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act, Section 63G-2-202, is maintained.

(b) The insurer shall make available, upon request of the commissioner, records that will demonstrate the insurer's ability to confirm enrollment and coverage amounts.

R590-148-13. Requirement to Offer Inflation Protection.

(1) No insurer may offer a long-term care insurance policy unless the insurer also offers to the policyholder in addition to any other inflation protection the option to purchase a policy that provides for benefit levels to increase with benefit maximums or reasonable durations which are meaningful to account for reasonably anticipated increases in the costs of long-term care services covered by the policy. Insurers must offer to each policyholder, at the time of purchase, the option to purchase a policy with an inflation protection feature no less favorable than one of the following:

(a) increases benefit levels annually in a manner so that the increases are compounded annually at a rate not less than 5%;

(b) guarantees the insured individual the right to periodically increase benefit levels without providing evidence of insurability or health status so long as the option for the previous period has not been declined. The premium rate for the additional benefit shall not exceed the insurer's customary rate at the time the offer is made, which is applicable to the form and amount of the policy, the class of risk to which the person belonged at the time of issue of the policy, and to the age attained on the effective date of the increase. The amount of the

additional benefit may be no less than the difference between the existing policy benefit and that benefit compounded annually at a rate of at least 5% for the period beginning with the purchase of the existing benefit and extending until the year in which the offer is made; or

(c) covers a specified percentage of actual or reasonable charges and does not include a maximum specified indemnity amount or limit.

(2) Where the policy is issued to a group, except a continuing care retirement community center, the required offer in Subsection R590-148-13(1) shall be made to the group policyholder and to each proposed certificateholder.

(3) Insurers shall include the following information in or with the outline of coverage:

(a) a graphic comparison of the benefit levels of a policy that increases benefits over the policy period with a policy that does not increase benefits. The graphic comparison shall show benefit levels over at least a 20 year period; and

(b) any expected premium increases or additional premiums to pay for automatic or optional benefit increases. An insurer may use a reasonable hypothetical, or a graphic demonstration, for the purposes of this disclosure.

(4) Inflation protection benefit increases under a policy which contains this benefit shall continue without regard to an insured's age, claim status or claim history, or the length of time the person has been insured under the policy.

(5) An offer of inflation protection which provides for automatic benefit increases shall include an offer of a premium which the insurer expects to remain constant. The offer shall disclose in a conspicuous manner that the premium may change in the future unless the premium is guaranteed to remain constant.

(6)(a) Inflation protection as provided in Subsection R590-148-13(1)(a) shall be included in a long-term care insurance policy unless an insurer obtains a rejection of inflation protection signed by the policyholder as required in this subsection. The rejection may be either in the application or on a separate form.

(b) The rejection shall be considered a part of the application and shall state:

I have reviewed the outline of coverage and the graphs that compare the benefits and premiums of this policy with and without inflation protection. Specifically, I have reviewed Plans (indicate), and I reject inflation protection.

R590-148-14. Nonforfeiture and Contingent Benefit Requirements.

(1) To comply with the requirement to offer a nonforfeiture benefit pursuant to the provisions of Section 31A-22-1412:

(a) a policy or certificate offered with nonforfeiture benefits shall have coverage elements, eligibility, benefit triggers and benefit length that are the same as coverage to be issued without nonforfeiture benefits. The nonforfeiture benefit included in the offer shall be the benefit described in Subsection R590-148-14(4); and

(b) the offer shall be in writing if the nonforfeiture benefit is not otherwise described in the Outline of Coverage or other materials given to the prospective policyholder.

(2) If the offer required to be made under Section 31A-22-1412 is rejected, the insurer shall provide the contingent benefit upon lapse described in this section.

(3)(a) After rejection of the offer required under Section 31A-22-1412, for individual and group policies without nonforfeiture benefits issued after July 1, 2002, the insurer shall provide a contingent benefit upon lapse.

(b) In the event a group policyholder elects to make the nonforfeiture benefit an option to the certificateholder, a certificate shall provide either the nonforfeiture benefit or the contingent benefit upon lapse.

(c) The contingent benefit on lapse shall be triggered every time an insurer increases the premium rates to a level which results in a cumulative increase of the annual premium equal to or exceeding the percentage of the insured's initial annual premium set forth in Table III, Triggers for a Substantial Premium Increase, based on the insured's issue age, and the policy or certificate lapses within 120 days of the due date of the premium so increased. Unless otherwise required, policyholders shall be notified at least 30 days prior to the due date of the premium reflecting the rate increase.

(d) On or before the effective date of a substantial premium increase as defined in Subsection R590-148-14(3)(c), the insurer shall:

(i) offer to reduce policy benefits provided by the current coverage without the requirement of additional underwriting so that required premium payments are not increased;

(ii) offer to convert the coverage to a paid-up status with a shortened benefit period in accordance with the terms of Subsection R590-148-14(4). This option may be elected at any time during the 120-day period referenced in Subsection R590-148-14(3)(c); and

(iii) notify the policyholder or certificateholder that a default or lapse at any time during the 120-day period referenced in Subsection R590-148-14(3)(c) shall be deemed to be the election of the offer to convert in Subsection R590-148-14(3)(d)(ii).

(4) Benefits continued as nonforfeiture benefits, including contingent benefits upon lapse, are described in this subsection:

(a) For purposes of this subsection, attained age rating is defined as a schedule of premiums starting from the issue date which increases with age at least 1% per year prior to age 50, and at least 3% per year beyond age 50.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, the nonforfeiture benefit shall be of a shortened benefit period providing paid-up long-term care insurance coverage after lapse. The same benefits, amounts and frequency in effect at the time of lapse but not increased thereafter, will be payable for a qualifying claim, but the lifetime maximum dollars or days of benefits shall be determined as specified in Subsection R590-148-14(4)(c).

(c) The standard nonforfeiture credit will be equal to 100% of the sum of all premiums paid, including the premiums paid prior to any changes in benefits. The insurer may offer additional shortened benefit period options, as long as the benefits for each duration equal or exceed the standard nonforfeiture credit for that duration. However, the minimum nonforfeiture credit shall not be less than 30 times the daily nursing home benefit at the time of lapse. In either event, the calculation of the nonforfeiture credit is subject to the limitation of Subsection R590-148-14(5).

(d)(i) The nonforfeiture benefit shall begin not later than the end of the third year following the policy or certificate issue date. The contingent benefit upon lapse shall be effective during the first three years as well as thereafter.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection R590-148-14(4)(d)(i), for a policy or certificate with attained age rating, the nonforfeiture benefit shall begin on the earlier of:

(A) the end of the tenth year following the policy or certificate issue date; or

(B) the end of the second year following the date the policy or certificate is no longer subject to attained age rating.

(e) Nonforfeiture credits may be used for all care and services qualifying for benefits under the terms of the policy or certificate, up to the limits specified in the policy or certificate.

(5) All benefits paid by the insurer while the policy or certificate is in premium paying status and in the paid up status will not exceed the maximum benefits, which would be payable if the policy or certificate had remained in premium paying status.

(6) There shall be no difference in the minimum

nonforfeiture benefits as required under this section for group and individual policies.

(7) The requirements set forth in this section shall become effective January 1, 2003 and shall apply as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection R590-148-14(7)(b), the provisions of this section apply to any long-term care policy issued in this state on or after July 1, 2002.

(b) For certificates issued on or after July 1, 2002, under a group long-term care insurance policy, which policy was in force at the time this rule became effective, the provisions of this section shall not apply.

(8) Premiums charged for a policy or certificate containing nonforfeiture benefits or a contingent benefit on lapse shall be subject to the loss ratio requirements of Section R590-148-22 treating the policy as a whole.

(9) To determine whether contingent nonforfeiture upon lapse provisions are triggered under Subsection R590-148-14(3)(c), a replacing insurer that purchased or otherwise assumed a block or blocks of long-term care insurance policies from another insurer shall calculate the percentage increase based on the initial annual premium paid by the insured when the policy was first purchased from the original insurer.

(10) A nonforfeiture benefit for qualified long-term care insurance contracts that are level premium contracts shall be offered that meets the following requirements:

(a) the nonforfeiture provision shall be appropriately captioned;

(b) the nonforfeiture provision shall provide a benefit available in the event of a default in the payment of any premiums and shall state that the amount of the benefit may be adjusted subsequent to being initially granted only as necessary to reflect changes in claims, persistency and interest as reflected in changes in rates for premium paying contracts approved by the commissioner for the same contract form; and

(c) the nonforfeiture provision shall provide at least one of the following:

(i) reduced paid-up insurance;

(ii) extended term insurance;

(iii) shortened benefit period; or

(iv) other similar offerings approved by the commissioner.

R590-148-15. Standard Format Outline of Coverage.

This section of the rule implements, interprets and prescribes a standard format of an outline of coverage for the provisions in Subsection 31A-22-1409(2).

(1) The outline of coverage shall be a free-standing document, using no smaller than ten point type.

(2) The outline of coverage may contain no material of an advertising nature.

(3) Text which is capitalized or underscored in the standard format outline of coverage may be emphasized by other means which provide prominence equivalent to capitalization or underscoring.

(4) Use of the text and sequence of text of the standard format outline of coverage is mandatory, unless otherwise specifically indicated.

(5) The format for outline of coverage can be found in Table IV, Long-Term Care Insurance Outline of Coverage.

R590-148-16. Requirement to Deliver Shopper's Guide.

(1) A long-term care insurance shopper's guide in the format developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or a guide developed or approved by the commissioner, shall be provided to all prospective applicants of a long-term care insurance policy or certificate.

(a) In the case of agent solicitations, an agent must deliver the shopper's guide prior to the presentation of an application or enrollment form.

(b) In the case of direct response solicitations, the shopper's guide must be presented in conjunction with any application or enrollment form.

(2) Life insurance policies or riders that provide long-term care benefits are not required to furnish the above-referenced guide if the long term care benefits are incidental, but shall furnish the policy summary required under Subsection 31A-22-1409(8).

R590-148-17. Suitability.

(1) Every insurer shall:

(a) develop and use suitability standards to determine whether the purchase or replacement of long-term care insurance is appropriate for the needs of the applicant;

(b) train its agents in the use of its suitability standards; and

(c) maintain a copy of its suitability standards and make them available for inspection upon request by the commissioner.

(2)(a) To determine whether the applicant meets the standards developed by the insurer, the agent and insurer shall develop procedures that take the following into consideration:

(i) the ability to pay for the proposed coverage and other pertinent financial information related to the purchase of the coverage;

(ii) the applicant's goals or needs with respect to long-term care and the advantages and disadvantages of insurance to meet these goals or needs; and

(iii) the values, benefits and costs of the applicant's existing insurance, if any, when compared to the values, benefits and costs of the recommended purchase or replacement.

(b) The insurer, and where an agent is involved, the agent shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the information set out in Subsection R590-148-17(2)(a). The efforts shall include presentation to the applicant, at or prior to application, the "Long-Term Care Insurance Personal Worksheet." The personal worksheet used by the insurer shall contain, at a minimum, the information in the format contained in Appendix B, in not less than 12 point type. The insurer may request the applicant to provide additional information to comply with its suitability standards. A copy of the insurer's personal worksheet shall be filed with the commissioner.

(c) A completed personal worksheet shall be returned to the insurer prior to the insurer's consideration of the applicant for coverage, except the personal worksheet need not be returned for sales of employer group long-term care insurance to employees and their spouses.

(d) The sale or dissemination outside the company or agency by the insurer or agent of information obtained through the personal worksheet in Appendix B is prohibited.

(3) The insurer shall use the suitability standards it has developed pursuant to this section in determining whether issuing long-term care insurance coverage to an applicant is appropriate.

(4) Agents shall use the suitability standards developed by the insurer in marketing long-term care insurance.

(5) At the same time as the personal worksheet is provided to the applicant, the disclosure form entitled "Things You Should Know Before You Buy Long-Term Care Insurance" shall be provided. The form shall be in the format contained in Appendix C in not less than 12 point type.

(6) If the insurer determines that the applicant does not meet its financial suitability standards, or if the applicant has declined to provide the information, the insurer may reject the application. In the alternative, the insurer shall send the applicant a letter similar to Appendix D, Long-Term Care Insurance Suitability Letter. However, if the applicant has declined to provide financial information, the insurer may use some other method to verify the applicant's intent. Either the applicant's returned letter or a record of the alternative method of verification shall be made part of the applicant's file.

(7) If a long-term care insurance policy or certificate

replaces another long-term care policy or certificate, the replacing insurer shall waive any time periods applicable to preexisting conditions and probationary periods in the new long-term care policy for similar benefits to the extent that similar exclusions have been satisfied under the original policy.

R590-148-18. Marketing Standards.

(1) Every insurer shall:

(a) Establish marketing procedures to assure that any comparison of policies by its agents or other producers will be fair and accurate.

(b) Establish marketing procedures to assure excessive insurance is not sold or issued.

(c) Display prominently by type, stamp or other appropriate means, on the first page of the outline of coverage and policy the following:

"Notice to buyer: This policy may not cover all of the costs associated with long-term care incurred by the buyer during the period of coverage. The buyer is advised to review carefully all policy limitations."

(d) Provide copies of the disclosure forms required in Subsection R590-148-19(2) to the applicant. See Appendix B, Long-Term Care Insurance Personal Worksheet, and Appendix F, Potential Rate Increase Disclosure Form.

(e) Inquire and otherwise make every reasonable effort to identify whether a prospective applicant or enrollee for long-term care insurance already has accident and sickness or long-term care insurance and the types and amounts of this insurance, except that in the case of qualified long-term care insurance contracts, an inquiry into whether a prospective applicant or enrollee for long-term care insurance has accident and sickness insurance is not required.

(f) Every insurer or entity marketing long-term care insurance shall establish audit able procedures for verifying compliance with this Subsection R590-148-18(1).

(g) If the state in which the policy or certificate is to be delivered or issued for delivery has a senior insurance counseling program approved by the commissioner, the insurer shall, at solicitation, provide written notice to the prospective policyholder and certificateholder that the program is available and the name, address and telephone number of the program.

(h) For long-term care health insurance policies and certificates, use the terms "noncancellable" or "level premium" only when the policy or certificate conforms to Subsections R590-148-6(1)(a)(ii) and R590-148-6(6)(a).

(i) Provide an explanation of contingent benefit upon lapse provided for in Subsection R590-148-14(3)(c).

(2) In addition to the practices prohibited in Part 3, Chapter 23 of Title 31A, the following acts and practices are prohibited:

(a) Twisting. Knowingly making any misleading representation or incomplete or fraudulent comparison of any insurance policies or insurers for the purpose of inducing, or tending to induce, any person to lapse, forfeit, surrender, terminate, retain, pledge, assign, borrow on or convert any insurance policy or to take out a policy of insurance with another insurer.

(b) High pressure tactics. Employing any method of marketing having the effect of or tending to induce the purchase of insurance through force, fright, threat, whether explicit or implied, or undue pressure to purchase or recommend the purchase of insurance.

(c) Cold lead advertising. Making use directly or indirectly of any method of marketing which fails to disclose in a conspicuous manner that a purpose of the method of marketing is solicitation of insurance and that contact will be made by an insurance agent or insurance company.

(d) Misrepresentation. Misrepresenting a material fact in selling or offering to sell a long-term care insurance policy.

R590-148-19. Required Disclosure of Rating Practices to Consumer.

(1) This section shall apply as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection R590-148-19(1)(b), this section applies to any long-term care policy or certificate issued in this state on or after January 1, 2003.

(b) For certificates issued on or after July 1, 2002, under a group long-term care insurance policy, which policy was in force at the time this rule became effective, the provisions of this section shall apply on the policy anniversary following January 1, 2003.

(2) Other than policies for which no applicable premium rate or rate schedule increases can be made, insurers shall provide all of the information listed in this subsection to the applicant at the time of application or enrollment, unless the method of application does not allow for delivery at that time. In such a case, an insurer shall provide all of the information listed in this section to the applicant no later than at the time of delivery of the policy or certificate.

(a) A statement that the policy may be subject to rate increases in the future;

(b) an explanation of potential future premium rate revisions, and the policyholder's or certificateholder's option in the event of a premium rate revision;

(c) the premium rate or rate schedules applicable to the applicant that will be in effect until a request is made for an increase;

(d) a general explanation for applying premium rate or rate schedule adjustments that shall include:

(i) a description of when premium rate or rate schedule adjustments will be effective, e.g., next anniversary date, next billing date, etc.; and

(ii) the right to a revised premium rate or rate schedule as provided in Subsection R590-148-19(2)(b) if the premium rate or rate schedule is changed.

(e)(i) Information regarding each premium rate increase on this policy form or similar policy forms over the past ten years for this state or any other state that, at a minimum, identifies:

(A) the policy forms for which premium rates have been increased;

(B) the calendar years when the form was available for purchase; and

(C) the amount, percent, and date of implementation for each increase. The percentage may be expressed as a percentage of the premium rate prior to the increase, and may also be expressed as minimum and maximum percentages if the rate increase is variable by rating characteristics.

(ii) The insurer may, in a fair manner, provide additional explanatory information related to the rate increases.

(iii) An insurer shall have the right to exclude from the disclosure premium rate increases that only apply to blocks of business acquired from other nonaffiliated insurers or the long-term care policies acquired from other nonaffiliated insurers when those increases occurred prior to the acquisition.

(iv) If an acquiring insurer files for a rate increase on a long-term care policy form acquired from nonaffiliated insurers or a block of policy forms acquired from nonaffiliated insurers on or before the effective date of this section, or the end of a 24-month period following the acquisition of the block or policies, the acquiring insurer may exclude that rate increase from the disclosure. However, the nonaffiliated selling company shall include the disclosure of that rate increase in accordance with Subsection R590-148-19(2)(e)(i).

(v) If the acquiring insurer in Subsection R590-148-19(2)(e)(iv) files for a subsequent rate increase, even within the 24-month period, on the same policy form acquired from nonaffiliated insurers or block of policy forms acquired from nonaffiliated insurers referenced in Subsection R590-148-19(2)(e)(iv), the acquiring insurer shall make all disclosures

required by Subsection R590-148-19(2)(e), including disclosure of the earlier rate increase referenced in Subsection R590-148-19(2)(e)(iv).

(3) An applicant shall sign an acknowledgment at the time of application, unless the method of application does not allow for signature at that time, that the insurer made the disclosure required under Subsections R590-148-19(2)(a) and (e). If due to the method of application the applicant cannot sign an acknowledgment at the time of application, the applicant shall sign no later than at the time of delivery of the policy or certificate.

(4) An insurer shall use the forms in Appendix B, Personal Worksheet, and Appendix F, Potential Rate Increase Disclosure Form, to comply with the requirements of Subsections R590-148-19(1) and (2).

(5) An insurer shall provide notice of an upcoming premium rate schedule increase to all policyholders or certificateholders, if applicable, at least 45 days prior to the implementation of the premium rate schedule increase by the insurer. The notice shall include the information required by Subsection R590-148-19(2) when the rate increase is implemented.

R590-148-20. Filing Requirements.

(1) Prior to an insurer or similar organization offering group long-term care insurance to a resident of this state pursuant to Section 31A-22-1403, it shall file with the commissioner evidence that the group policy or certificate thereunder has been approved by a state having statutory or regulatory long-term care insurance requirements substantially similar to those adopted in this state.

(2)(a) Every insurer shall provide a copy of any long-term care insurance advertisement intended for use in Utah whether through written, radio or television medium to the insurance commissioner of this state upon request.

(b) All advertisements shall be retained by the insurer, health care service plan or other entity for at least three years from the date the advertisement was first used.

(c) The commissioner may exempt from these requirements any advertising form or material when, in the commissioner's opinion, this requirement may not be reasonably applied.

R590-148-21. Initial Filing Requirements.

(1) This section shall apply to any long-term care policy issued in this state on or after January 1, 2003.

(2) An insurer shall file the information listed in this subsection to the commissioner prior to making a long-term care insurance form available for sale:

(a) a copy of the disclosure documents required in Section R590-148-19; and

(b) an actuarial certification consisting of at least the following:

(i) a statement that the initial premium rate schedule is sufficient to cover anticipated costs under moderately adverse experience and that the premium rate schedule is reasonably expected to be sustainable over the life of the form with no future premium increases anticipated;

(ii) a statement that the policy design and coverage provided have been reviewed and taken into consideration;

(iii) a statement that the underwriting and claims adjudication processes have been reviewed and taken into consideration;

(iv) a complete description of the basis for contract reserves that are anticipated to be held under the form, to include:

(A) sufficient detail or sample calculations provided so as to have a complete depiction of the reserve amounts to be held;

(B) a statement that the assumptions used for reserves contain reasonable margins for adverse experience;

(C) a statement that the net valuation premium for renewal years does not increase, except for attained-age rating where permitted; and

(D) a statement that the difference between the gross premium and the net valuation premium for renewal years is sufficient to cover expected renewal expenses; or if such a statement cannot be made, a complete description of the situations where this does not occur;

(I) an aggregate distribution of anticipated issues may be used as long as the underlying gross premiums maintain a reasonably consistent relationship; and

(II) if the gross premiums for certain age groups appear to be inconsistent with this requirement, the commissioner may request a demonstration under Subsection R590-148-21(3) based on a standard age distribution;

(v)(A) A statement that the premium rate schedule is not less than the premium rate schedule for existing similar policy forms also available from the insurer except for reasonable differences attributable to benefits; or

(B) A comparison of the premium schedules for similar policy forms that are currently available from the insurer with an explanation of the differences.

(3) The commissioner may request an actuarial demonstration that benefits are reasonable in relation to premiums. The actuarial demonstration shall include either premium and claim experience on similar policy forms, adjusted for any premium or benefit differences, relevant and credible data from other studies, or both.

(4) The premiums charged to an insured for long-term care insurance may not increase due to either:

(a) the increasing age of the insured at ages beyond 65; or

(b) the duration the insured has been covered under the policy.

R590-148-22. Loss Ratio.

(1) This section shall apply to all individual long-term care insurance policies except those covered in Sections R590-148-21 and R590-148-24.

(2) Benefits under individual long-term care insurance policies shall be deemed reasonable in relation to premiums provided the expected loss ratio is at least 60%, calculated in a manner which provides for adequate reserving of the long-term care insurance risk.

(3) In evaluating the expected loss ratio, due consideration shall be given to all relevant factors, including:

(a) statistical credibility of incurred claims experience and earned premiums;

(b) the period for which rates are computed to provide coverage;

(c) experienced and projected trends;

(d) concentration of experience within early policy duration;

(e) expected claim fluctuation;

(f) experience refunds, adjustments or dividends;

(g) renewability features;

(h) all appropriate expense factors;

(i) interest;

(j) experimental nature of the coverage;

(k) policy reserves;

(l) mix of business by risk classification; and

(m) product features such as long elimination periods, high deductibles and high maximum limits.

(4) The premiums charged to an insured for long-term care insurance may not increase due to either:

(a) the increasing age of the insured at ages beyond 65; or

(b) the duration the insured has been covered under the policy.

(5) Rate filings documents must contain all information required in R590-85-4.

R590-148-23. Reserve Standards.

(1) When long-term care benefits are provided through the acceleration of benefits under group or individual life policies or riders to these policies, policy reserves for these benefits shall be determined in accordance with Subsection 31A-17-504(7). Claim reserves must also be established when the policy or rider is in claim status.

Reserves for policies and riders subject to this subsection should be based on the multiple decrement model utilizing all relevant decrements except for voluntary termination rates. Single decrement approximations are acceptable if the calculation produces essentially similar reserves, if the reserve is clearly more conservative, or if the reserve is immaterial. The calculations may take into account the reduction in life insurance benefits due to the payment of long-term care benefits. However, in no event may the reserves for the long-term care benefit and the life insurance benefit be less than the reserves for the life insurance benefit assuming no long-term care benefit.

In the development and calculation of reserves for policies and riders subject to this subsection, due regard shall be given to the applicable policy provisions, marketing methods, administrative procedures and all other considerations which have an impact on projected claim costs, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) definition of insured events;
(b) covered long-term care facilities;
(c) existence of home convalescence care coverage;
(d) definition of facilities;
(e) existence or absence of barriers to eligibility;
(f) premium waiver provision;
(g) renewability;
(h) ability to raise premiums;
(i) marketing method;
(j) underwriting procedures;
(k) claims adjustment procedures;
(l) waiting period;
(m) maximum benefit
(n) availability of eligible facilities;
(o) margins in claim costs;
(p) optional nature of benefit;
(q) delay in eligibility for benefit;
(r) inflation protection provisions; and
(s) guaranteed insurability option.

Any applicable valuation morbidity table shall be certified as appropriate as a statutory valuation table by a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

(2) When long-term care benefits are provided other than as in Subsection R590-148-23(1), reserves shall be determined in accordance with Minimum Reserve Standards for Individual and Group Health Insurance Contracts, Appendix A-010, Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual, edition March 2001, published by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

R590-148-24. Premium Rate Schedule Increases.

(1) This section shall apply as follows:

(a) except as provided in Subsection R590-148-24(1)(b), this section applies to any long-term care policy or certificate issued in this state on or after January 1, 2003.

(b) for certificates issued on or after July 1, 2002, under a group long-term care insurance policy, which policy was in force at the time this rule became effective, the provisions of this section shall apply on the policy anniversary following January 1, 2003.

(2) An insurer shall file notice of a pending premium rate schedule increase, including an exceptional increase, to the commissioner prior to the notice to the policyholders and shall include:

(a) information required by Section R590-148-19;

(b) certification by a qualified actuary that:

(i) if the requested premium rate schedule increase is implemented and the underlying assumptions, which reflect moderately adverse conditions, are realized, no further premium rate schedule increases are anticipated;

(ii) the premium rate filing is in compliance with the provisions of this section;

(c) an actuarial memorandum justifying the rate schedule change request that includes:

(i) lifetime projections of earned premiums and incurred claims based on the filed premium rate schedule increase; and the method and assumptions used in determining the projected values, including reflection of any assumptions that deviate from those used for pricing other forms currently available for sale:

(A) annual values for the five years preceding and the three years following the valuation date shall be provided separately;

(B) the projections shall include the development of the lifetime loss ratio, unless the rate increase is an exceptional increase;

(C) the projections shall demonstrate compliance with Subsection R590-148-24(3); and

(D) for exceptional increases:

(I) the projected experience should be limited to the increases in claims expenses attributable to the approved reasons for the exceptional increase; and

(II) in the event the commissioner determines as provided in Section R590-148-5(2)(j)(iv) that offsets may exist, the insurer shall use appropriate net projected experience;

(ii) disclosure of how reserves have been incorporated in this rate increase whenever the rate increase will trigger contingent benefit upon lapse;

(iii) disclosure of the analysis performed to determine why a rate adjustment is necessary, which pricing assumptions were not realized and why, and what other actions taken by the company have been relied on by the actuary;

(iv) a statement that policy design, underwriting and claims adjudication practices have been taken into consideration; and

(v) in the event that it is necessary to maintain consistent premium rates for new certificates and certificates receiving a rate increase, the insurer will need to file composite rates reflecting projections of new certificates;

(d) a statement that renewal premium rate schedules are not greater than new business premium rate schedules except for differences attributable to benefits, unless sufficient justification is provided to the commissioner; and

(e) sufficient information for review of the premium rate schedule increase by the commissioner.

(3) All premium rate schedule increases shall be determined in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) exceptional increases shall provide that at least 70% of the present value of projected additional premiums from the exceptional increase will be returned to policyholders in benefits;

(b) premium rate schedule increases shall be calculated such that the sum of the accumulated value of incurred claims, without the inclusion of active life reserves, and the present value of future projected incurred claims, without the inclusion of active life reserves, will not be less than the sum of the following:

(i) the accumulated value of the initial earned premium times 58%;

(ii) 85% percent of the accumulated value of prior premium rate schedule increases on an earned basis;

(iii) the present value of future projected initial earned premiums times 58%; and

(iv) 85% percent of the present value of future projected

premiums not in Subsection R590-148-24(3)(b)(iii) on an earned basis;

(c) in the event that a policy form has both exceptional and other increases, the values in Subsections R590-148-24(3)(b)(ii) and (iv) will also include 70% for exceptional rate increase amounts; and

(d) all present and accumulated values used to determine rate increases shall use the maximum valuation interest rate for contract reserves which is the maximum rate permitted by law in the valuation of whole life insurance issued on the same date as the health insurance contract. The actuary shall disclose as part of the actuarial memorandum, the use of any appropriate averages.

(4)(a) The insurer may request a premium rate schedule increase that is lower than the rate increase necessary to provide the certification required in R590-148-24(2)(b)(i) and the commissioner may accept such premium rate schedule increase, without submission of the certification required in R590-148-24(2)(b)(i), if:

(i) in the opinion of the commissioner accepting such lower premium rate schedule increase is in the best interest of Utah policyholders;

(ii) the actuarial memorandum discloses the rate increase necessary to provide the certification required in R590-148-24(2)(b)(i); and

(iii) the rate increase filing satisfies all other requirements of this section.

(b) The commissioner may condition the acceptance of the premium rate schedule increase under Subsection R590-148-24(4)(a) upon:

(i) the disclosure, to the affected policyholders, of the premium rate schedule increase necessary to provide the certification required in R590-148-24(2)(b)(i); and

(ii) the extension of a contingent nonforfeiture benefit upon lapse to policyholders who would have been eligible for contingent nonforfeiture benefit upon lapse based on the premium rate schedule increase necessary to provide certification required in R590-148-24(2)(b)(i).

(5) For each rate increase that is implemented, the insurer shall file for review by the commissioner updated projections, as defined in Subsection R590-148-24(2)(c)(i), annually for the next three years and include a comparison of actual results to projected values. The commissioner may extend the period to greater than three years if actual results are not consistent with projected values from prior projections. For group insurance policies that meet the conditions in Subsection R590-148-24(12), the projections required by this subsection shall be provided to the policyholder in lieu of filing with the commissioner.

(6) If any premium rate in the revised premium rate schedule is greater than 200% of the comparable rate in the initial premium schedule, lifetime projections, as defined in Subsection R590-148-24(2)(c)(i), shall be filed for review by the commissioner every five years following the end of the required period in Subsection R590-148-24(5). For group insurance policies that meet the conditions in Subsection R590-148-24(12), the projections required by this subsection shall be provided to the policyholder in lieu of filing with the commissioner.

(7)(a) If the commissioner has determined that the actual experience following a rate increase does not adequately match the projected experience and that the current projections under moderately adverse conditions demonstrate that incurred claims will not exceed proportions of premiums specified in Subsection R590-148-24(3), the commissioner may require the insurer to implement any of the following:

(i) premium rate schedule adjustments; or

(ii) other measures to reduce the difference between the projected and actual experience.

(b) In determining whether the actual experience adequately matches the projected experience, consideration should be given to Subsection R590-148-24(2)(c)(v), if applicable.

(8) If the majority of the policies or certificates to which the increase is applicable are eligible for the contingent benefit upon lapse, the insurer shall file:

(a) a plan, subject to commissioner approval, for improved administration or claims processing designed to eliminate the potential for further deterioration of the policy form requiring further premium rate schedule increases, or both, or to demonstrate that appropriate administration and claims processing have been implemented or are in effect; otherwise the commissioner may impose the condition in Subsection R590-148-24(9); and

(b) the original anticipated lifetime loss ratio, and the premium rate schedule increase that would have been calculated according to Subsection R590-148-24(3) had the greater of the original anticipated lifetime loss ratio or 58% been used in the calculations described in Subsection R590-148-24(3)(a)(i) and (iii).

(9)(a) For a rate increase filing that meets the following criteria, the commissioner shall review, for all policies included in the filing, the projected lapse rates and past lapse rates during the 12 months following each increase to determine if significant adverse lapsation has occurred or is anticipated:

(i) the rate increase is not the first rate increase requested for the specific policy form or forms;

(ii) the rate increase is not an exceptional increase; and

(iii) the majority of the policies or certificates to which the increase is applicable are eligible for the contingent benefit upon lapse.

(b) In the event significant adverse lapsation has occurred, is anticipated in the filing or is evidenced in the actual results as presented in the updated projections provided by the insurer following the requested rate increase, the commissioner may determine that a rate spiral exists. Following the determination that a rate spiral exists, the commissioner may require the insurer to offer, without underwriting, to all in force insureds subject to the rate increase the option to replace existing coverage with one or more reasonably comparable products being offered by the insurer or its affiliates.

(i) The offer shall:

(A) be subject to the approval of the commissioner;

(B) be based on actuarially sound principles, but not be based on attained age; and

(C) provide that maximum benefits under any new policy accepted by an insured shall be reduced by comparable benefits already paid under the existing policy.

(ii) The insurer shall maintain the experience of all the replacement insureds separate from the experience of insureds originally issued the policy forms. In the event of a request for a rate increase on the policy form, the rate increase shall be limited to the lesser of:

(A) the maximum rate increase determined based on the combined experience; and

(B) the maximum rate increase determined based only on the experience of the insureds originally issued the form plus 10%.

(10) If the commissioner determines that the insurer has exhibited a persistent practice of filing inadequate initial premium rates for long-term care insurance, the commissioner may, in addition to the provisions of Subsection R590-148-24(9), prohibit the insurer from either of the following:

(a) filing and marketing comparable coverage for a period of up to five years; or

(b) offering all other similar coverages and limiting marketing of new applications to the products subject to recent premium rate schedule increases.

(11) Subsections R590-148-24(1) through (10) shall not apply to policies for which the long-term care benefits provided by the policy are incidental, as defined in Subsection R590-148-5(2)(m), if the policy complies with all of the following provisions:

(a) the interest credited internally to determine cash value accumulations, including long-term care, if any, are guaranteed not to be less than the minimum guaranteed interest rate for cash value accumulations without long-term care set forth in the policy;

(b) the portion of the policy that provides insurance benefits other than long-term care coverage meets the nonforfeiture requirements as applicable in any of the following:

(i) Section 31A-22-408; and

(ii) Section 31A-22-409;

(c) the policy meets the disclosure requirements of Subsections 31A-22-1409(7) and (8) and 31A-22-1410;

(d) the portion of the policy that provides insurance benefits other than long-term care coverage meets the requirements as applicable in the following:

(i) policy illustrations as required by R590-177; and

(ii) disclosure requirements in R590-133;

(e) an actuarial memorandum is filed with the insurance department that includes:

(i) a description of the basis on which the long-term care rates were determined;

(ii) a description of the basis for the reserves;

(iii) a summary of the type of policy, benefits, renewability, general marketing method, and limits on ages of issuance;

(iv) a description and a table of each actuarial assumption used. For expenses, an insurer must include percent of premium dollars per policy and dollars per unit of benefits, if any;

(v) a description and a table of the anticipated policy reserves and additional reserves to be held in each future year for active lives;

(vi) the estimated average annual premium per policy and the average issue age;

(vii) a statement as to whether underwriting is performed at the time of application. The statement shall indicate whether underwriting is used and, if used, the statement shall include a description of the type or types of underwriting used, such as medical underwriting or functional assessment underwriting. Concerning a group policy, the statement shall indicate whether the enrollee or any dependent will be underwritten and when underwriting occurs; and

(viii) a description of the effect of the long-term care policy provision on the required premiums, nonforfeiture values and reserves on the underlying insurance policy, both for active lives and those in long-term care claim status.

(12) Subsections R590-148-24(7) and (9) shall not apply to group insurance policies where:

(a) the policies insure 250 or more persons and the policyholder has 5,000 or more eligible employees of a single employer; or

(b) the policyholder, and not the certificateholders, pays a material portion of the premium, which shall not be less than 20% of the total premium for the group in the calendar year prior to the year a rate increase is filed.

R590-148-25. Reporting Requirements.

(1) Every insurer shall maintain records for each agent of that agent's amount of replacement sales as a percent of the agent's total annual sales and the amount of lapses of long-term care insurance policies sold by the agent as a percent of the agent's total annual sales.

(a) Every insurer shall report the 10% of its agents with the greatest percentages of lapses and replacements as measured by Subsection R590-148-25(1).

(b) Every insurer shall report the number of lapsed policies as a percent of its total annual sales and as a percent of its total number of policies in force as of the end of the preceding calendar year.

(c) Every insurer shall report the number of replacement policies sold as a percent of its total annual sales and as a percent of its total number of policies in force as of the preceding calendar year.

(d) The reports required by Subsection R590-148-25(1)(a),(b), and (c) must be reported on the "Replacement and Lapse Reporting Form," Appendix G.

(e) Reported replacement and lapse rates do not alone constitute a violation of insurance laws or necessarily imply wrongdoing. The reports are for the purpose of reviewing more closely agent activities regarding the sale of long-term care insurance.

(2) Every insurer shall report, for qualified long-term care insurance contracts, the number of claims denied for each class of business, expressed as a percentage of claims denied. The report used by the insurer shall contain, at a minimum, the information in the format contained in Appendix E, Claims Denial Reporting Form Long-Term Care Insurance, in not less than 12 point type.

(3) Every insurer shall maintain a record of all policy or certificate rescissions, both state and countrywide, except those which the insured voluntarily effectuated and shall annually report this information in the format currently prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

(4) Every insurer shall report the total number of applications received from residents of this state, the number of those who declined to provide information on the personal worksheet, the number of applicants who did not meet the suitability standards, and the number of those who chose to confirm after receiving a suitability letter. The report must be submitted on the Suitability Reporting Form, Appendix H.

(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) "policy" shall mean only long-term care insurance;

(b) "claim" means a request for payment of benefits under an in force policy regardless of whether the benefit claimed is covered under the policy or any terms or conditions of the policy have been met;

(c) "denied" means that the insurer refuses to pay a claim for any reason other than for claims not paid for failure to meet the waiting period or because of an applicable preexisting condition; and

(d) "report" means on a statewide basis.

(6) Reports required under this section shall be filed with the commissioner annually on or before June 30. All reports must be submitted in compliance with Rule R590-220-13, Submission of Accident and Health Insurance Filings: Additional Procedures for Long Term Products.

R590-148-26. Licensing.

A producer is not authorized to sell, solicit or negotiate with respect to long-term care insurance except as authorized by Chapter 23 of Title 31A.

R590-148-27. Discretionary Powers of Commissioner.

The commissioner may upon written request and after an administrative hearing, issue an order to modify or suspend a specific provision or provisions of this rule with respect to a specific long-term care insurance policy or certificate upon a written finding that:

(1) the modification or suspension would be in the best interest of the insured; and

(2) the purposes to be achieved could not be effectively or efficiently achieved without the modification or suspension; and

(3) one of the following occur:

(a) the modification or suspension is necessary to the

development of an innovative and reasonable approach for insuring long-term care;

(b) the policy or certificate is to be issued to residents of a life care or continuing care retirement community or some other residential community for the elderly and the modification or suspension is reasonably related to the special needs or nature of the community; or

(c) the modification or suspension is necessary to permit long-term care insurance to be sold as part of, or in conjunction with, another insurance product.

R590-148-28. Penalties.

In addition to any other penalties provided by the laws of this state any insurer and any agent found to have violated any requirement of this state relating to the rule of long-term care insurance or the marketing of this insurance shall be subject to a fine of up to three times the amount of any commissions paid for each policy involved in the violation or up to $10,000, whichever is greater.

R590-148-29. Enforcement Date.

Effective July 1, 2002, the department will enforce all sections of the rule that do not have a different compliance date.

R590-148-30. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, such invalidity may not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this and the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-151. Records Access Rule.
R590-151-1. Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 63G, the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA), specifically Subsections 63G-2-204(2), and 63A-12-104(2).

R590-151-2. Purposes.

The purposes of this rule are to define how record requests are to be made to the Insurance Department, to designate the person who shall fulfill various functions pursuant to the requirements of GRAMA, and to define how an individual may contest the accuracy and completeness of records concerning that individual which are maintained by the department.

R590-151-3. Rule.

A. Making a Request for Access to Records.

(1) All record requests made under the provisions of GRAMA shall be made in writing and shall comply with the requirements of Subsection 63G-2-204(1), and shall be directed to the Records Officer, Utah Department of Insurance, State Office Building, Room 3110, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114.

(2) The department's response may be delayed if a submitted request does not comply with the requirements of Subsection (1).

(3) The department may, at its discretion, waive the requirement for a written request if the records requested are public and readily accessible, or for other good cause shown.

B. Appeals From Initial Decisions.

All appeals from an initial decision by the department, which denies access to a record, shall be addressed to the insurance commissioner and shall conform to the requirements of Section 63G-2-401. The authority to order disclosure or nondisclosure is delegated to the head of the division which maintains the record or to any other person the commissioner may designate from time to time.

C. Contesting Accuracy or Completeness of a Record.

(1) Any request pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-603(2) shall be directed to the records officer.

(2) Consideration of the request shall be conducted as an informal adjudicative proceeding unless converted to a formal adjudicative proceeding by the presiding officer.

(3) A request to amend findings of fact in any administrative proceeding where the time for appeal has expired shall be denied. These types of records shall be maintained in their original form to protect the public interest and the integrity of the Administrative Records. Section 63G-2-603, may not apply.

R590-151-5. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or the application of it to any person is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of any provisions to other persons or circumstances may not be affected.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-170. Fiduciary and Trust Account Obligations.
R590-170-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to the authority granted under Subsection 31A-2-201(3) to adopt rules for the implementation of the Utah Insurance Code under Sections 31A-23a-406, 31A-23a-409, 31A-23a-410, 31A-23a-411.1, 31A-23a-412 and 31A-25-305 authorizing the commissioner to establish by rule, records to be kept by licensees.

R590-170-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to set minimum standards that shall be followed for fiduciary and trust account obligations pursuant to Sections 31A-23a-406, 31A-23a-409 and 31A-25-305.

(2) This rule applies to all Chapter 31A-23a and Chapter 31A-25 licensees holding funds in a fiduciary capacity.

R590-170-3. Definitions.

For the purposes of this rule the commissioner adopts the definitions as set forth in Section 31A-l-301 and the following:

(1) "Trust Account" means a checking or savings account where funds are held in a fiduciary capacity.

(2) "Accounts Receivable" means premiums, fees, or taxes invoiced by a licensee.

(3) "Accounts Payable" means premiums or fees due insurers that a licensee is responsible for invoicing and collecting from insureds on behalf of insurers and licensees and premium taxes due taxing entities.

(4) "Licensee" means a licensee under Chapters 31A-23a and 31A-25.

R590-170-4. Establishing the Trust Account.

(1) All records relating to a trust account shall be identified with the wording "Trust Account" or words of similar import. These records include checks, bank statements, general ledgers and records retained by the bank pertaining to the trust account.

(2) All trust accounts shall be established with a Federal Employer Identification Number rather than a Social Security Number.

(3) A trust account shall be separate and distinct from operating and personal accounts, i.e., a separate account number, a separate account register, and different checks, deposit and withdrawal slips.

(4) A non-licensee may not be a signator on a licensee's trust account, unless the non-licensee signatory is an employee of the licensee and has specific responsibility for the licensee's trust account.

R590-170-5. Maintaining the Trust Account.

(1) Funds deposited into a trust account shall be limited to: premiums which may include commissions; return premiums; fees or taxes paid with premiums; financed premiums; funds held pursuant to a third party administrator contract; funds deposited with a title insurance agent in connection with any escrow settlement or closing, amounts necessary to cover bank charges on the trust account; and interest on the trust account, except as provided under Subsection 31A-23a-406(2)(b).

(2) Disbursements from a trust account shall be limited to: premiums paid to insurers; return premiums to policyholders; transfer of commissions and fees; fees or taxes collected with premiums paid to insurers or taxing authority; funds paid pursuant to a third party administrator contract; funds disbursed by a title insurance agent in connection with any escrow settlement or closing; and the transfer of accrued interest.

(3) Personal or business expenses may not be paid from a trust account, even if sufficient commissions exist in the account to cover these expenses.

(4) Commissions may not be disbursed from a trust account prior to the beginning of the policy period for which the premium has been collected.

(5) Commissions attributed to premiums and fees collected must be disbursed from a trust account on a date not later than the first business day of the calendar quarter after the end of the policy period for which the funds were collected.

(6) Premiums due insurers may not be paid from a trust account unless the premiums directly relating to the amount due have been deposited into, and are being held in, the trust account, or unless funds have been retained in the trust account consistent with Subsection 5 above, or placed by a licensee into the trust account to finance premiums on behalf of insureds.

(7) Premiums financed by a licensee must be accounted for as a loan with interest charged at no less than the statutory rate for any loan exceeding 90 days, pursuant to Section 31A-23a-404.

R590-170-6. Insurers' Access to Trust Accounts.

(1) Insurer access to licensee trust funds is not prohibited by the trust relationship; however, licensees must take reasonable steps to assure trust funds are protected from misappropriation by limiting access to those trust funds.

(2) An insurer desiring to access funds in a licensee's trust account may do so if:

(a) the contract between the insurer and the licensee allows electronic fund transfers into or out of the licensee's trust account:

(i) expressly permits the insurer to withdraw only the amount authorized by the licensee for each transaction; and

(ii) specific authorization from the licensee of the amount to be withdrawn from the licensee's trust account must be received by the insurer prior to the withdrawal; or

(b) the licensee provides the insurer electronic funds transfer into or out of a separate trust account set up solely for trust funds deposited for that insurer.

(3) By implementing electronic funds transfers from a licensee's trust account, the insurer accepts the commissioner's right to oversight of all electronic funds transfers between the insurer and licensee.

(4) Insurers utilizing electronic funds transfer contracts will annually report to the commissioner the name of each licensee with whom they have such contracts.

(a) The report is due January 15 of each year.

(b) The report will include the name and address of each licensee and the line of business involved, i.e. personal lines, commercial lines, health, life, etc.

R590-170-7. Accounting Records to be Maintained.

(1) Bank statements for trust accounts shall be reconciled monthly.

(2) An accounts receivable report showing credits and debits shall be maintained and reconciled monthly. This report must list, at a minimum, the account name and the amount and date due for each receivable. The sum of all receivables shall be shown on the report. Receivables and their sums that are over 90 days old shall be shown separately on the report.

(3) An accounts payable report showing the status of each account shall be maintained and reconciled monthly.

(4) Adequate records shall be maintained to establish ownership of all funds in the trust account: from whom they were received; and for whom they are held.

(5) Trust account registers shall maintain a running balance.

(6) All accounting records relating to the business of insurance shall be maintained in a manner that facilitates an audit.

R590-170-8. Insurer Responsibility.

Insurers and their managing general agents shall provide a written report to the insurance commissioner within 15 days:

(1) if a licensee fails to pay an account payable within 30 days of the due date. This does not apply where a legitimate dispute exists regarding the account payable if the licensee has properly notified the insurer of any disputed items and has provided documentation supporting that position; or

(2) if a licensee issues a check that when presented at the bank is not honored or is returned because of insufficient funds.

R590-170-9. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid such invalidity will 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.
R590-241. Rule to Recognize the Preferred Mortality Tables for Use in Determining Minimum Reserve Liabilities.
R590-241-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated by the insurance commissioner pursuant to Subsections 31A-2-201(3) and 31A-17-402(1).

R590-241-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to recognize, permit and prescribe the use of mortality tables that reflect differences in mortality between Preferred and Standard lives in determining minimum reserve liabilities in accordance with Sections 31A-17-504 and R590-198-5.

(2) This rule shall apply to all life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies doing business in this State and to all life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies which are authorized to reinsure life insurance business in this State.

R590-241-3. Definitions.

(1) "2001 CSO Mortality Table" means that mortality table, consisting of separate rates of mortality for male and female lives, developed by the American Academy of Actuaries CSO Task Force from the Valuation Basic Mortality Table developed by the Society of Actuaries Individual Life Insurance Valuation Mortality Task Force, and adopted by the NAIC in December 2002. The 2001 CSO Mortality Table is included in the Proceedings of the NAIC, 2nd Quarter 2002 and is supplemented by the 2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Mortality Table defined below in Subsection (2). Unless the context indicates otherwise, the "2001 CSO Mortality Table" includes both the ultimate form of that table and the select and ultimate form of that table and includes both the smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables and the composite mortality tables. It also includes both the age-nearest-birthday and age-last-birthday bases of the mortality tables. Mortality tables in the 2001 CSO Mortality Table include the following:

(a) "2001 CSO Mortality Table (F)" means that mortality table consisting of the rates of mortality for female lives from the 2001 CSO Mortality Table.

(b) "2001 CSO Mortality Table (M)" means that mortality table consisting of the rates of mortality for male lives from the 2001 CSO Mortality Table.

(c) "Composite mortality tables" means mortality tables with rates of mortality that do not distinguish between smokers and nonsmokers.

(d) "Smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables" means mortality tables with separate rates of mortality for smokers and nonsmokers.

(2) "2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Mortality Table" means mortality tables with separate rates of mortality for Super Preferred Nonsmokers, Preferred Nonsmokers, Residual Standard Nonsmokers, Preferred Smokers, and Residual Standard Smoker splits of the 2001 CSO Nonsmoker and Smoker tables as adopted by the NAIC at the September 2006 national meeting and published in the Proceedings of the NAIC, 3rd Quarter 2006. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the "2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Mortality Table" includes both the ultimate form of that table and the select and ultimate form of that table. It includes both the smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables. It includes both the male and female mortality tables and the gender composite mortality tables. It also includes both the age-nearest-birthday and age-last-birthday bases of the mortality table.

(3) The tables identified in Subsections R590-241-3(1) and R590-241-3(2) are hereby incorporated by reference within this rule and are available for public inspection at the Insurance Department during normal business hours.

(4) "Statistical agent" means an entity with proven systems for protecting the confidentiality of individual insured and insurer information; demonstrated resources for and history of ongoing electronic communications and data transfer ensuring data integrity with insurers, which are its members or subscribers; and a history of and means for aggregation of data and accurate promulgation of the experience modifications in a timely manner.

R590-241-4. 2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Table.

At the election of the company, for each calendar year of issue, for any one or more specified plans of insurance and subject to satisfying the conditions stated in this rule, the 2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Mortality Table may be substituted in place of the 2001 CSO Smoker or Nonsmoker Mortality Table as the minimum valuation standard for policies issued on or after January 1, 2007. No such election shall be made until the company demonstrates that at least 20% of the business to be valued on this table is in one or more of the preferred classes. A table from the 2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Mortality Table used in place of a 2001 CSO Mortality Table, will be treated as part of the 2001 CSO Mortality Table only for purposes of reserve valuation.

R590-241-5. Conditions.

(1) For each plan of insurance with separate rates for Preferred and Standard Nonsmoker lives, an insurer may use the Super Preferred Nonsmoker, Preferred Nonsmoker, and Residual Standard Nonsmoker tables to substitute for the Nonsmoker mortality table found in the 2001 CSO Mortality Table to determine minimum reserves. At the time of election and annually thereafter, except for business valued under the Residual Standard Nonsmoker Table, the appointed actuary shall certify that:

(a) The present value of death benefits over the next ten years after the valuation date, using the anticipated mortality experience without recognition of mortality improvement beyond the valuation date for each class, is less than the present value of death benefits using the valuation basic table corresponding to the valuation table being used for that class.

(b) The present value of death benefits over the future life of the contracts, using anticipated mortality experience without recognition of mortality improvement beyond the valuation date for each class, is less than the present value of death benefits using the valuation basic table corresponding to the valuation table being used for that class.

(2) For each plan of insurance with separate rates for Preferred and Standard Smoker lives, an insurer may use the Preferred Smoker and Residual Standard Smoker tables to substitute for the Smoker mortality table found in the 2001 CSO Mortality Table to determine minimum reserves. At the time of election and annually thereafter, for business valued under the Preferred Smoker Table, the appointed actuary shall certify that:

(a) The present value of death benefits over the next ten years after the valuation date, using the anticipated mortality experience without recognition of mortality improvement beyond the valuation date for each class, is less than the present value of death benefits using the Preferred Smoker valuation basic table.

(b) The present value of death benefits over the future life of the contracts, using anticipated mortality experience without recognition of mortality improvement beyond the valuation date for each class, is less than the present value of death benefits using the Preferred Smoker valuation basic table.

(3) Unless exempted by the commissioner, every authorized insurer using the 2001 CSO Preferred Class Structure Table shall annually file with the commissioner or, at the direction of the commissioner, with the NAIC or with a statistical agent designated by the NAIC and acceptable to the commissioner, statistical reports showing mortality and such other information as the commissioner may deem necessary or

expedient for the administration of the provisions of this rule. The form of the reports shall be established by the commissioner or the commissioner may require the use of a form established by the NAIC or by a statistical agent designated by the NAIC and acceptable to the commissioner.

R590-241-6. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder of the rule and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

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R590. Insurance, Administration.
R590-264. Property and Casualty Actuarial Opinion Rule.
R590-264-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to the general rulemaking authority vested in the commissioner by Section 31A-2-201, and pursuant to the specific authority of Section 31A-4-113.

R590-264-2. Scope.

This rule applies to all property and casualty insurance companies doing business in this state.

R590-264-3. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is:

1. Require all property and casualty companies doing business in Utah to prepare annually an Actuarial Opinion Summary providing details of the analysis performed by the Appointed Actuary.

2. Require all property and casualty companies domiciled in Utah to file the Actuarial Opinion Summary with the Utah Insurance commissioner.

3. Allow property and casualty companies doing business in Utah the ability to request confidentiality for the Actuarial Opinion Summary.

R590-264-4. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in 31A-1-301 the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule.

(1) "Appointed Actuary" means a qualified actuary appointed by the insurance company's board of directors or its equivalent, or by a committee of the board, to provide actuarial opinion to be filed with the company's annual statement.

(2) "Qualified Actuary" means:

(a) a member of the Casualty Actuarial Society; or

(b) a member of the American Academy of Actuaries who has been approved as qualified for signing casualty loss reserves opinions by the Casualty Practice Council of the American Academy of Actuaries.

(3) "Statement of the Actuarial Opinion" means a statement prepared by the Appointed Actuary

(a) setting forth the actuary's opinion relating to the company's reserves; and

(b) prepared in accordance with the appropriate NAIC Property and Casualty Annual Statement Instructions.

R590-264-5. Actuarial Opinion Summary.

(1) Every property and casualty insurance company domiciled in this states that is required to submit a Statement of Actuarial Opinion shall annually file with the commissioner an Actuarial Opinion Summary, prepared and signed by the company's Appointed Actuary.

(2) This Actuarial Opinion Summary shall be prepared in accordance with the appropriate NAIC Property and Casualty Annual Statement Instructions and shall be considered as a document supporting the Actuarial Opinion.

(3) A property and casualty insurance company licensed but not domiciled in this state shall provide the Actuarial Opinion Summary upon request.

R590-264-6. Actuarial Report.

(1) Each Statement of Actuarial Opinion submitted annually by a property and casualty insurance company shall be supported by an Actuarial Report prepared and signed by the company's Appointed Actuary.

(2) The Actuarial Report required by R590-264-5(1) shall be:

(a) prepared in accordance with the appropriate NAIC Property and Casualty Annual Statement Instructions; and

(b) be available to the commissioner upon request.

(3) The commissioner may engage a qualified actuary at the expense of the company to review the Actuarial Opinion and the basis for the opinion, and prepare, if requested, the supporting Actuarial Report or work papers if:

(a) the insurance company fails to provide an Actuarial Report upon request of the commissioner; or

(b) the commissioner determines that the Actuarial Report provided by the company is otherwise unacceptable to the commissioner.

R590-264-7. Confidentiality.

(1) A property and casualty insurance company filing an Actuarial Opinion Summary with the commissioner shall, at the time of the filing, request that all or a part of the Actuarial Opinion Summary it deems confidential be classified as a protected record under Section 63G-2-305(1) or 63G-2-305(2).

(2) A company making a confidentiality claim under R590-264-6(1) shall provide the commissioner with the filing information specified in Section 63G-2-309.

R590-264-8. Penalties.

A person found to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R590-264-9. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this rule on the effective date of this rule.

R590-264-10. 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.
R612-1. Workers' Compensation Rules - Procedures.
R612-1-1. Definitions.

A. "Commission" means the Labor Commission.

B. "Division" means the Division of Industrial Accidents within the Labor Commission.

C. "Applicant/Plaintiff" means an injured employee or his/her dependent(s) or any person seeking relief or claiming benefits under the Workers' Compensation and/or Occupational Disease and Disability Laws.

D. "Defendant" means an employer, insurance carrier, self-insurer, the Employers' Reinsurance Fund, and/or the Uninsured Employers' Fund.

E. "Administrative Law Judge" means a person duly designated by the Commission to hear and determine disputed or other cases under the provisions of Title 34A, Chapters 2 and 3, and of Title 63, Chapter 46b.

F. "Insurance Carrier" includes all insurance companies writing workers' compensation and occupational disease and disability insurance, the Workers' Compensation Fund, and self-insurers who are granted self-insuring privileges by the Commission. In all cases involving no insurance coverage by the employer, the term "Insurance Carrier" includes the employer.

G. "Medical Panel" means a panel appointed by an Administrative Law Judge pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 34A-2-601, which is responsible to make findings regarding disputed medical aspects of a compensation claim, and may make any additional findings, perform any tests, or make any inquiry as the Administrative Law Judge may require.

H. "Award" means the finding or decision of the Commission or Administrative Law Judge as to the amount of compensation or benefits due any injured employee or the dependent(s) of a deceased employee.

R612-1-2. Authority.

This rule is enacted under the authority of Section 34A-1-104.

R612-1-3. Official Forms.

A. "Employer's First Report of Injury - Form 122" - This form is used for reporting accidents, injuries, or occupational diseases as per Section 34A-2-407. This form must be filed within seven days of the occurrence of the alleged industrial accident or the employer's first knowledge or notification of the same. This form also serves as OSHA Form 301. The employer must report all injuries, other than first aid administered on site or at an employer sponsored free clinic, to the Industrial Accident Division and to the insurance carrier. First aid treatment is defined as:

a. non-prescription medications at non-prescription strength;

b. administering tetanus immunizations;

c. cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the skin surface;

d. using wound coverings, such as bandages, Band Aid (TM), gauze pads, etc., or using SteriStrips (TM) or butterfly bandages;

e. using hot or cold therapy (limited to hot or cold packs, contrast baths and paraffin);

f. using any totally non-rigid means of support, such as elastic bandages, wraps, non-rigid back belts, etc.;

g. using temporary immobilization devices while transporting an accident victim (splints, slings, neck collars, or back boards);

h. drilling a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure, or draining fluids from blisters;

i. using eye patches; using simple irrigation or a cotton swab to remove foreign bodies not embedded in or adhered to the eye;

j. using irrigation, tweezers, cotton swab or other simple means to remove splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye;

k. using finger guards;

l. using massages;

m. drinking fluids to relieve heat stress;

First aid, as defined above, is limited to a one-time visit and one subsequent follow up visit within a 7 day time period. (This does not apply to reporting it on OSHA's 300 log). However, if first aid treatment is given by a licensed health professional in an employer sponsored free clinic then two subsequent visits within a 14 consecutive day time period are allowed. The employer must maintain the employer's injury report (Form 122) and health records on site for first aid treatment.

First aid, as defined in a through m, does not include any work injuries resulting in:

i) loss of consciousness;

ii) loss of work;

iii) restriction of work; or

iv) transfer to another job.

B. "Physician's Initial Report of Work Injury or Occupational Disease - Form 123" - This form is used by physicians and chiropractors to report their initial treatment of an injured employee. This form must be completed when a bill is generated for treatment administered by a licensed health care provider, as defined in 34A-2-11. This form is also to be completed by the health care provider if treatment, beyond first aid, is given at an employer sponsored free clinic. The form must be cosigned by the supervising physician, unless the form is completed by a nurse practitioner.

C. "Restorative Services Authorization - Form 221" - This form is to be used by any medical provider billing under the restorative services section of the Commission's adopted Resource-Based Relative Value Scale and the Medical Fee Guidelines. The medical provider shall file this form with the insurance carrier or self-insured employer and the division within ten days of the initial evaluation. After the initial filing, an updated Restorative Services Authorization form must be filed for approval or denial at least every six visits until a fixed state of recovery has been reached.

D. "Statement of Insurance Carrier or Self-Insurer with Respect to Payment of Benefits - Form 141" - This form is used for reporting the initial benefits paid to an injured employee. This form must be filed with or mailed to the division on the same date the first payment of compensation is mailed to the employee. A copy of this form must accompany the first payment.

E. "Employee Notification of Denial of Claim - Form 089" - This form is used by insurance carriers or self-insured employers to notify the claimant that his or her claim, in whole or part, is denied and the reason(s) why the claim is being denied. An insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall complete its investigation within 45 days of receipt of the claim and shall commence the payment of benefits or notify the claimant and the division in writing that the claim, in whole or part, is denied.

F. "Insurance Carriers/ Self-Insurer's Notice of Further Investigation of a Workers' Compensation Claim - Form 441" - This form is used by insurance carriers or self-insured employers to notify the claimant and the commission that further investigation is needed and the reasons for further investigation. This form or letter containing similar information is to be filed within 21 days of notification of claim that further investigation is needed.

G. "Statement of Insurance Carrier or Self-Insurer with Respect to Suspension of Benefits - Form 142" - This form is to be used by insurance carriers or self-insured employers to notify

an employee of the suspension of weekly compensation benefits. The form must be mailed to the employee and filed with the division five days before the date compensation is suspended. The insurance carrier or self-insured employer must specify the reason for the suspension of beneftis.

H. "Application for Hearing - Form 001" - Used by an applicant for instituting an industrial claim against an insurance carrier, self-insured employer, or uninsured employer. This form, obtainable from the division, must be filed and signed by the injured employee or his/her agent. All blanks must be completed to the best knowledge, belief, or information of the injured employee.

I. "Claim for Dependents' Benefits and/or Burial Benefits - Form 025" - This form is used by the dependent(s) of a deceased employee to seek benefits as a result of a fatal accident or occupational disease occurring in the course of employment.

1. This form must be filed before a hearing or an award is made, and pleadings will not be accepted in lieu thereof. If pleadings are submitted, the attorney so filing will be supplied the form for filing before any proceedings are initiated.

2. The filing of this form by the surviving spouse on behalf of the surviving spouse and the surviving spouse's dependent minor children is sufficient for all dependents.

3. Unless otherwise directed by an Administrative Law Judge, the following information shall be supplied before an Order or an Award is made:

(a) A certified copy of the marriage license and birth certificates of dependent minor children. If such evidence is not readily available, the Administrative Law Judge will determine the adequacy of substitute evidence.

(b) Adoption papers or other decrees of courts of record establishing legal responsibility for support of dependent children.

(c) If either the deceased employee or surviving spouse has been involved in divorce proceedings, copies of decrees and orders of the court should be supplied.

J. "Insurance Company's and Self-Insurer's Final Report of Injury and Statement of Total Losses - Form 130" - This form is used by insurance carriers and self-insurers to report the total losses occurring in a claim for any benefits. This form must be filed with the division as soon as final settlement is made but in no event more than 30 days from such settlement. This form shall be filed for all losses including medical only, compensation, survivor benefits, or any combination of all so as to provide complete loss information for each claim.

K. "Dependents' Benefit Order - Form 151" - This form is used by the division in all accidental death cases where no issue of liability for the death or establishment of dependency is raised and only one household of dependents is involved. The carrier indicates acceptance of liability by completing the top half of the form and filing it with the division.

L. "Medical Information Authorization - Form 046" - This form is used to release the applicant's medical records to the Commission or the chairman of a medical panel appointed by an Administrative Law Judge.

M. "Application to Change Doctors - Form 102" - This form must be used by the employee pursuant to the provisions of Rule R612-2-9 as contained herein.

N. "Employee's Notification of Intent to Leave Locality or State, and to Change Doctor or Hospital - Form 044" - As per Section 34A-2-604, this form is used by the employee and must be accompanied by the "Attending Physician's Statement - Form 043" before Commission approval can be granted. Otherwise, compensation may not be allowed.

O. "Attending Physician's Statement - Form 043" - This form must be completed by employee and his last attending physician in the state to establish the medical condition of the employee. It must be accompanied by Form 044.

P. "Compensation Agreement - Form 219" - This form is used by the parties to a workers' compensation claim to enter into an agreement as to a permanent partial impairment award, and must be submitted to the Division of Industrial Accidents for approval.

Q. "Application for Lump Sum or Advance Payment - Form 134" - This form is used by an employee to apply for a lump sum or advance payment for a permanent partial impairment award.

R. "Release to Return to Work - Form 110" - This form may be used to meet the requirements of Rule R612-2-3(D), as contained herein.

S. "Request for Copies From Claimant's File - Form 205" - This form is used to request copies from a claimant's file in the Commission with the appropriate authorized release.

T. Reemployment Program Forms

1. "Initial Assessment Report - Form 206" - This form is completed either by the self-insured employer, the workers' compensation insurance provider, or by a rehabilitation agency contracted by the employer/carrier. The report contains claimant demographics and insurance coverage details, and addresses the issue of need for vocational assistance.

2. "Request for Decision of Administrative Review - Form 207" - This form is completed when the employee wishes to contest the information/decision made by the carrier or rehabilitation agency.

3. "U.S.O.R. Rehabilitation Progress Report - Form 208A" - This form shall be requested from the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation at each stage of the reemployment process (eligibility determination, reemployment plan development/implementation and case closure) or at any interruption of the process. An Individualized Written Rehabilitation Program (USOR 5 IWRP) shall also be requested when a plan is developed. All other private rehabilitation providers shall submit a Form 206 for any plan progress, postponement, or interruption in the plan.

4. "Reemployment Plan - Form 209" - This form is used for either an original or amended work plan. The form contains the details and estimated costs in returning the injured worker to the work force.

5. "Reemployment Plan Closure Report - Form 210" - This form is submitted to the division upon completion of the reemployment plan. The closure report shall detail costs by category either by dollar amounts or time expended (only in the categories of evaluation and counseling). The report shall also contain all the details on the return to work.

6. "Application for Certification as a Reemployment Provider - Form 212" - This form is completed by rehabilitation providers who wish to be certified by the division. It contains provider demographics, Utah staff credentials, services/fees, and references.

7. "Administrative Review Determination - Form 213" - This form is used by the division to summarize the outcome of the administrative review.

U. "Medical Records - Copies - Form 302" - This form is used by a claimant to request a free copy of his/her medical records from a medical provider. This form must be signed by a staff member of the division.

V. The division may approve change of any of the above forms upon public notice. Carriers may print these forms or approved versions.

R612-1-4. Discount.

Eight percent shall be used for any discounting or present value calculations. Lump sums ordered by the Commission or for any attorney fees paid in a single up-front amount, or of any other sum being paid earlier than normally paid under a weekly benefit method shall be subject to the 8% discounting. The Commission shall create and make available a precise discount or present value table based on a 365 day year. For those

instances where discount calculations are not routinely utilized or where the Commission's precise table is not available, the following table, which is a shortened version of the precise table, may be utilized by interpolating between the stated weeks and the related discount.

TABLE

Unaccrued Weeks	X	Weekly Benefit $	X	Cumulative Discount	=	Discount $
1				.001475		
10				.008076		
20				.015343		
30				.022538		
40				.029663		
50				.036719		
60				.043706		
70				.050626		
80				.057478		
90				.064264		
100				.070984		
110				.077639		
120				.084229		
130				.090756		
140				.097221		
150				.103623		
160				.109963		
170				.116243		
180				.122463		
190				.128623		
200				.134724		
210				.140767		
220				.146752		
230				.152680		
240				.158552		
250				.164368		
260				.170129		
270				.175835		
280				.181488		
290				.187087		
300				.192633		
312				.199219		

R612-1-5. Interest.

A. Interest must be paid on each benefit payment which comprises the award from the date that payment would have been due and payable at the rate of 8% per annum.

B. For the purpose of interest calculation, benefits shall become "due and payable" as follows:

1. Temporary total compensation shall be due and payable within 21 days of the date of the accident.

2. Permanent partial compensation shall be due and payable on the next day following the termination of a temporary total disability. However, where the condition is not fixed for rating purposes, the interest shall commence from the date the permanent partial impairment can be medically determined.

3. Permanent partial or permanent total disability compensation payable by the Employers' Reinsurance Fund or the Uninsured Employers' Fund shall be due and payable as soon as reasonably practical after an order is issued.

R612-1-6. Issuance of Checks.

A. Any entity issuing compensation checks or drafts must make those checks/drafts payable directly to the injured worker and must mail them directly to the last known mailing address of the injured worker, with the following exceptions:

1. If the employer provides full salary to the injured worker in return for the worker's compensation benefits, the check may be mailed to the worker at the place of employment;

2. If the employer coordinates other benefits with the worker's compensation benefits, the check may be mailed to the worker at the place of employment.

B. In no case may the check be made out to the employer.

C. Where attorney fees are involved, a separate check should be issued to the worker's attorney in the amount approved or ordered by the Commission, unless otherwise directed by the Commission. Payment of the worker's attorney by issuing a check payable to the worker and his attorney jointly constitutes a violation of this rule.

R612-1-7. Acceptance/Denial of a Claim.

A. Upon receiving a claim for workers' compensation benefits, the insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall promptly investigate the claim and begin payment of compensation within 21 days from the date of notification of a valid claim or the insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall send the claimant and the division written notice on a division form or letter containing similar information, within 21 days of notification, that further investigation is needed stating the reason(s) for further investigation. Each insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall complete its investigation within 45 days of receipt of the claim and shall commence the payment of benefits or notify the claimant and division in writing that the claim is denied and the reason(s) why the claim is being denied.

B. The payment of compensation shall be considered overdue if not paid within 21 days of a valid claim or within the 45 days of investigation unless denied.

C. Failure to make payment or to deny a claim within the 45 day time period without good cause shall result in a referral of the insurance company to the Insurance Department for appropriate disciplinary action and may be cause for revocation of the self-insurance certification for a self-insured employer. Good cause is defined as:

1. Failure by an employee claiming benefits to sign requested medical releases;

2. Injury or occupational disease did not occur within the scope of employment;

3. Medical information does not support the claim;

4. Claim was not filed within the statute of limitations;

5. Claimant is not an employee of the employer he/she is making a claim against;

6. Claimant has failed to cooperate in the investigation of the claim;

7. A pre-existing condition is the sole cause of the medical problem and not the claimed work-related injury or occupational disease;

8. Tested positive for drugs or alcohol; or

9. Other - a very specific reason must be given.

D. If an insurance carrier or self-insured employer begins payment of benefits on an investigation basis so as to process the claim in a timely fashion, a later denial of benefits based on newly discovered information may be allowed.

R612-1-8. Insurance Carrier/Employer Liability.

A. This rule governs responsibility for payment of workers' compensation benefits for industrial accidents when:

1. The worker's ultimate entitlement to benefits is not in dispute; but

2. There is a dispute between self-insured employers and/or insurers regarding their respective liability for the injured worker's benefits arising out of separate industrial accidents which are compensable under Utah law.

B. In cases meeting the criteria of subsection A, the self-insured employer or insurer providing workers' compensation coverage for the most recent compensable injury shall advance workers' compensation benefits to the injured worker. The benefits advanced shall be limited to medical benefits and temporary total disability compensation. The benefits advanced shall be paid according to the entitlement in effect on the date of the earliest related injury.

1. The self-insured employer or insurance carrier advancing benefits shall notify the non-advancing party(s) within the time periods as specified in rule R612-1-7, that benefits are to be advanced pursuant to this rule.

2. The self-insured employers or insurers not advancing

benefits, upon notification from the advancing party, shall notify the advancing party within 10 working days of any potential defenses or limitations of the non-advancing party(s) liability.

C. The parties are encouraged to settle liabilities pursuant to this rule, however, any party may file a request for agency action with the Commission for determination of liability for the workers' compensation benefits at issue.

D. The medical utilization decisions of the self-insured employer or insurer advancing benefits pursuant to this rule shall be presumed reasonable with respect to the issue of reimbursement.

R612-1-9. Compensation Agreements.

A. An applicant, insurance company, and/or employer may enter into a compensation agreement for the purpose of resolving a worker's compensation claim. Compensation agreements must be approved by the Commission. The compensation agreement must be that contained on Form 019 of the Commission forms and shall include the following information:

1. Signatures of the parties involved;
2. Form 122 - Employer's First Report of Injury;
3. Doctor's report of impairment rating;
4. Form 141 - Payment of Benefits Statement.

B. Failure to provide any of the above documentation and forms may result in the return of the compensation agreement to the carrier or self-insured employer without approval.

R612-1-10. Permanent Total Disability.

A. This rule applies to claims for permanent total disability compensation under the Utah Workers' Compensation Act.

1. Subsection B applies to permanent total disability claims arising from accident or disease prior to May 1, 1995.

2. Subsection C applies to permanent total disability claims arising from accident or disease on or after May 1, 1995.

B. For claims arising from accident or disease on or after July 1, 1988 and prior to May 1, 1995, the Commission is required under Section 34A-2-413, to make a finding of total disability as measured by the substance of the sequential decision-making process of the Social Security Administration under Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations, amended April 1, 1993. The use of the term "substance of the sequential decision-making process" is deemed to confer some latitude on the Commission in exercising a degree of discretion in making its findings relative to permanent total disability. The Commission does not interpret the code section to eliminate the requirement that a finding by the Commission in permanent and total disability shall in all cases be tentative and not final until rehabilitation training and/or evaluation has been accomplished.

1. In the event that the Social Security Administration or its designee has made, or is in the process of making, a determination of disability under the foregoing process, the Commission may use this information in lieu of instituting the process on its own behalf.

2. In evaluating industrial claims in which the injured worker has qualified for Social Security disability benefits, the Commission will determine if a significant cause of the disability is the claimant's industrial accident or some other unrelated cause or causes.

3. To make a tentative finding of permanent total disability the Commission incorporates the rules of disability determination in 20 CFR 404.1520, amended April 1, 1993. The sequential decision making process referred to requires a series of questions and evaluations to be made in sequence. In short, these are:

a. Is the claimant engaged in a substantial gainful activity?

b. Does the claimant have a medically severe impairment?

c. Does the severe impairment meet or equal the duration requirement in 20 CFR 404.1509, amended April 1, 1993, and the listed impairments in 20 CFR Subpart P Appendix 1, amended April 1, 1993?

d. Does the impairment prevent the claimant from doing past relevant work?

e. Does the impairment prevent the claimant from doing any other work?

4. After the Commission has made a tentative finding of permanent total disability:

a. In those cases arising after July 1,1994, the Commission shall order initiation of payment of permanent total disability compensation;

b. the Commission shall review a summary of reemployment activities undertaken pursuant to the Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act, as well as any qualified reemployment plan submitted by the employer or its insurance carrier; and

c. unless otherwise stipulated, the Commission shall hold a hearing to consider the possibility of rehabilitation and reemployment of the claimant pending final adjudication of the claim.

5. After a hearing, or waiver of the hearing by the parties, the Commission shall issue an order finding or denying permanent total disability based upon the preponderance of the evidence and with due consideration of the vocational factors in combination with the residual functional capacity which the commission incorporates as published in 20 CFR 404 Subpart P Appendix 2, amended April 1, 1993.

C. For permanent total disability claims arising on or after May 1, 1995, Section 34A-2-413 requires a two-step adjudicative process. First, the Commission must make a preliminary determination whether the applicant is permanently and totally disabled. If so, the Commission will proceed to the second step, in which the Commission will determine whether the applicant can be reemployed or rehabilitated.

1. First Step - Preliminary Determination of Permanent Total Disability: On receipt of an application for permanent total disability compensation, the Adjudication Division will assign an Administrative Law Judge to conduct evidentiary proceedings to determine whether the applicant's circumstances meet each of the elements set forth in Subsections 34A-2-413(1)(b) and (c).

(a) If the ALJ finds the applicant meets each of the elements set forth in Subsections 34A-2-413(1)(b) and (c), the ALJ will issue a preliminary determination of permanent total disability and shall order the employer or insurance carrier to pay permanent total disability compensation to the applicant pending completion of the second step of the adjudication process. The payment of permanent total disability compensation pursuant to a preliminary determination shall commence as of the date established by the preliminary determination and shall continue until otherwise ordered.

(b) A party dissatisfied with the ALJ's preliminary determination may obtain additional agency review by either the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-801(3). If a timely motion for review of the ALJ's preliminary determination is filed with either the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board, no further adjudicative or enforcement proceedings shall take place pending the decision of the Commissioner or Board.

(c) A preliminary determination of permanent total disability by the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board is a final agency action for purposes of appellate judicial review.

(d) Unless otherwise stayed by the Labor Commissioner, the Appeals Board or an appellate court, an appeal of the Labor Commissioner or Appeals Board's preliminary determination of permanent total disability shall not delay the commencement of "second step" proceedings discussed below or payment of permanent total disability compensation as ordered by the preliminary determination.

(e) The Commissioner or Appeals Board shall grant a request for stay if the requesting party has filed a petition for judicial review and the Commissioner or Appeals Board determine that:

(i) the requesting party has a substantial possibility of prevailing on the merits;

(ii) the requesting party will suffer irreparable injury unless a stay is granted; and

(iii) the stay will not result in irreparable injury to other parties to the proceeding.

2. Second Step - Reemployment and Rehabilitation: Pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-413(6), if the first step of the adjudicatory process results in a preliminary finding of permanent total disability, an additional inquiry must be made into the applicant's ability to be reemployed or rehabilitated, unless the parties waive such additional proceedings.

(a) The ALJ will hold a hearing to consider whether the applicant can be reemployed or rehabilitated.

(i) As part of the hearing, the ALJ will review a summary of reemployment activities undertaken pursuant to the Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act;

(ii) The employer or insurance carrier may submit a reemployment plan meeting the requirements set forth in Subsection 34A-2-413(6)(a)(ii) and Subsections 34A-2-413(6)(d)(i) through (iii).

(b) Pursuant to Subsection 34A-2-413(4)(b) the employer or insurance carrier may not be required to pay disability compensation for any combination of disabilities of any kind in excess of the amount of compensation payable over the initial 312 weeks at the applicable permanent total disability compensation rate.

(i) Any overpayment of disability compensation may be recouped by the employer or insurance carrier by reasonably offsetting the overpayment against future liability paid before or after the initial 312 weeks.

(ii) An advance of disability compensation to provide for the employee's subsistence during the rehabilitation process is subject to the provisions of Subsection 34A-2-413(4)(b), described in subsection 2.(b) above, but can be funded by reasonably offsetting the advance of disability compensation against future liability normally paid after the initial 312 weeks.

(iii) To fund an advance of disability compensation to provide for an employee's subsistence during the rehabilitation process, a portion of the stream of future weekly disability compensation payments may be discounted from the future to the present to accommodate payment. Should this be necessary, the employer or insurance carrier shall be allowed to reasonably offset the amounts paid against future liability payable after the initial 312 weeks. In this process, care should be exercised to reasonably minimize adverse financial impact on the employee.

(iv) In the event the parties cannot agree as to the reasonableness of any proposed offset, the matter may be submitted to an ALJ for determination.

(c) Subsections 34A-2-413(7) and (9) require the applicant to fully cooperate in any evaluation or reemployment plan. Failure to do so shall result in dismissal of the applicant's claim or reduction or elimination of benefit payments including disability compensation and subsistence allowance amounts, consistent with the provisions of Section 34A-2-413(7) and (9).

(d) Subsection 34A-2-413(6) requires the employer or its insurance carrier to diligently pursue any proffered reemployment plan. Failure to do so shall result in a final award of permanent total disability compensation to the applicant.

(e) If, after the conclusion of the foregoing "second step" proceeding, the ALJ concludes that successful rehabilitation is not possible, the ALJ shall enter a final order for continuing payment of permanent total disability compensation. The period for payment of such compensation shall be commence on the date the employee became permanently and totally disabled, as determined by the ALJ.

(f) Alternatively, if after the conclusion of the "second step" proceeding, the ALJ concludes that successful rehabilitation and/or reemployment is possible, the ALJ shall enter a final order to that effect, which order shall contain such direction to the parties as the ALJ shall deem appropriate for successful implementation and continuation of rehabilitation and/or reemployment. As necessary under the particular circumstances of each case, the ALJ's final order shall provide for reasonable offset of payments of any disability compensation that constitute an overpayment under Subsection 34A-2-413(4)(b).

(g) The ALJ's decision is subject to all administrative and judicial review provided by law.

D. For purposes of this rule, the following standards and definitions apply:

1. Other work reasonably available: Subject to medical restrictions and other provisions of the Act and rules, other work is reasonably available to a claimant if such work meets the following criteria:

a. The work is either within the distance that a resident of the claimant's community would consider to be a typical or acceptable commuting distance, or is within the distance the claimant was traveling to work prior to his or her accident;

b. The work is regular, steady, and readily available; and

c. The work provides a gross income at least equivalent to:

(1) The current state average weekly wage, if at the time of the accident the claimant was earning more than the state average weekly wage then in effect; or

(2) The wage the claimant was earning at the time of the accident, if the employee was earning less than the state average weekly wage then in effect.

2. Cooperation: As determined by an administrative law judge, an employee is not entitled to permanent total disability compensation or subsistence benefits unless the employee fully cooperates with any evaluation or reemployment plan. The ALJ will evaluate the cooperation of the employee using, but not limited to, the following factors: attendance, active participation, effort, communication with the plan coordinator, and compliance with the requirements of the vocational plan. In determining if these factors were met, the ALJ shall consider relevant changes in the employee's documented medical condition.

3. Diligent Pursuit: The employer or its insurance carrier shall diligently pursue the reemployment plan. The ALJ will evaluate the employer or insurance carrier's diligent pursuit of the plan using, but not limited to, the following factors: timely payment of expenses and benefits outline in the vocational plan, and as required by the educational institution providing the vocational training, communication with the employee, compliance with the requirements of the vocational plan, and timely modification of the plan as required by documented changes in the employee's medical condition.

4. Resolution of disputes regarding "cooperation" and "diligent pursuit": If a party believes another party is not cooperating with or diligently pursing either the evaluations necessary to establish a plan, or the requirements of an approved reemployment or rehabilitation plan, the aggrieved party shall submit to the workers' compensation mediation unit an outline of the specific instances of non-cooperation or lack of diligence. Other parties may submit a reply. The Mediation Unit will promptly schedule mediation to reestablish cooperation among the parties necessary to evaluate or comply with the plan. If mediation is unsuccessful, a party may request the Adjudication Division resolve the dispute. The Adjudication Division will conduct a hearing on the matter within 30 days and shall issue a written decision within 10 days thereafter.

R612-1-11. Burial Expenses.

(1) Pursuant to Section 34A-2-418 if death results from an industrial injury or occupational disease, burial expenses in ordinary cases shall be paid by the employer or insurance carrier up to $8,000. Unusual cases may result in additional payment, either voluntarily by the employer or insurance carrier or through commission order.

(2) Beginning in the year 2004 and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall review this rule and shall make such adjustments as are necessary so that the burial expense provided by this rule remains equitable when compared to the average cost of burial in this state.

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July 2, 2005	**34A-2-101 et seq.**
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	34A-1-104 et seq.
	63G-4-102 et seq.

R614. Labor Commission, Occupational Safety and Health.
R614-1. General Provisions.
R614-1-1. Authority.

A. These rules and all subsequent revisions as approved and promulgated by the Labor Commission, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, are authorized pursuant to Title 34A, Chapter 6, Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act.

B. The intent and purpose of this chapter is stated in Section 34A-6-202 of the Act.

C. In accordance with legislative intent these rules provide for the safety and health of workers and for the administration of this chapter by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the Labor Commission.

R614-1-2. Scope.

These rules consist of the administrative procedures of UOSH, incorporating by reference applicable federal standards from 29 CFR 1910 and 29 CFR 1926, and the Utah initiated occupational safety and health standards found in R614-1 through R614-7. Notice has been given and rules filed as required by Subsection 34A-6-104(1)(c) and 34A-6-202(2) of the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act and by Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

R614-1-3. Definitions.

A. "Access" means the right and opportunity to examine and copy.

B. "Act" means the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973.

C. "Administration" means the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the Labor Commission, also known as UOSH (Utah Occupational Safety and Health).

D. "Administrator" means the director of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

E. "Amendment" means such modification or change in a code, standard, rule, or order intended for universal or general application.

F. "Analysis using exposure or medical records" means any compilation of data, or any research, statistical or other study based at least in part on information collected from individual employee exposure or medical records or information collected from health insurance claims records, provided that either the analysis has been reported to the employer or no further work is currently being done by the person responsible for preparing the analysis.

G. "Commission" means the Labor Commission.

H. "Council" means the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council.

I. "Days" means calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The day of receipt of any notice shall not be included, and the last day of the 30 days shall be included.

J. "Designated representative" means any individual or organization to whom an employee gives written authorization to exercise a right of access. For the purpose of access to employee exposure records and analyses using exposure or medical records, a recognized or certified collective bargaining agent shall be treated automatically as a designated representative without regard to written employee authorization.

K. "Division" means the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, known by the acronyum of UOSH (Utah Occupational Safety and Health).

L. "Employee" includes any person suffered or permitted to work by an employer.

1. For Medical Records: "Employee" means a current employee, a former employee, or an employee being assigned or transferred to work where there will be exposure to toxic substances or harmful physical agents. In the case of deceased or legally incapacitated employee, the employee's legal representative may directly exercise all the employee's rights under this section.

M. "Employee exposure record" means a record containing any of the following kinds of information concerning employee exposure to toxic substances or harmful physical agents:

1. Environmental (workplace) monitoring or measuring, including personal, area, grab, wipe, or other form of sampling, as well as related collection and analytical methodologies, calculations, and other background data relevant to interpretations of the results obtained;

2. Biological monitoring results which directly assess the absorption of a substance or agent by body systems (e.g., the level of a chemical in the blood, urine, breath, hair, fingernails, etc.) but not including results which assess the biological effect of a substance or agent;

3. Material safety data sheets; or

4. In the absence of the above, any other record which reveals the identity (e.g., chemical, common, or trade name) of a toxic substance or harmful physical agent.

N. Employee medical record

1. "Employee medical record" means a record concerning the health status of an employee which is made or maintained by a physician, nurse, or other health care personnel, or technician including:

a. Medical and employment questionnaires or histories (including job description and occupational exposures);

b. The results of medical examinations (pre-employment, pre-assignment, periodic, or episodic) and laboratory tests (including X-ray examinations and all biological monitoring);

c. Medical opinions, diagnoses, progress notes, and recommendations;

d. Descriptions of treatments and prescriptions; and

e. Employee medical complaints.

2. "Employee medical record" does not include the following:

a. Physical specimens (e.g., blood or urine samples) which are routinely discarded as a part of normal medical practice, and not required to be maintained by other legal requirements;

b. Records concerning health insurance claims if maintained separately from the employer's medical program and its records, and not accessible to the employer by employee name or other direct personal identifier (e.g., social security number, payroll number, etc.); or

c. Records concerning voluntary employee assistance programs (alcohol, drug abuse, or personal counseling programs) if maintained separately from the employer's medical program and its records.

O. "Employer" means:

1. The state;

2. Each county, city, town, and school district in the state; and

3. Every person, firm, and private corporation, including public utilities, having one or more workers or operatives regularly employed in the same business, or in or about the same establishment, under any contract of hire.

4. For medical records: "Employer" means a current employer, a former employer, or a successor employer.

P. "Establishment" means a single physical location where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. (For example: A factory, mill, store, hotel, restaurant, movie theater, farm, ranch, bank, sales office, warehouse, or central administrative office.) Where distinctly separate activities are performed at a single physical location (such as contract construction activities from the same physical location as a lumber yard), each activity shall be treated as a separate physical establishment, and separate notices shall be posted in each establishment to the extent that such notices have been furnished by the Administrator.

1. Establishments whose primary activity constitutes retail trade; finance, insurance, real estate and services are classified in SIC's 52-89.

2. Retail trades are classified as SIC's 52-59 and for the most part include establishments engaged in selling merchandise to the general public for personal or household consumption. Some of the retail trades are: automotive dealers, apparel and accessory stores, furniture and home furnishing stores, and eating and drinking places.

3. Finance, insurance and real estate are classified as SIC's 60-67 and include establishments which are engaged in banking, credit other than banking, security dealings, insurance and real estate.

4. Services are classified as SIC's 70-89 and include establishments which provide a variety of services for individuals, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations. Some of the service industries are: personal and business services, in addition to legal, educational, social, and cultural; and membership organizations.

5. The primary activity of an establishment is determined as follows: For finance, insurance, real estate, and services establishments, the value of receipts or revenue for services rendered by an establishment determines its primary activity. In establishments with diversified activities, the activities determined to account for the largest share of production, sales or revenue will identify the primary activity. In some instances these criteria will not adequately represent the relative economic importance of each of the varied activities. In such cases, employment or payroll should be used in place of normal basis for determining the primary activity.

Q. "Exposure" or "exposed" means that an employee is subjected to a toxic substance or harmful physical agent in the course of employment through any route of entry (inhalation, ingestion, skin contact or absorption, etc.) and includes past exposure and potential (e.g., accidental or possible) exposure, but does not include situations where the employer can demonstrate that the toxic substance or harmful physical agent is not used, handled, stored, generated, or present in the workplace in any manner different from typical non-occupational situations.

R. "Hearing" means a proceeding conducted by the commission.

S. "Imminent danger" means a danger exists which reasonably could be expected to cause an occupational disease, death, or serious physical harm immediately, or before the danger could be eliminated through enforcement procedures under this chapter.

T. "Inspection" means any inspection of an employer's factory, plant, establishment, construction site, or other area, workplace or environment where work is performed by an employee of an employer, and includes any inspection conducted pursuant to a complaint filed under R614-1-6.K.1. and 3., any re-inspection, follow-up inspection, accident investigation or other inspection conducted under Section 34A-6-301 of the Act.

U. "National consensus standard" means any occupational safety and health standard or modification:

1. Adopted by a nationally recognized standards-producing organization under procedures where it can be determined by the administrator and division that persons interested and affected by the standard have reached substantial agreement on its adoption;

2. Formulated in a manner which affords an opportunity for diverse views to be considered; and

3. Designated as such a standard by the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor.

V. "Person" means the general public, one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, legal representatives, trustees, receivers, and the state and its political subdivisions.

W. "Publish" means publication in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

X. "Record" means any item, collection, or grouping of information regardless of the form or process by which it is maintained (e.g., paper document, microfiche, microfilm, X-ray film, or automated data processing.)

Y. "Safety and Health Officer" means a person authorized by the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Administration to conduct inspections.

Z. "Secretary" means the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor.

AA. "Specific written consent" means written authorization containing the following:

1. The name and signature of the employee authorizing the release of medical information;

2. The date of the written authorization;

3. The name of the individual or organization that is authorized to release the medical information;

4. The name of the designated representative (individual or organization) that is authorized to receive the released information;

5. A general description of the medical information that is authorized to be released;

6. A general description of the purpose for the release of medical information; and

7. A date or condition upon which the written authorization will expire (if less than one year).

8. A written authorization does not operate to authorize the release of medical information not in existence on the date of written authorization, unless this is expressly authorized, and does not operate for more than one year from the date of written authorization.

9. A written authorization may be revoked in writing prospectively at any time.

BB. "Standard" means an occupational health and safety standard or group of standards which requires conditions, or the adoption or use of one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes, reasonably necessary to provide safety and healthful employment and places of employment.

CC. "Toxic substance" or "harmful physical agent" means any chemical substance, biological agent (bacteria, virus, fungus, etc.) or physical stress (noise, heat, cold, vibration, repetitive motion, ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, hypo and hyperbaric pressure, etc) which:

1. Is regulated by any Federal law or rule due to a hazard to health;

2. Is listed in the latest printed edition of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) (See R614-103-20B Appendix B);

3. Has yielded positive evidence of an acute or chronic health hazard in human, animal, or other biological testing conducted by, or known to the employer; or

4. Has a material safety data sheet available to the employer indicating that the material may pose a hazard to human health.

DD. "Variance" means a special, limited modification or change in the code or standard applicable to the particular establishment of the employer or person petitioning for the modification or change.

EE. "Workplace" means any place of employment.

R614-1-4. Incorporation of Federal Standards.

A. General Industry Standards.

1. Sections 29 CFR 1910.21 to 1910.999 and 1910.1000 through the end of part 1910 of the July 1, 2011, edition are incorporated by reference.

2. 29 CFR 1908, July 1, 2011, is incorporated by

reference.

3. 29 CFR 1904, July 1, 2011, is incorporated by reference.

4. FR Vol. 77, Monday, March 26, 2012, Pages 17574 to and including 17896 "29CFR Part 1910 Hazard Communication:" Final Rule is incorporated by reference.

B. Construction Standards.

1. Section 29 CFR 1926.20 through the end of part 1926, of the July 1, 2011, edition is incorporated by reference.

2. FR Vol. 77, Monday, March 26, 2012, Pages 17574 to and including 17896 "29CFR Part 1910 Hazard Communication:" Final Rule is incorporated by reference.

R614-1-5. Adoption and Extension of Established Federal Safety Standards and State of Utah General Safety Orders.

A. Scope and Purpose.

1. The provisions of this rule adopt and extend the applicability of: (1) established Federal Safety Standards, (2) R614, and (3) Workers' Compensation Coverage, as in effect July 1, 1973 and subsequent revisions, with respect to every employer, employee and employment within the boundaries of the State of Utah, covered by the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973.

2. All standards and rules including emergency and/or temporary, promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 shall be accepted as part of the Standards, Rules and Regulations under the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, unless specifically revoked or deleted.

3. All employers will provide workers' compensation benefits as required in Section 34A-2-201.

4. Any person, firm, company, corporation or association employing minors must comply fully with all orders and standards of the Labor Division of the Commission. UOSH standards shall prevail in cases of conflict.

B. Construction Work.

Federal Standards, 29 CFR 1926 and selected applicable sections of R614 are accepted covering every employer and place of employment of every employee engaged in construction work of:

1. New construction and building;

2. Remodeling, alteration and repair;

3. Decorating and painting;

4. Demolition; and

5. Transmission and distribution lines and equipment erection, alteration, conversion or improvement.

C. Reporting Requirements.

1. Each employer shall within 8 hours of occurrence, notify the Division of Utah Occupational Safety and Health of the Commission of any work-related fatalities, of any disabling, serious, or significant injury and of any occupational disease incident. Call (801) 530-6901.

2. Tools, equipment, materials or other evidence that might pertain to the cause of such accident shall not be removed or destroyed until so authorized by the Labor commission or one of its Compliance Officers.

3. Each employer shall investigate or cause to be investigated all work-related injuries and occupational diseases and any sudden or unusual occurrence or change of conditions that pose an unsafe or unhealthful exposure to employees.

4. Each employer shall file a report with the Commission within seven days after the occurrence of an injury or occupational disease, after the employers' first knowledge of the occurrence, or after the employee's notification of the same, on forms prescribed by the Commission, of any work-related fatality or any work-related injury or occupational disease resulting in medical treatment, loss of consciousness or loss of work, restriction of work, or transfer to another job. Each employer shall file a subsequent report with the Commission of any previously reported injury or occupational disease that later resulted in death. The subsequent report shall be filed with the Commission within seven days following the death or the employer's first knowledge or notification of the death. No report is required for minor injuries, such as cuts or scratches that require first-aid treatment only, unless the treating physician files, or is required to file the physician's initial report of work injury or occupational disease with the Commission. Also, no report is required for occupational disease which manifest after the employee is no longer employed by the employer with which the exposure occurred, or where the employer is not aware of an exposure occasioned by the employment which results in an occupational disease as defined by Section 34A-3-103.

5. Each employer shall provide the employee with a copy of the report submitted to the Commission. The employer shall also provide the employee with a statement, as prepared by the Commission, of his rights and responsibilities related to the industrial injury or occupational disease.

6. Each employer shall maintain a record in a manner prescribed by the Commission of all work-related injuries and all occupational disease resulting in medical treatment, loss of consciousness, loss of work, restriction or work, or transfer to another job.

7. No person shall remove, displace, destroy, or carry away any safety devices or safeguards provided for use in any place of employment, or interfere in any way with the use thereof by other persons, or interfere in any method or process adopted for the protection of employees. No employee shall refuse or neglect to follow and obey reasonable orders that are issued for the protection of health, life, safety, and welfare of employees.

D. Employer, Employee Responsibility.

1. It shall be the duty and responsibility of any employee upon entering his or her place of employment, to examine carefully such working place and ascertain if the place is safe, if the tools and equipment can be used with safety, and if the work can be performed safely. After such examination, it shall be the duty of the employee to make the place, tools, or equipment safe. If this cannot be done, then it becomes his or her duty to immediately report the unsafe place, tools, equipment, or conditions to the foreman or supervisor.

2. Employees must comply with all safety rules of their employer and with all the Rules and Regulations promulgated by UOSH which are applicable to their type of employment.

3. Management shall inspect or designate a competent person or persons to inspect frequently for unsafe conditions and practices, defective equipment and materials, and where such conditions are found to take appropriate action to correct such conditions immediately.

4. Supervisory personnel shall enforce safety regulations and issue such rules as may be necessary to safeguard the health and lives of employees. They shall warn all employees of any dangerous condition and permit no one to work in an unsafe place, except for the purpose of making it safe.

E. General Safety Requirements.

1. Where there is a risk of injury from hair entanglement in moving parts of machinery, employees shall confine their hair to eliminate the hazard.

2. Body protection: Clothing which is appropriate for the work being done should be worn. Loose sleeves, tails, ties, lapels, cuffs, or similar garments which can become entangled in moving machinery shall not be worn where an entanglement hazard exists. Clothing saturated or impregnated with flammable liquids, corrosive substances, irritant, oxidizing agents or other toxic materials shall be removed and shall not be worn until properly cleaned.

3. General. Wrist watches, rings, or other jewelry shall not be worn on the job where they constitute a safety hazard.

4. Safety Committees. It is recommended that a safety committee comprised of management and employee representatives be established. The committee or the individual member of the committee shall not assume the responsibility of management to maintain and conduct a safe operation. The duties of the committee should be outlined by management, and may include such items as reviewing the use of safety apparel, recommending action to correct unsafe conditions, etc.

5. No intoxicated person shall be allowed to go into or loiter around any operation where workers are employed.

6. No employee shall carry intoxicating liquor into a place of employment, except that the place of employment shall be engaged in liquor business and this is a part of his assigned duties.

7. Employees who do not understand or speak the English language shall not be assigned to any duty or place where the lack or partial lack of understanding or speaking English might adversely affect their safety or that of other employees.

8. Good housekeeping is the first law of accident prevention and shall be a primary concern of all supervisors and workers. An excessively littered or dirty work area will not be tolerated as it constitutes an unsafe, hazardous condition of employment.

9. Emergency Posting Required.

a. Good communications are necessary if a fire or disaster situation is to be adequately coped with. A system for alerting and directing employees to safety is an essential step in a safety program.

b. A list of telephone numbers or addresses as may be applicable shall be posted in a conspicuous place so the necessary help can be obtained in case of emergency. This list shall include:

(1) Responsible supervision (superintendent or equivalent)
(2) Doctor
(3) Hospital
(4) Ambulance
(5) Fire Department
(6) Sheriff or Police

10. Lockouts and Tagging.

a. Where there is any possibility of machinery being started or electrical circuits being energized while repairs or maintenance work is being done, the electrical circuits shall be locked open and/or tagged and the employee in charge (the one who places the lock) shall keep the key until the job is completed or he is relieved from the job, such as by shift change or other assignment. If it is expected that the job may be assigned to other workers, he may remove his lock provided the supervisor or other workers apply their lock and tag immediately. Where there is danger of machinery being started or of steam or air creating a hazard to workers while repairs on maintenance work is being done, the employee in charge shall disconnect the lines or lock and tag the main valve closed or blank the line on all steam driven machinery, pressurized lines or lines connected to such equipment if they could create a hazard to workers.

b. After tagging and lockout procedures have been applied, machinery, lines, and equipment shall be checked to insure that they cannot be operated.

c. If locks and tags cannot be applied, conspicuous tags made of nonconducting material and plainly lettered, "EMPLOYEES WORKING" followed by the other appropriate wording, such as "Do not close this switch" shall be used.

d. When in doubt as to procedure, the worker shall consult his supervisor concerning safe procedure.

11. Safety-Type hooks shall be used wherever possible.

12. Emergency Showers, Bubblers, and Eye Washers.

a. Readily accessible, well marked, rapid action safety showers and eye wash facilities must be available in areas where strong acid, caustic or highly oxidizing or irritating chemicals are being handled. (This is not applicable where first aid practices specifically preclude flushing with running water.)

b. Showers should have deluge type heads, easily accessible, plainly marked and controlled by quick opening valves of the type that stay open. The valve handle should be equipped with a pull chain, rope, etc., so the blinded employee will be able to more easily locate the valve control. In addition, it is recommended that the floor platform be so constructed to actuate the quick opening valve. The shower should be capable of supplying large quantities of water under moderately high pressure. Blankets should be located so as to be reasonably accessible to the shower area.

c. All safety equipment should be inspected and tested at regular intervals, preferably daily and especially during freezing weather, to make sure it is in good working condition at all times.

13. Grizzlies Over Chutes, Bins and Tank Openings.

a. Employees shall be furnished with and be required to use approved type safety harnesses and shall be tied off securely so as to suspend him above the level of the product before entering any bin, chute or storage place containing material that might cave or run. Cleaning and barring down in such places shall be started from the top using only bars blunt on one end or having a ring type or D handhold.

b. Employees shall not work on top of material stored or piled above chutes, drawholes or conveyor systems while material is being withdrawn unless protected.

c. Chutes, bins, drawholes and similar openings shall be equipped with grizzlies or other safety devices that will prevent employees from falling into the openings.

d. Bars for grizzly grids shall be so fitted that they will not loosen and slip out of place, and the operator shall not remove a bar temporarily to let large rocks through rather than to break them.

F. All requirements of PSM Standard 29 CFR 1910.119 are hereby extended to include the blister agents, HT, HD, H, Lewisite, and the nerve agents, GA, VX.

R614-1-6. Personal Protective Equipment.

A. When no other method or combination of methods can be provided to prevent employees from becoming exposed to toxic dusts, fumes, gases, flying particles or other objects, dangerous rays or burns from heat, acid, caustic, or any other hazard of a similar nature, the employer must provide each worker with the necessary personal protection equipment, such as respirators, goggles, gas masks, certain types of protective clothing, etc. Provision must also be made to keep all such equipment in good, sanitary working condition at all times.

B. Where there is a risk of injury from hair entanglement in moving parts of machinery, employees shall confine their hair to eliminate the hazard.

C. Except when, in the opinion of the Administrator, their use creates a greater hazard, life lines and safety harnesses shall be provided for and used by workers engaged in window washing, in securing or shifting thrustouts, inspecting or working on overhead machines supporting scaffolds or other high rigging, and on steeply pitched roofs. Similarly, they shall be provided for and used by all exposed to the hazard of falling, and by workmen on poles workers or steel frame construction more than ten (10) feet above solid ground or above a temporary or permanent floor or platform.

D. Every life line and safety harness shall be inspected by the superintendent or his authorized representative and the worker before it is used and at least once a week while continued in use.

E. Wristwatches, rings, or other jewelry shall not be worn on the job where they constitute a safety hazard.

R614-1-7. Inspections, Citations, and Proposed Penalties.

A. The Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act (Title 34A, Chapter 6) requires, that every employer covered under the Act furnish to his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees. The Act also requires that employers comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the Act, and that employees comply with standards, rules, regulations and orders issued under the Act applicable to employees actions and conduct. The Act authorizes the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division to conduct inspections, and to issue citations and proposed penalties for alleged violations. The Act, under Section 34A-6-301, also authorizes the Administrator to conduct inspections and to question employers and employees in connection with research and other related activities. The Act contains provisions for adjudication of violations, periods prescribed for the abatement of violations, and proposed penalties by the Labor Commission, if contested by an employer or by an employee or authorized representative of employees, and for a judicial review. The purpose of R614-1-7 is to prescribe rules and general policies for enforcement of the inspection, citations, and proposed penalty provisions of the Act. Where R614-1-7 sets forth general enforcement policies rather than substantive or procedural rules, such policies may be modified in specific circumstances where the Administrator or his designee determines that an alternative course of action would better serve the objectives of the Act.

B. Posting of notices; availability of Act, regulations and applicable standards.

1. Each employer shall post and keep posted notices, to be furnished by the Administrator, informing employees of the protections and obligations provided for in the Act, and that for assistance and information, including copies of the Act and of specific safety and health standards, employees should contact their employer or the office of the Administrator. Such notices shall be posted by the employer in each establishment in a conspicuous place where notices to employees are customarily posted. Each employer shall take steps to insure that such notices are not altered, defaced, or covered by other material.

2. Where employers are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed, such as agriculture, construction, transportation communications, and electric, gas and sanitary services, the notices required shall be posted at the location where employees report each day. In the case of employees who do not usually work at, or report to, a single establishment, such as traveling salesman, technicians, engineers, etc., such notices shall be posted in accordance with the requirements of R614-1-7.Q.

3. Copies of the Act, all regulations published under authority of Section 34A-6-202 and all applicable standards will be available at the office of the Administrator. If an employer has obtained copies of these materials, he shall make them available upon request to any employee or his authorized representative.

4. Any employer failing to comply with the provisions of this Part shall be subject to citation and penalty in accordance with the provisions of Sections 34A-6-302 and 34A-6-307 of the Act.

C. Authority for Inspection.

1. Safety and Health Officers of the Division are authorized to enter without delay and at reasonable times any factory, plant, establishment, construction site, or other area, workplace or environment where work is performed by an employee of an employer; to inspect and investigate during regular working hours and at other reasonable times, and within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, any such place of employment, and all pertinent conditions, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment and materials therein; to question privately any employer, owner, operator, agent or employee; and to review records required by the Act and regulations published in R614-1-7 and 8, and other records which are directly related to the purpose of the inspection.

2. Prior to inspecting areas containing information which has been classified as restricted by an agency of the United States Government in the interest of national security, Safety and Health Officers shall obtain the appropriate security clearance.

D. Objection to Inspection.

1. Upon a refusal to permit the Safety and Health Officer, in exercise of his official duties, to enter without delay and at reasonable times any place of employment or any place therein, to inspect, to review records, or to question any employer, owner, operator, agent, or employee, in accordance with R614-1-7.B. and C. or to permit a representative of employees to accompany the Safety and Health Officer during the physical inspection of any workplace in accordance with R614-1-7.G. the Safety and Health Officer shall terminate the inspection or confine the inspection to other areas, conditions, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, materials, records or interview concerning which no objection is raised.

2. The Safety and Health Officer shall endeavor to ascertain the reason for such refusal, and shall immediately report the refusal and the reason therefor to the Administrator. The Administrator shall take appropriate action, including compulsory process, if necessary.

3. Compulsory process shall be sought in advance of an attempted inspection or investigation if, in the judgment of the Administrator circumstances exist which make such preinspection process desirable or necessary. Some examples of circumstances in which it may be desirable or necessary to seek compulsory process in advance of an attempt to inspect or investigate include (but are not limited to):

a. When the employers past practice either implicitly or explicitly puts the Administrator on notice that a warrantless inspection will not be allowed:

b. When an inspection is scheduled far from the local office and procuring a warrant prior to leaving to conduct the inspection would avoid, in case of refusal of entry, the expenditure of significant time and resources to return to the office, obtain a warrant and return to the work-site;

c. When an inspection includes the use of special equipment or when the presence of an expert or experts is needed in order to properly conduct the inspection, and procuring a warrant prior to an attempt to inspect would alleviate the difficulties or costs encountered in coordinating the availability of such equipment or expert.

4. For purposes of this section, the term compulsory process shall mean the institution of any appropriate action, including ex parte application for an inspection warrant or its equivalent. Ex parte inspection warrants shall be the preferred form of compulsory process in all circumstances where compulsory process is relied upon to seek entry to a workplace under this section.

E. Entry not a Waiver.

Any permission to enter, inspect, review records, or question any person, shall not imply a waiver of any cause of action, citation, or penalty under the Act. Safety and Health Officers are not authorized to grant such waivers.

F. Advance notice of Inspections.

1. Advance notice of inspections may not be given, except in the following instances:

a. In cases of apparent imminent danger, to enable the employer to abate the danger as quickly as possible.

b. In circumstances where the inspection can most effectively be conducted after regular business hours or where special preparations are necessary for an inspection.

c. Where necessary to assure the presence of the employer or representative of the employer and employees or the

appropriate personnel needed to aid the inspection; and

d. In other circumstances where the Administrator determines that the giving of advance notice would enhance the probability of an effective and thorough inspection.

2. In the instances described in R614-1-7.F.1., advance notice of inspections may be given only if authorized by the Administrator, except that in cases of imminent danger, advance notice may be given by the Safety and Health Officer without such authorization if the Administrator is not immediately available. Where advance notice is given, it shall be the employer's responsibility to notify the authorized representative of the employees of the inspection, if the identity of such representatives is known to the employer. (See R614-1-7.H.2. as to instances where there is no authorized representative of employees.) Upon the request of the employer, the Safety and Health Officer will inform the authorized representative of employees of the inspection, provided that the employer furnishes the Safety and Health Officer with the identity of such representatives and with such other information as is necessary to enable him promptly to inform such representatives of the inspection. A person who fails to comply with his responsibilities under this paragraph, may be subject to citation and penalty under Sections 34A-6-302 and 34A-6-307 of the Act. Advance notice in any of the instances described in R614-1-7.F. shall not be given more than 24 hours before the inspection is scheduled to be conducted, except in cases of imminent danger and other unusual circumstances.

3. The Act provides in Subsection 34A-6-307(5)(b) conditions for which advanced notice can be given and the penalties for not complying.

G. Conduct of Inspections.

1. Subject to the provisions of R614-1-7.C., inspections shall take place at such times and in such places of employment as the Administrator or the Safety and Health Officer may direct. At the beginning of an inspection, Safety and Health Officers shall present their credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge at the establishment; explain the nature and purpose of the inspection; and indicate generally the scope of the inspection and the records specified in R614-1-7.C. which they wish to review. However, such designations of records shall not preclude access to additional records specified in R614-1-7.C.

2. Safety and Health Officers shall have authority to take environmental samples and to take photographs or video recordings related to the purpose of the inspection, employ other reasonable investigative techniques, and question privately any employer, owner, operator, agent or employee of an establishment. (See R614-1-7.I. on trade secrets.) As used herein, the term "employ other reasonable investigative techniques" includes, but is not limited to, the use of devices to measure employee exposures and the attachment of personal sampling equipment such as dosimeters, pumps, badges, and other similar devices to employees in order to monitor their exposures.

3. In taking photographs and samples, Safety and Health Officers shall take reasonable precautions to insure that such actions with flash, spark-producing, or other equipment would not be hazardous. Safety and Health Officers shall comply with all employer safety and health rules and practices at the establishment being inspected, and shall wear and use appropriate protective clothing and equipment.

4. The conduct of inspections shall preclude unreasonable disruption of the operations of the employer's establishment.

5. At the conclusion of an inspection, the Safety and Health Officer shall confer with the employer or his representative and informally advise him of any apparent safety or health violations disclosed by the inspection. During such conference, the employer shall be afforded an opportunity to bring to the attention of the Safety and Health Officer any pertinent information regarding conditions in the workplace.

H. Representative of employers and employees.

1. Safety and Health Officer shall be in charge of inspections and questioning of persons. A representative of the employer and a representative authorized by his employees shall be given an opportunity to accompany the Safety and Health Officer during the physical inspection of any workplace for the purpose of aiding such inspection. A Safety and Health Officer may permit additional employer representative and additional representatives authorized by employees to accompany him where he determines that such additional representatives will further aid the inspection. A different employer and employee representative may accompany the Safety and Health Officer during each phase of an inspection if this will not interfere with the conduct of the inspection.

2. Safety and Health Officers shall have authority to resolve all disputes as to who is the representative authorized by the employer and the employees for purpose of this Part. If there is no authorized representative of employees, or if the Safety and Health Officer is unable to determine with reasonable certainty who is such representative, he shall consult with a reasonable number of employees concerning matters of safety and health in the workplace.

3. The representative(s) authorized by employees shall be an employee(s) of the employer. However, if in the judgment of the Safety and Health Officer, good cause has been shown why accompaniment by a third party who is not an employee of the employer (such as an industrial hygienist or safety engineer) is reasonably necessary to the conduct of an effective and thorough physical inspection of the workplace, such third party may accompany the Safety and Health Officer during the inspection.

4. Safety and Health Officers are authorized to deny the right of accompaniment under this Part to any person whose conduct interferes with a fair and orderly inspection. The right of accompaniment in areas containing trade secrets shall be subject to the provisions of R614-1-7.I.3. With regard to information classified by an agency of the U.S. Government in the interest of national security, only persons authorized to have access to such information may accompany a Safety and Health Officer in areas containing such information.

I. Trade secrets.

1. Section 34A-6-306 of the Act provides provisions for trade secrets.

2. At the commencement of an inspection, the employer may identify areas in the establishment which contain or which might reveal a trade secret. If the Safety and Health Officer has no clear reason to question such identification, information obtained in such areas, including all negatives and prints of photographs, and environmental samples, shall be labeled "confidential-trade secret" and shall not be disclosed except in accordance with the provisions of Section 34A-6-306 of the Act.

3. Upon the request of an employer, any authorized representative of employees under R614-1-7.H. in an area containing trade secrets shall be an employee in that area or an employee authorized by the employer to enter that area. Where there is not such representative or employee, the Safety and Health Officer shall consult with a reasonable number of employees who work in that area concerning matters of safety and health.

J. Consultation with employees.

Safety and Health Officers may consult with employees concerning matters of occupational safety and health to the extent they deem necessary for the conduct of an effective and thorough inspection. During the course of an inspection, any employee shall be afforded an opportunity to bring any violation of the Act which he has reason to believe exists in the workplace to the attention of the Safety and Health Officer.

K. Complaints by employees.

1. Any employee or representative of employees who believe that a violation of the Act exists in any workplace where such employee is employed may request an inspection of such workplace by giving notice of the alleged violation to the Administrator or to a Safety and Health Officer. Any such notice shall be reduced to writing, shall set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the notice, and shall be signed by the employee or representative of employees. A copy of the notice shall be provided the employer or his agent by the Administrator or Safety and Health Officer no later than at the time of inspection, except that, upon the request of the person giving such notice, his name and the names of individual employees referred to therein shall not appear in such copy or on any record published, released, or made available by the Administrator.

2. If upon receipt of such notification the Administrator determines that the complaint meets the requirements set forth in R614-1-7.K.1., and that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the alleged violation exists, he shall cause an inspection to be made as soon as practicable. Inspections under this Part shall not be limited to matters referred to in the complaint.

3. Prior to or during any inspection of a workplace, any employee or representative of employees employed in such workplace may notify the Safety and Health Officer, in writing, of any violation of the Act which they have reason to believe exists in such workplace. Any such notice shall comply with requirements of R614-1-7.K.1.

4. Section 34A-6-203 of the Act provides protection for employees while engaged in protected activities.

L. Inspection not warranted; informal review.

1. If the Administrator determines that an inspection is not warranted because there are no reasonable grounds to believe that a violation or danger exists with respect to a complaint under K, he shall notify the complaining party in writing of such determination. The complaining party may obtain review of such determination by submitting a written statement of position with the Administrator. The Administrator, at his discretion, may hold an informal conference in which the complaining party and the employer may orally present their views. After considering all written and oral view presented, the Administrator shall affirm, modify, or reverse the determination of the previous decision and again furnish the complaining party and the employer written notification of his decision and the reasons therefor.

2. If the Administrator determines that an inspection is not warranted because the requirements of R614-1-7.K.1. have not been met, he shall notify the complaining party in writing of such determination. Such determination shall be without prejudice to the filing of a new complaint meeting the requirements of R614-1-7.K.1.

M. Imminent danger.

Whenever a Safety and Health Officer concludes, on the basis of an inspection, that conditions or practices exist in any place of employment which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm before the imminence of such danger can be eliminated through the enforcement procedures of the Act, he shall inform the affected employees and employers of the danger, that he is recommending a civil action to restrain such conditions or practices and for other appropriate citations of proposed penalties which may be issued with respect to an imminent danger even though, after being informed of such danger by the Compliance Officer, the employer immediately eliminates the imminence of the danger and initiates steps to abate such danger.

N. Citations.

1. The Administrator shall review the inspection report of the Safety and Health Officer. If, on the basis of the report the Administrator believes that the employer has violated a requirement of Section 34A-6-201 of the Act, of any standard, rule, or order promulgated pursuant to Section 34A-6-202 of the Act, or of any substantive rule published in this chapter, shall issue to the employer a citation. A citation shall be issued even though, after being informed of an alleged violation by the Safety and Health Officer, the employer immediately abates, or initiates steps to abate, such alleged violations. Any citation shall be issued with reasonable promptness after termination of the inspection. No citation may be issued after the expiration of 6 months following the occurrence of any violation.

2. Any citation shall describe with particularity the nature of the alleged violation, including a reference to the provision of the Act, standard, rule, regulations, or order alleged to have been violated. Any citation shall also fix a reasonable time or times for the abatement of the alleged violations.

3. If a citation is issued for an alleged violation in a request for inspection under R614-1-7.K.1. or a notification of violation under R614-1-7.K.3., a copy of the citation shall also be sent to the employee or representative of employees who made such request or notification.

4. Following an inspection, if the Administrator determines that a citation is not warranted with respect to a danger or violation alleged to exist in a request for inspection under R614-1-7.K.1.or a notification of violation under R614-1-7.K.3., the informal review procedures prescribed in R614-1-7.L.1. shall be applicable. After considering all views presented, the Administrator shall either affirm, order a re-inspection, or issue a citation if he believes that the inspection disclosed a violation. The Administrator shall furnish the complaining party and the employer with written notification of his determination and the reasons therefor.

5. Every citation shall state that the issuance of a citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless the citation is affirmed by the Commission.

O. Petitions for modification of abatement date.

1. An employer may file a petition for modification of abatement date when he has made a good faith effort to comply with the abatement requirements of the citation, but such abatement has not been completed because of factors beyond his reasonable control.

2. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be in writing and shall include the following information.

a. All steps taken by the employer, and the dates of such action, in an effort to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.

b. The specific additional abatement time necessary in order to achieve compliance.

c. The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability, of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.

d. All available interim steps being taken to safeguard the employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.

e. A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted and, if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, in accordance with paragraph R614-1-7.O.3.a. and a certification of the date upon which such posting and service was made.

3. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be filed with the Administrator who issued the citation no later than the close of the next working day following the date on which abatement was originally required. A later-filed petition shall be accompanied by the employer's statement of exceptional circumstances explaining the delay.

a. A copy of such petition shall be posted in a conspicuous place where all affected employees will have notice thereof or

near such location where the violation occurred. The petition shall remain posted for a period of ten (10) days. Where affected employees are represented by an authorized representative, said representative shall be served with a copy of such petition.

b. Affected employees or their representatives may file an objection in writing to such petition with the aforesaid Administrator. Failure to file such objection within ten (10) working days of the date of posting of such petition or of service upon an authorized representative shall constitute a waiver of any further right to object to said petition.

c. The Administrator or his duly authorized agent shall have authority to approve any petition for modification of abatement date filed pursuant to paragraphs R614-1-7.O.2. and 3. Such uncontested petitions shall become final orders pursuant to Subsection 34A-6-303(1) of the Act.

d. The Administrator or his authorized representative shall not exercise his approval power until the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of the petition was posted or served pursuant to paragraphs R614-1-7.O.3.a. and b. by the employer.

4. Where any petition is objected to by the affected employees, the petition, citation, and any objections shall be forwarded to the Administrator per R614-1-7.O.3.b. Upon receipt the Administrator shall schedule and notify all interested parties of a formal hearing before the Administrator or his authorized representative(s). Minutes of this hearing shall be taken and become public records of the Commission. Within ten (10) days after conclusion of the hearing, a written opinion by the Administrator will be made, with copies to the affected employees or their representatives, the affected employer and to the Commission.

P. Proposed penalties.

1. After, or concurrent with, the issuance of a citation and within a reasonable time after the termination of the inspection, the Administrator shall notify the employer by certified mail or by personal service by the Safety and Health Officer of the proposed penalty under Section 34A-6-307 of the Act, or that no penalty is being proposed. Any notice of proposed penalty shall state that the proposed penalty shall be deemed to be the final order of the Commission and not subject to review by any court or agency unless, within 30 days from the date of receipt of such notice, the employer notifies the Adjudication Division in writing that he intends to contest the citation or the notification of proposed penalty before the Commission.

2. The Administrator shall determine the amount of any proposed penalty, giving due consideration to the appropriateness of the penalty with respect to the size of the business, of the employer being charged, the gravity of the violation, the good faith of the employer, and the history of previous violations, in accordance with the provisions of Section 34A-6-307 of the Act.

3. Appropriate penalties may be proposed with respect to an alleged violation even though after being informed of such alleged violation by the Safety and Health Officer, the employer immediately abates, or initiates steps to abate, such alleged violation. Penalties shall not be proposed for violations which have no direct or immediate relationship to safety or health.

Q. Posting of citations.

1. Upon receipt of any citation under the Act, the employer shall immediately post such citation, or copy thereof, unedited, at or near each place of alleged violation referred to in the citation occurred, except as hereinafter provided. Where, because of the nature of the employer's operations, it is not practicable to post the citation at or near each place of alleged violation, such citation shall be posted, unedited, in a prominent place where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. For example, where employees are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed (see R614-1-7.B.), the citation may be posted at the location to which employees report each day. Where employees do not primarily work at or report to a single location (see R614-1-7.B.2.), the citation must be posted at the location from which the employees commence their activities. The employer shall take steps to ensure that the citation is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material.

2. Each citation or a copy thereof, shall remain posted until the violation has been abated, or for 3 working days which ever is later. The filing by the employer of a notice of intention to contest under R614-1-7.R. shall not affect his posting responsibility unless and until the Commission issues a final order vacating the citation.

3. An employer, to whom a citation has been issued, may post a notice in the same location where such citation is posted indicating that the citation is being contested before the Commission, such notice may explain the reasons for such contest. The employer may also indicate that specified steps have been taken to abate the violation.

4. Any employer failing to comply with the provisions of R614-1-7.Q.1. and 2. shall be subject to citation and penalty in accordance with the provisions of Section 34A-6-307 of the Act.

R. Employer and employee hearings before the Commission.

1. Any employer to whom a citation or notice of proposed penalty has been issued, may under Section 34A-6-303 of the Act, notify the Adjudication Division in writing that the employer intends to contest such citation or proposed penalty before the Commission. Such notice of intention to contest must be received by the Adjudication Division within 30 days of the receipt by the employer of the notice of proposed penalty. Every notice of intention to contest shall specify whether it is directed to the citation or to the proposed penalty, or both. The Adjudication Division shall handle such notice in accordance with the rules of procedures prescribed by the Commission.

2. An employee or representative of employee of an employer to whom a citation has been issued may, under Section 34A-6-303(3) of the Act, file a written notice with the Adjudication Division alleging that the period of time fixed in the citation for the abatement of the violation is unreasonable. Such notice must be received by the Adjudication Division within 30 days of the receipt by the employer of the notice of proposed penalty or notice that no penalty is being proposed. The Adjudication Division shall handle such notice in accordance with the rules of procedure prescribed by the Commission.

S. Failure to correct a violation for which a citation has been issued.

1. If an inspection discloses that an employer has failed to correct an alleged violation for which a citation has been issued within the period permitted for its correction, the Administrator shall notify the employer by certified mail or by personal service by the Safety and Health Officer of such failure and of the additional penalty proposed under Section 34A-6-307 of the Act by reason of such failure. The period for the correction of a violation for which a citation has been issued shall not begin to run until the entry of a final order of the Commission in the case of any review proceedings initiated by the employer in good faith and not solely for delay or avoidance of penalties.

2. Any employer receiving a notification of failure to correct a violation and of proposed additional penalty may, under Section 34A-6-303(3) of the Act, notify the Adjudication Division in writing that he intends to contest such notification or proposed additional penalty before the Commission. Such notice of intention to contest shall be postmarked within 30 days of receipt by the employer of the notification of failure to correct a violation and of proposed additional penalty. The Adjudication Division shall handle such notice in accordance with the rules of procedures prescribed by the Commission.

3. Each notification of failure to correct a violation and of

proposed additional penalty shall state that it shall be deemed to be the final order of the Commission and not subject to review by any court or agency unless, within 30 days from the date of receipt of such notification, the employer notifies the Adjudication Division in writing that he intends to contest the notification or the proposed additional penalty before the Commission.

T. Informal conferences.

At the request of an affected employer, employee, or representative of employees, the Administrator may hold an informal conference for the purpose of discussing any issues raised by an inspection, citation, notice of proposed penalty, or notice of intention to contest. The Administrator shall provide in writing the reasons for any settlement of issues at such conferences. If the conference is requested by the employer, an affected employee or his representative shall be afforded an opportunity to participate, at the discretion of the Administrator. If the conference is requested by an employee or representative of employees, the employer shall be afforded an opportunity to participate, at the discretion of the Administrator. Any party may be represented by counsel at such conference. No such conference or request for such conference shall operate as a stay of any 30 day period for filing a notice of intention to contest as prescribed in R614-1-7.R.

R614-1-8. Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

A. The rules in this section implement Sections 34A-6-108 and 34A-6-301(3) of the Act. These sections provide for record-keeping and reporting by employers covered under the Act, for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational accidents and illnesses, and for maintaining a program of collection, compilation, and analysis of occupational safety and health statistics. Regardless of size or type of operation, accidents and fatalities must be reported to UOSH in accordance with the requirements of R614-1-5.C.

NOTE: Utah has adopted and will enforce the Federal Recordkeeping Standard 29CFR1904.

Utah Specific Recordkeeping requirements follow:

B. Supplementary record.

Each employer shall have available for inspection at each establishment within 6 working days after receiving information that a recordable case has occurred, a supplementary record for that establishment. The record shall be completed in the detail prescribed in the instructions accompanying federal OSHA Form No. 301, Utah Industrial Accidents Form 122. Workers' compensation, insurance, or other reports are acceptable alternative records if they contain the information required by the federal OSHA Form No. 301, Utah Industrial Accidents Form 122. If no acceptable alternative record is maintained for other purposes, Federal OSHA Form No. 301, Utah Industrial Accidents Form 122 shall be used or the necessary information shall be otherwise maintained.

C. Retention of records.

Preservation of records.

a. This section applies to each employer who makes, maintains or has access to employee exposure records or employee medical records.

b. "Employee exposure record" means a record of monitoring or measuring which contains qualitative or quantitative information indicative of employee exposures to toxic materials or harmful physical agents. This includes both individual exposure records and general research or statistical studies based on information collected from exposure records.

c. "Employee medical record" means a record which contains information concerning the health status of an employee or employees exposed or potentially exposed to toxic materials or harmful physical agents. These records may include, but are not limited to:

(1) The results of medical examinations and tests;

(2) Any opinions or recommendations of a physician or other health professional concerning the health of an employee or employees; and

(3) Any employee medical complaints relating to workplace exposure. Employee medical records include both individual medical records and general research or statistical studies based on information collected from medical records.

d. Preservation of records. Each employer who makes, maintains, or has access to employee exposure records or employee medical records shall preserve these records.

e. Availability of records. The employer shall make available, upon request to the Administrator, or a designee, and to the Director of the Division of Health, or a designee, all employee exposure records and employee medical records for examination and copying.

D. Access to records.

1. Records provided for in R614-1-8.A.,E., and F. shall be available for inspection and copying by Compliance Officers during any occupational safety and health inspection provided for under R614-1-7 and Section 34A-6-301 of the Act.

2. The log and summary of all recordable occupational injuries and illnesses (OSHA No. 200) (the log) provided for in R614-1-8.A. shall, upon request, be made available by the employer to any employee, former employee, and to their representatives for examination and copying in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times. The employee, former employee, and their representatives shall have access to the log for any establishment in which the employee is or has been employed.

3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to preclude employees and employee representatives from collectively bargaining to obtain access to information relating to occupational injuries and illnesses in addition to the information made available under this section.

4. Access to the log provided under this section shall pertain to all logs retained under requirements of R614-1-8.G.

E. Reporting of fatality or accidents. (Refer to Utah Occupational Safety and Health Rule, R614-1-5.C.)

F. Falsification or failure to keep records or reports.

1. Section 34A-6-307 of the Act provides penalties for false information and recordkeeping.

2. Failure to maintain records or file reports required by this part, or in the details required by forms and instructions issued under this part, may result in the issuance of citations and assessment of penalties as provided for in Sections 34A-6-302 and 34A-6-307 of the Act.

G. Description of statistical program.

1. Section 34A-6-108 of the Act directs the Administrator to develop and maintain a program of collection, compilation, and analysis of occupational safety and health statistics. The program shall consist of periodic surveys of occupational injuries and illnesses.

2. The sample design encompasses probability procedures, detailed stratification by industry and size, and a systematic selection within Stratification. Stratification and sampling will be carried out in order to provide the most efficient sample for eventual state estimates. Some industries will be sampled more heavily than others depending on the injury rate level based on previous experience. The survey should produce adequate estimates for most four-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) industries in manufacturing and for three-digit classification (SIC) in non-manufacturing. Full cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor in statistical programs is intended.

R614-1-9. Rules of Practice for Temporary or Permanent Variance from the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Standards. (Also Adopted and Published as Chapter XXIII

of the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Field Operations Manual.)

A. Scope.

1. This rule contains Rules of Practice for Administrative procedures to grant variances and other relief under Section 34A-6-202 of the Act. General information pertaining to employer-employee rights, obligations and procedures are included.

B. Application for, or petition against Variances and other relief.

1. The applicable parts of Section 34A-6-202 of the Act shall govern application and petition procedure.

2. Any employer or class of employers desiring a variance from a standard must make a formal written request including the following information:

a. The name and address of applicant;

b. The address of the place or places of employment involved;

c. A specification of the standard or portion thereof from which the applicant seeks a variance;

d. A statement by the applicant, supported by opinions from qualified persons having first-hand knowledge of the facts of the case, that he is unable to comply with the standard or portion thereof and a detailed statement of the reasons therefore;

e. A statement of the steps the applicant has taken and will take, with specific dates where appropriate, to protect employees against the hazard covered by the existing standard;

f. A statement of when the applicant expects to be able to comply with the standard and of what steps he has taken and will take, with specific dates where appropriate, to come into compliance with the standards (applies to temporary variances);

g. A statement of the facts the applicant would show to establish that (applies to newly promulgated standards);

(1) The applicant is unable to comply with a standard by its effective date because of unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment needed to come into compliance with the standard or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the effective date;

(2) He is taking all available steps to safeguard his employees against the hazards covered by the standards; and

(3) He has an effective program for coming into compliance with the standard as quickly as practicable;

h. Any request for a hearing, as provided in this rule;

i. A statement that the applicant has informed his affected employees of the application for variance by giving a copy thereof to their authorized representative, posting a summary statement of the application at the place or places where notices to employees are normally posted specifying where a copy may be examined; and

j. A description of how affected employees have been informed of their rights to petition the Administrator for a hearing.

3. The applicant shall designate the method he will use to safeguard his employees until a variance is granted or denied.

4. Whenever a proceeding on a citation or a related issue concerning a proposed penalty or period of abatement has been contested and is pending before an Administrative Law Judge or any subsequent review under the Administrative Procedures Act, until the completion of such proceeding, the Administrator may deny a variance application on a subject or an issue concerning a citation which has been issued to the employer.

C. Hearings.

1. The Administrator may conduct hearings upon application or petition in accordance with Section 34A-6-202(4) of the Act if:

a. Employee(s), the public, or other interested groups petition for a hearing; or

b. The Administrator deems it in the public or employee interest.

2. When a hearing is considered appropriate, the Administrator shall set the date, time, and place for such hearing. He shall provide timely notification to the applicant for variance and the petitioners. In the notice of hearing to the applicant, the applicant will be directed to notify his employees of the hearing.

3. Notice of hearings shall be published in the Administrative Rulemaking Bulletin. This shall include a statement that the application request may be inspected at the UOSH Division Office.

4. A copy of the Notification of Hearing along with other pertinent information shall be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor, Regional Administrator for OSHA.

D. Inspection for Variance Application.

1. A variance inspection will be required by the Administrator or his designee prior to final determination of either acceptance or denial.

2. A variance inspection is a single purpose, pre-announced, non-compliance inspection and shall include employee or employer representative participation or interview where necessary.

E. Interim order.

1. The purpose of an interim order is to permit an employer to proceed in a non-standard operation while administrative procedures are being completed. Use of this interim procedure is dependent upon need and employee safety.

2. Following a variance inspection, and after determination and assurance that employees are to be adequately protected, the Administrator may immediately grant, in writing, an interim order. To expedite the effect of the interim order, it may be issued at the work-site by the Administrator. The interim order will remain in force pending completion of the administrative promulgation action and the formal granting or denying of a temporary/permanent variance as requested.

F. Decision of the Administrator.

1. The Administrator may deny the application if:

a. It does not meet the requirements of paragraph R614-1-8.B.;

b. It does not provide adequate safety in the workplace for affected employees; or

c. Testimony or information provided by the hearing or inspection does not support the applicant's request for variance as submitted.

2. Letters of notification denying variance applications shall be sent to the applicant, and will include posting requirements to inform employees, affected associations, and employer groups.

a. A copy of correspondence related to the denial request shall be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor, Regional Administrator for OSHA.

b. The letter of denial shall be explicit in detail as to the reason(s) for such action.

3. The Administrator may grant the request for variances provided that:

a. Data supplied by the applicant, the UOSHA inspection and information and testimony affords adequate protection for the affected employee(s);

b. Notification of approval shall follow the pattern described in R614-1-9.C.2. and 3.;

c. Limitations, restrictions, or requirements which become part of the variance shall be documented in the letter granting the variance.

4. The Administrator's decision shall be deemed final subject to Section 34A-6-202(6).

G. Recommended Time Table for Variance Action.

1. Publication of agency intent to grant a variance. This includes public comment and hearing notification in the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Bulletin: within 30 days after

receipt.

2. Public comment period: within 20 days after publication.

3. Public hearing: within 30 days after publication

4. Notification of U.S. Department of Labor Regional Administrator for OSHA: 10 days after agency publication of intent.

5. Final Order: 120 days after receipt of variance application if publication of agency intent is made.

6. Rejection of variance application without publication of agency intent: 20 days after receipt of application.

a. Notification of U.S. Department of Labor Regional Administrator for OSHA: 20 days after receipt of application.

H. Public Notice of Granted Variances, Tolerances, Exemptions, and Limitations.

1. Every final action granting variance, exemption, or limitation under this rule shall be published as required under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and the time table set forth in R614-1-9.G.

I. Acceptance of federally Granted Variances.

1. Where a variance has been granted by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, following Federal Promulgation procedures, the Administrator shall take the following action:

a. Compare the federal OSHA standard for which the variance was granted with the equivalent UOSH standard.

b. Identify possible application in Utah.

c. If the UOSH standard under consideration for application of the variance has exactly or essentially the same intent as the federal standard and there is the probability of a multi-state employer doing business in Utah, then the Administrator shall accept the variance (as federally accepted) and promulgate it for Utah under the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

d. If the variance has no apparent application to Utah industry, or to a multi-state employer in Utah, or if it conflicts with Utah Legislative intent, or established policy or procedure, the federal variance shall not be accepted. In such case, the Regional Administrator will be so notified.

J. Revocation of a Variance.

1. Any variance (temporary or permanent) whether approved by the state or one accepted by State based on Federal approval, may be revoked by the Administrator if it is determined through on-site inspection that:

a. The employer is not complying with provisions of the variance as granted;

b. Adequate employee safety is not afforded by the original provisions of the variance; or

c. A more stringent standard has been promulgated, is in force, and conflicts with prior considerations given for employee safety.

2. A federally approved national variance may be revoked by the state for a specific work-site or place of employment within the state for reasons cited in R614-1-9.J.1. Such revocations must be in writing and give full particulars and reasons prompting the action. Full rights provided under the law, such as hearings, etc., must be afforded the employer.

3. Normally, permanent variances may be revoked or changed only after being in effect for at least six months.

K. Coordination.

1. All variances issued by the Administrator will be coordinated with the U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA to insure consistency and avoid improper unilateral action.

R614-1-10. Discrimination.

A. General.

1. The Act provides, among other things, for the adoption of occupational safety and health standards, research and development activities, inspections and investigations of work places, and record keeping requirements. Enforcement procedures initiated by the Commission; review proceedings as required by Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act; and judicial review are provided by the Act.

2. This rule deals essentially with the rights of employees afforded under section 34A-6-203 of the Act. Section 34A-6-203 of the Act prohibits reprisals, in any form, against employees who exercise rights under the Act.

3. The purpose is to make available in one place interpretations of the various provisions of Section 34A-6-203 of the Act which will guide the Administrator in the performance of his duties thereunder unless and until otherwise directed by authoritative decisions of the courts, or concluding, upon reexamination of an interpretation, that it is incorrect.

B. Persons prohibited from discriminating.

Section 34A-6-203 defines employee protections under the Act, because the employee has exercised rights under the Act. Section 34A-6-103(11) of the Act defines "person". Consequently, the prohibitions of Section 34A-6-203 are not limited to actions taken by employers against their own employees. A person may be chargeable with discriminatory action against an employee of another person. Section 34A-6-203 would extend to such entities as organizations representing employees for collective bargaining purposes, employment agencies, or any other person in a position to discriminate against an employee. (See, Meek v. United States, F. 2d 679 (6th Cir., 1943); Bowe v. Judson C. Burnes, 137 F 2d 37 (3rd Cir., 1943).)

C. Persons protected by section 34A-6-203.

1. All employees are afforded the full protection of Section 34A-6-203. For purposes of the Act, an employee is defined in Section 34A-6-103(6). The Act does not define the term "employ". However, the broad remedial nature of this legislation demonstrates a clear legislative intent that the existence of an employment relationship, for purposes of Section 34A-6-203, is to be based upon economic realities rather than upon common law doctrines and concepts. For a similar interpretation of federal law on this issue, see, U.S. v. Silk, 331 U.S. 704 (1947); Rutherford Food Corporation v. McComb, 331 U.S. 722 (1947).

2. For purposes of Section 34A-6-203, even an applicant for employment could be considered an employee. (See, NLRB v. Lamar Creamery, 246 F. 2d 8 (5th Cir., 1957).) Further, because Section 34A-6-203 speaks in terms of any employee, it is also clear that the employee need not be an employee of the discriminator. The principal consideration would be whether the person alleging discrimination was an "employee" at the time of engaging in protected activity.

3. In view of the definitions of "employer" and "employee" contained in the Act, employees of a State or political subdivision thereof would be within the coverage of Section 34A-6-203.

D. Unprotected activities distinguished.

1. Actions taken by an employer, or others, which adversely affect an employee may be predicated upon nondiscriminatory grounds. The proscriptions of Section 34A-6-203 apply when the adverse action occurs because the employee has engaged in protected activities. An employee's engagement in activities protected by the Act does not automatically render him immune from discharge or discipline for legitimate reasons, or from adverse action dictated by non-prohibited considerations. (See, NLRB v. Dixie Motor Coach Corp., 128 F. 2d 201 (5th Cir., 1942).)

2. To establish a violation of Section 34A-6-203, the employee's engagement in protected activity need not be the sole consideration behind discharge or other adverse action. If protected activity was a substantial reason for the action, or if the discharge or other adverse action would not have taken place "but for" engagement in protected activity, Section 34A-6-203

has been violated. (See, Mitchell v. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., 278 F. 2d 562 (8th Cir., 1960); Goldberg v. Bama Manufacturing, 302 F. 2d 152 (5th Cir., 1962).) Ultimately, the issue as to whether a discharge was because of protected activity will have to be determined on the basis of the facts in the particular case.

E. Specific protections - complaints under or related to the Act.

1. Discharge of, or discrimination against an employee because the employee has filed "any complaint under or related to this Act" is prohibited by Section 34A-6-203. An example of a complaint made "under" the Act would be an employee request for inspection pursuant to Section 34A-6-301(6). However, this would not be the only type of complaint protected by Section 34A-6-203. The range of complaints "related to" the Act is commensurate with the broad remedial purposes of this legislation and the sweeping scope of its application, which entails the full extent of the commerce power. ((See Cong. Rec., vol. 116 P. 42206 December 17, 1970).)

2. Complaints registered with Federal agencies which have the authority to regulate or investigate occupational safety and health conditions are complaints "related to" this Act. Likewise, complaints made to State or local agencies regarding occupational safety and health conditions would be "related to" the Act. Such complaints, however, must relate to conditions at the workplace, as distinguished from complaints touching only upon general public safety and health.

3. Further, the salutary principles of the Act would be seriously undermined if employees were discouraged from lodging complaints about occupational safety and health matters with their employers. Such complaints to employers, if made in good faith, therefore would be related to the Act, and an employee would be protected against discharge or discrimination caused by a complaint to the employer.

F. Proceedings under or related to the act.

1. Discharge of, or discrimination against, any employee because the employee has exercised the employee's rights under or related to this Act is also prohibited by Section 34A-6-203. Examples of proceedings which would arise specifically under the Act would be inspections of work-sites under Section 34A-6-301 of the Act, employee contest of abatement date under Section 34A-6-303 of the Act, employee initiation of proceedings for promulgation of an occupational safety and health standard under Section 34A-6-202 of the Act and Title 63G, Chapter 3, employee application for modification of revocation of a variance under Section 34A-6-202(4)(c) of the Act and R614-1-9., employee judicial challenge to a standard under Section 34A-6-202(6) of the Act, and employee appeal of an order issued by an Administrative Law Judge, Commissioner, or Appeals Board under Section 34A-6-304. In determining whether a "proceeding" is "related to" the Act, the considerations discussed in R614-1-10.G. would also be applicable.

2. An employee need not himself directly institute the proceedings. It is sufficient if he sets into motion activities of others which result in proceedings under or related to the Act.

G. Testimony.

Discharge of, or discrimination against, any employee because the employee "has testified or is about to testify" in proceedings under or related to the Act is also prohibited by Section 34A-6-203. This protection would of course not be limited to testimony in proceedings instituted or caused to be instituted by the employee, but would extend to any statements given in the course of judicial, quasi-judicial, and administrative proceedings, including inspections, investigations, and administrative rulemaking or adjudicative functions. If the employee is giving or is about to give testimony in any proceeding under or related to the Act, he would be protected against discrimination resulting from such testimony.

H. Exercise of any right afforded by the Act.

1. In addition to protecting employees who file complaints, institute proceedings under or related to the Act it also prohibited by Section 34A-6-203 discrimination occurring because of the exercise "of any right afforded by this Act." Certain rights are explicitly provided in the Act; for example, there is a right to participate as a party in enforcement proceedings (34A-6-303). Certain other rights exist by necessary implications. For example, employees may request information from the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Administration; such requests would constitute the exercise of a right afforded by the Act. Likewise, employees interviewed by agents of the Administrator in the course of inspections or investigations could not subsequently be discriminated against because of their cooperation.

2. Review of the Act and examination of the legislative history discloses that, as a general matter, there is no right afforded by the Act which would entitle employees to walk off the job because of potential unsafe conditions at the workplace. Hazardous conditions which may be violative of the Act will ordinarily be corrected by the employer, once brought to his attention. If corrections are not accomplished, or if there is dispute about the existence of a hazard, the employee will normally have opportunity to request inspection of the workplace pursuant to Section 34A-6-301 of the Act, or to seek the assistance of other public agencies which have responsibility in the field of safety and health. Under such circumstances, therefore, an employer would not ordinarily be in violation of Section 34A-6-203 by taking action to discipline an employee for refusing to perform normal job activities because of alleged safety or health hazards.

a. Occasions might arise when an employee is confronted with a choice between not performing assigned tasks or subjecting himself to serious injury or death arising from a hazardous condition at the workplace. If the employee, with no reasonable alternative, refuses in good faith to expose himself to the dangerous condition, he would be protected against subsequent discrimination. The condition causing the employee's apprehension of death or injury must be of such a nature that a reasonable person, under the circumstances then confronting the employee, would conclude that there is a real danger of death or serious injury and that there is insufficient time, due to the urgency of the situation, to eliminate the danger through resort to regular statutory enforcement channels. In addition, in such circumstances, the employee, where possible, must also have sought from his employer, and been unable to obtain, a correction of the dangerous condition.

I. Procedures - Filing of complaint for discrimination.

1. Who may file. A complaint of Section 34A-6-203 discrimination may be filed by the employee himself, or by a representative authorized to do so on his behalf.

2. Nature of filing. No particular form of complaint is required.

3. Place of filing. Complaint should be filed with the Administrator, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Labor Commission, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6650, Telephone 530-6901.

4. Time for filing.

a. Section 34A-6-203(2)(b) provides protection for an employee who believes that he has been discriminated against.

b. A major purpose of the 30-day period in this provision is to allow the Administrator to decline to entertain complaints which have become stale. Accordingly, complaints not filed within 30 days of an alleged violation will ordinarily be presumed to be untimely.

c. However, there may be circumstances which would justify tolling of the 30-day period on recognized equitable principles or because of strongly extenuating circumstances, e.g., where the employer has concealed, or misled the employee

regarding the grounds for discharge or other adverse action; where the employee has, within the 30-day period, resorted in good faith to grievance-arbitration proceedings under a collective bargaining agreement or filed a complaint regarding the same general subject with another agency; where the discrimination is in the nature of a continuing violation. In the absence of circumstances justifying a tolling of the 30-day period, untimely complaints will not be processed.

J. Notification of administrator's determination.

The Administrator is to notify a complainant within 90 days of the complaint of his determination whether prohibited discrimination has occurred. This 90-day provision is considered directory in nature. While every effort will be made to notify complainants of the Administrator's determination within 90 days, there may be instances when it is not possible to meet the directory period set forth in this section.

K. Withdrawal of complaint.

Enforcement of the provisions of Section 34A-6-203 is not only a matter of protecting rights of individual employees, but also of public interest. Attempts by an employee to withdraw a previously filed complaint will not necessarily result in termination of the Administrator's investigation. The Administrator's jurisdiction cannot be foreclosed as a matter of law by unilateral action of the employee. However, a voluntary and uncoerced request from a complainant to withdraw his complaint will be given careful consideration and substantial weight as a matter of policy and sound enforcement procedure.

L. Arbitration or other agency proceedings.

1. An employee who files a complaint under Section 34A-6-203(2) of the Act may also pursue remedies under grievance arbitration proceedings in collective bargaining agreements. In addition, the complainant may concurrently resort to other agencies for relief, such as the National Labor Relations Board. The Administrator's jurisdiction to entertain Section 34A-6-203 complaints, to investigate, and to determine whether discrimination has occurred, is independent of the jurisdiction of other agencies or bodies. The Administrator may file action in district court regardless of the pendency of other proceedings.

2. However, the Administrator also recognizes the policy favoring voluntary resolution of disputes under procedures in collective bargaining agreements. (See, e.g., Boy's Market, Inc. v. Retail Clerks, 398 U.S. 235 (1970); Republic Steel Corp. v. Maddox, 379 U.S. 650 (1965); Carey v. Westinghouse Electric Co., 375 U.S. 261 (1964); Collier Insulated Wire, 192 NLRB No. 150 (1971).) By the same token, due deference should be paid to the jurisdiction of other forums established to resolve disputes which may also be related to Section 34A-6-203 complaints.

3. Where a complainant is in fact pursuing remedies other than those provided by Section 34A-6-203, postponement of the Administrator's determination and deferral to the results of such proceedings may be in order. (See, Burlington Truck Lines, Inc., v. U.S., 371 U.S. 156 (1962).)

4. Postponement of determination. Postponement of determination would be justified where the rights asserted in other proceedings are substantially the same as rights under Section 34A-6-203 and those proceedings are not likely to violate the rights guaranteed by Section 34A-6-203. The factual issues in such proceedings must be substantially the same as those raised by Section 34A-6-203 complaint, and the forum hearing the matter must have the power to determine the ultimate issue of discrimination. (See, Rios v. Reynolds Metals Co., F. 2d (5th Cir., 1972), 41 U.S.L.W. 1049 (October 10, 1972): Newman v. Avco Corp., 451 F. 2d 743 (6th Cir., 1971).)

5. Deferral to outcome of other proceedings. A determination to defer to the outcome of other proceedings initiated by a complainant must necessarily be made on a case-to-case basis, after careful scrutiny of all available information. Before deferring to the results of other proceedings, it must be clear that those proceedings dealt adequately with all factual issues, that the proceedings were fair, regular, and free of procedural infirmities, and that the outcome of the proceedings was not repugnant to the purpose and policy of the Act. In this regard, if such other actions initiated by a complainant are dismissed without adjudicative hearing thereof, such dismissal will not ordinarily be regarded as determinative of the Section 34A-6-203 complaint.

M. Employee refusal to comply with safety rules.

Employees who refuse to comply with occupational safety and health standards or valid safety rules implemented by the employer in furtherance of the Act are not exercising any rights afforded by the Act. Disciplinary measures taken by employers solely in response to employee refusal to comply with appropriate safety rules and regulations, will not ordinarily be regarded as discriminatory action prohibited by Section 34A-6-203. This situation should be distinguished from refusals to work, as discussed in R614-1-10.H.

R614-1-11. Rules of Agency Practice and Procedure Concerning UOSH Access to Employee Medical Records.

A. Policy.

UOSH access to employee medical records will in certain circumstances be important to the agency's performance of its statutory functions. Medical records, however, contain personal details concerning the lives of employees. Due to the substantial personal privacy interests involved, UOSH authority to gain access to personally identifiable employee medical information will be exercised only after the agency has made a careful determination of its need for this information, and only with appropriate safeguards to protect individual privacy. Once this information is obtained, UOSH examination and use of it will be limited to only that information needed to accomplish the purpose for access. Personally identifiable employee medical information will be retained by UOSH only for so long as needed to accomplish the purpose for access, will be kept secure while being used, and will not be disclosed to other agencies or members of the public except in narrowly defined circumstances. This section establishes procedures to implement these policies.

B. Scope.

1. Except as provided in paragraphs R614-1-11.B.3. through 6. below, this rule applies to all requests by UOSH personnel to obtain access to records in order to examine or copy personally identifiable employee medical information, whether or not pursuant to the access provision of R614-1-12.D.

2. For the purposes of this rule, "personally identifiably employee medical information" means employee medical information accompanied by either direct identifiers (name, address, social security number, payroll number, etc.) or by information which could reasonably be used in the particular circumstances indirectly to identify specific employees (e.g., exact age, height, weight, race, sex, date of initial employment, job title, etc.).

3. This rule does not apply to UOSH access to, or the use of, aggregate employee medical information or medical records on individual employees which is not a personally identifiable form. This section does not apply to records required by R614-1-8 to death certificates, or to employee exposure records, including biological monitoring records defined by R614-1-3.M. or by specific occupational safety and health standards as exposure records.

4. This rule does not apply where UOSH compliance personnel conduct an examination of employee medical records solely to verify employer compliance with the medical surveillance record keeping requirements of an occupational safety and health standard, or with R614-1-12. An examination of this nature shall be conducted on-site and, if requested, shall be conducted under the observation of the record holder. The

UOSH compliance personnel shall not record and take off-site any information from medical records other than documentation of the fact of compliance or non-compliance.

5. This rule does not apply to agency access to, or the use of, personally identifiable employee medical information obtained in the course of litigation.

6. This rule does not apply where a written directive by the Administrator authorizes appropriately qualified personnel to conduct limited reviews of specific medical information mandated by an occupational safety and health standard, or of specific biological monitoring test results.

7. Even if not covered by the terms of this rule, all medically related information reported in a personally identifiable form shall be handled with appropriate discretion and care befitting all information concerning specific employees. There may, for example, be personal privacy interests involved which militate against disclosure of this kind of information to the public.

C. Responsible persons.

1. UOSH Administrator. The Administrator of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of the Labor Commission shall be responsible for the overall administration and implementation of the procedures contained in this rule, including making final UOSH determinations concerning:

a. Access to personally identifiable employee medical information, and

b. Inter-agency transfer or public disclosure of personally identifiable employee medical information.

2. UOSH Medical Records Officer. The Administrator shall designate a UOSH official with experience or training in the evaluation, use, and privacy protection of medical records to be the UOSH Medical Records Officer. The UOSH Medical Records Officer shall report directly to the Administrator on matters concerning this section and shall be responsible for:

a. Making recommendations to the Administrator as to the approval or denial of written access orders.

b. Assuring that written access orders meet the requirements of paragraphs R614-1-11.D.2. and 3. of this rule.

c. Responding to employee, collective bargaining agent, and employer objections concerning written access orders.

d. Regulating the use of direct personal identifiers.

e. Regulating internal agency use and security of personally identifiable employee medical information.

f. Assuring that the results of agency analyses of personally identifiable medical information are, where appropriate, communicated to employees.

g. Preparing an annual report of UOSH's experience under this rule.

h. Assuring that advance notice is given of intended inter-agency transfers or public disclosures.

3. Principal UOSH Investigator. The Principal UOSH Investigator shall be the UOSH employee in each instance of access to personally identifiable employee medical information who is made primarily responsible for assuring that the examination and use of this information is performed in the manner prescribed by a written access order and the requirements of this section. When access is pursuant to a written access order, the Principal UOSH Investigator shall be professionally trained in medicine, public health, or allied fields (epidemiology, toxicology, industrial hygiene, bio-statistics, environmental health, etc.)

D. Written access orders.

1. Requirement for written access order. Except as provided in paragraph R614-1-11.D.4. below, each request by a UOSH representative to examine or copy personally identifiable employee medical information contained in a record held by an employer or other record holder shall be made pursuant to a written access order which has been approved by the Administrator upon the recommendation of the UOSH Medical Records Officer. If deemed appropriate, a written access order may constitute, or be accompanied by an administrative subpoena.

2. Approval criteria for written access order. Before approving a written access order, the Administrator and the UOSH Medical Records Officer shall determine that:

a. The medical information to be examined or copied is relevant to a statutory purpose and there is a need to gain access to this personally identifiable information.

b. The personally identifiable medical information to be examined or copied is limited to only that information needed to accomplish the purpose for access, and

c. The personnel authorized to review and analyze the personally identifiable medical information are limited to those who have a need for access and have appropriate professional qualifications.

3. Content of written access order. Each written access order shall state with reasonable particularity:

a. The statutory purposes for which access is sought.

b. The general description of the kind of employee medical information that will be examined and why there is a need to examine personally identifiable information.

c. Whether medical information will be examined on-site, and what type of information will be copied and removed off-site.

d. The name, address, and phone number of the Principal UOSH Investigator and the names of any other authorized persons who are expected to review and analyze the medical information.

e. The name, address, and phone number of the UOSH Medical Records Officer, and

f. The anticipated period of time during which UOSH expects to retain the employee medical information in a personally identifiable form.

4. Special situations. Written access orders need not be obtained to examine or copy personally identifiable employee medical information under the following circumstances:

a. Specific written consent. If the specific written consent of an employee is obtained pursuant to R614-1-12.D., and the agency or an agency employee is listed on the authorization as the designated representative to receive the medical information, then a written access order need not be obtained. Whenever personally identifiable employee medical information is obtained through specific written consent and taken off-site, a Principal UOSH Investigator shall be promptly named to assure protection of the information, and the UOSH Medical Records Officer shall be notified of this person's identity. The personally identifiable medical information obtained shall thereafter be subject to the use and security requirements of paragraphs R614-1-11.H.

b. Physician consultations. A written access order need not be obtained where a UOSH staff or contract physician consults with an employer's physician concerning an occupational safety or health issue. In a situation of this nature, the UOSH physician may conduct on-site evaluation of employee medical records in consultation with the employer's physician, and may make necessary personal notes of his or her findings. No employee medical records however, shall be taken off-site in the absence of a written access order or the specific written consent of an employee, and no notes of personally identifiable employee medical information made by the UOSH physician shall leave his or her control without the permission of the UOSH Medical Records Officer.

E. Presentation of written access order and notice to employees.

1. The Principal UOSH Investigator, or someone under his or her supervision, shall present at least two (2) copies each of the written access order and an accompanying cover letter to the employer prior to examining or obtaining medical information

subject to a written access order. At least one copy of the written access order shall not identify specific employees by direct personal identifier. The accompanying cover letter shall summarize the requirements of this section and indicate that questions or objections concerning the written access order may be directed to the Principal UOSH Investigator or to the UOSH Medical Records Officer.

2. The Principal UOSH Investigator shall promptly present a copy of the written access order (which does not identify specific employees by direct personal identifier) and its accompanying cover letter to each collective bargaining agent representing employees whose medical records are subject to the written access order.

3. The Principal UOSH Investigator shall indicate that the employer must promptly post a copy of the written access order which does not identify specific employees by direct personal identifier, as well as post its accompanying cover letter.

4. The Principal UOSH Investigator shall discuss with any collective bargaining agent and with the employer the appropriateness of individual notice to employees affected by the written access order. Where it is agreed that individual notice is appropriate, the Principal UOSH Investigator shall promptly provide to the employer an adequate number of copies of the written access order (which does not identify specific employees by direct personal identifier) and its accompanying cover letter to enable the employer either to individually notify each employee or to place a copy in each employee's medical file.

F. Objections concerning a written access order. All employees, collective bargaining agents, and employer written objections concerning access to records pursuant to a written access order shall be transmitted to the UOSH Medical Records Officer. Unless the agency decides otherwise, access to the record shall proceed without delay notwithstanding the lodging of an objection. The UOSH Medical Records Officer shall respond in writing to each employee's and collective bargaining agent's written objection to UOSH access. Where appropriate, the UOSH Medical Records Officer may revoke a written access order and direct that any medical information obtained by it by returned to the original record holder or destroyed. The principal UOSH Investigator shall assure that such instructions by the UOSH Medical Records Officer are promptly implemented.

G. Removal of direct personal identifiers. Whenever employees medical information obtained pursuant to a written access order is taken off-site with direct personal identifiers included, the Principal UOSH Investigator shall, unless otherwise authorized by the UOSH Medical Records Officer, promptly separate all direct personal identifiers from the medical information, and code the medical information and the list of direct identifiers with a unique identifying number of each employee. The medical information with its numerical code shall thereafter be used and kept secured as though still in a directly identifiable form. The Principal UOSH Investigator shall also hand deliver or mail the list of direct personal identifiers with their corresponding numerical codes to the UOSH Medical Records Officer. The UOSH Medical Records Officer shall thereafter limit the use and distribution of the list of coded identifiers to those with a need to know its contents.

H. Internal agency use of personally identifiable employee medical information.

1. The Principal UOSH Investigator shall in each instance of access be primarily responsible for assuring that personally identifiable employee medical information is used and kept secured in accordance with this section.

2. The Principal UOSH Investigator, the UOSH Medical Records Officer, the Administrator, and any other authorized person listed on a written access order may permit the examination or use of personally identifiable employee medical information by agency employees and contractors who have a need for access, and appropriate qualifications for the purpose for which they are using the information. No UOSH employee or contractor is authorized to examine or otherwise use personally identifiable employee medical information unless so permitted.

3. Where a need exists, access to personally identifiable employee medical information may be provided to attorneys in the office of the State Attorney General, and to agency contractors who are physicians or who have contractually agreed to abide by the requirements of this section and implementing agency directives and instructions.

4. UOSH employees and contractors are only authorized to use personally identifiable employee medical information for the purposes for which it was obtained, unless the specific written consent of the employee is obtained as to a secondary purpose, or the procedures of R614-1-11.D. through G. are repeated with respect to the secondary purpose.

5. Whenever practicable, the examination of personally identifiable employee medical information shall be performed on-site with a minimum of medical information taken off-site in a personally identifiable form.

I. Security procedures.

1. Agency files containing personally identifiable employee medical information shall be segregated from other agency files. When not in active use, files containing this information shall be kept secured in a locked cabinet or vault.

2. The UOSH Medical Records Officer and the Principal UOSH Investigator shall each maintain a log of uses and transfers of personally identifiable employee medical information and lists of coded direct personal identifiers, except as to necessary uses by staff under their direct personal supervision.

3. The photocopying or other duplication of personally identifiable employee medical information shall be kept to the minimum necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the information was obtained.

4. The protective measures established by this rule apply to all worksheets, duplicate copies, or other agency documents containing personally identifiable employee medical information.

5. Intra-agency transfers of personally identifiable employee medical information shall be by hand delivery, United States mail, or equally protective means. Inter-office mailing channels shall not be used.

J. Retention and destruction of records.

1. Consistent with UOSH records disposition programs, personally identifiable employee medical information and lists of coded direct personal identifiers shall be destroyed or returned to the original record holder when no longer needed for the purposes for which they were obtained.

2. Personally identifiable employee medical information which is currently not being used actively but may be needed for future use shall be transferred to the UOSH Medical Records Officer. The UOSH Medical Records Officer shall conduct an annual review of all centrally-held information to determine which information is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was obtained.

K. Results of an agency analysis using personally identifiable employee medical information.

1. The UOSH Medical Records Officer shall, as appropriate, assure that the results of an agency analysis using personally identifiable employee medical information are communicated to the employees whose personal medical information was used as a part of the analysis.

2. Annual report. The UOSH Medical Records Officer shall on an annual basis review UOSH's experience under this section during the previous year, and prepare a report to the UOSH Administrator which shall be made available to the

public. This report shall discuss:

a. The number of written access orders approved and a summary of the purposes for access;

b. The nature and disposition of employee; collective bargaining agent, and employer written objections concerning UOSH access to personally identifiable employee medical information; and

c. The nature and disposition of requests for inter-agency transfer or public disclosure of personally identifiable employee medical information.

L. Inter-agency transfer and public disclosure.

1. Personally identifiable employee medical information shall not be transferred to another agency or office outside of UOSH (other than to The Attorney General's Office) or disclosed to the public (other than to the affected employee or the original record holder) except when required by law or when approved by the Administrator.

2. Except as provided in paragraph R614-1-11.L.3. below, the Administrator shall not approve a request for an inter-agency transfer of personally identifiable employee medical information, which has not been consented to by the affected employees, unless the request is by a public health agency which:

a. Needs the requested information in a personally identifiable form for a substantial public health purpose;

b. Will not use the requested information to make individual determinations concerning affected employees which could be to their detriment;

c. Has regulations or established written procedures providing protection for personally identifiable medical information substantially equivalent to that of this section; and

d. Satisfies an exemption to the Privacy Act to the extent that the Privacy Act applies to the requested information (See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 29 CFR 70a.3).

3. Upon the approval of the Administrator, personally identifiable employee medical information may be transferred to:

a. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

b. The Department of Justice when necessary with respect to a specific action under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973.

4. The Administrator shall not approve a request for public disclosure of employee medical information containing direct personal identifiers unless there are compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of an individual.

5. The Administrator shall not approve a request for public disclosure of employee medical information which contains information which could reasonably be used indirectly to identify specific employees when the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

6. Except as to inter-agency transfers to NIOSH or the State Attorney General's Office, the UOSH Medical Records Officer shall assure that advance notice is provided to any collective bargaining agent representing affected employees and to the employer on each occasion that UOSH intends to either transfer personally identifiable employee medical information to another agency or disclose it to a member of the public other than to an affected employee. When feasible, the UOSH Medical Records Officer shall take reasonable steps to assure that advance notice is provided to affected employees when the employee medical information to be released or disclosed contains direct personal identifiers.

M. Effective date.

This rule shall become effective on January 15, 1981.

R614-1-12. Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records.

A. Purpose.

To provide employees and their designated representatives a right of access to relevant exposure and medical records, and to provide representatives of the Administrator a right of access to these records in order to fulfill responsibilities under the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act. Access by employees, their representatives, and the Administrator is necessary to yield both direct and indirect improvements in the detection, treatment, and prevention of occupational disease. Each employer is responsible for assuring compliance with this Rule, but the activities involved in complying with the access to medical records provisions can be carried out, on behalf of the employer, by the physician or other health care personnel in charge of employee medical records. Except as expressly provided, nothing in this Rule is intended to affect existing legal and ethical obligations concerning the maintenance and confidentiality of employee medical information, the duty to disclose information to a patient/employee or any other aspect of the medical-care relationship, or affect existing legal obligations concerning the protection of trade secret information.

B. Scope.

1. This rule applies to each general industry, maritime, and construction employer who makes, maintains, contracts for, or has access to employee exposure or medical records, or analyses thereof, pertaining to employees exposed to toxic substances or harmful physical agents.

2. This rule applies to all employee exposure and medical records, and analyses thereof, of employees exposed to toxic substances or harmful physical agents, whether or not the records are related to specific occupational safety and health standards.

3. This rule applies to all employee exposure and medical records, and analyses thereof, made or maintained in any manner, including on an in-house or contractual (e.g., fee-for-service) basis. Each employer shall assure that the preservation and access requirements of this rule are complied with regardless of the manner in which records are made or maintained.

C. Preservation of records.

1. Unless a specific occupational safety and health standard provides a different period of time, each employer shall assure the preservation and retention of records as follows:

a. Employee medical records. Each employee medical record shall be preserved and maintained for a least the duration of employment plus thirty (30) years, except that health insurance claims records maintained separately from the employer's medical program and its records need not be retained for any specified period.

b. Employee exposure records. Each employee exposure record shall be preserved and maintained for at least thirty (30) years, except that:

(1) Background data to environmental (workplace) monitoring or measuring, such a laboratory reports and worksheets, need only be retained for one (1) year so long as the sampling results, the collection methodology (sampling plan), a description of the analytical and mathematical methods used, and a summary of other background data relevant to interpretation of the results obtained, are retained for at least thirty (30) years; and

(2) Material safety data sheets and paragraph R614-1-3.M.4. records concerning the identity of a substance or agent need not be retained for any specified period as long as some record of the identity (chemical name if known) of the substance or agent, where it was used, and when it was used is retained for at least thirty (30) years; and

c. Analyses using exposure or medical records. Each analysis using exposure or medical records shall be preserved and maintained for at least thirty (30) years.

2. Nothing in this rule is intended to mandate the form, manner, or process by which an employer preserves a record so long as the information contained in the record is preserved and retrievable, except that X-ray films shall be preserved in their original state.

D. Access to records.

1. Whenever an employee or designated representative requests access to a record, the employer shall assure that access is provided in a reasonable time, place, and manner, but in no event later than fifteen (15) days after the request for access is made.

2. Whenever an employee or designated representative requests a copy of a record, the employer shall, within the period of time previously specified, assure that either:

a. A copy of the record is provided without cost to the employee or representative;

b. The necessary mechanical copying facilities (e.g., photocopying) are made available without cost to the employee or representative for copying the record; or

c. The record is loaned to the employee or representative for a reasonable time to enable a copy to be made.

3. Whenever a record has been previously provided without cost to an employee or designated representative, the employer may charge reasonable, non-discriminatory administrative costs (i.e., search and copy expenses but not including overhead expenses) for a request by the employee or designated representative for additional copies of the record, except that:

a. An employer shall not charge for an initial request for a copy of new information that has been added to a record which was previously provided; and

b. An employer shall not charge for an initial request by a recognized or certified collective bargaining agent for a copy of an employee exposure record or an analysis using exposure or medical records.

4. Nothing in this rule is intended to preclude employees and collective bargaining agents from collectively bargaining to obtain access to information in addition to that available under this rule.

5. Employee and designated representative access.

a. Employee exposure records. Each employer shall, upon request, assure the access of each employee and designated representative to employee exposure records relevant to the employee. For the purpose of this rule exposure records relevant to the employee consist of:

(1) Records of the employee's past or present exposure to toxic substances or harmful physical agents,

(2) Exposure records of other employees with past or present job duties or working conditions related to or similar to those of the employee,

(3) Records containing exposure information concerning the employee's workplace or working conditions, and

(4) Exposure records pertaining to workplaces or working conditions to which the employee is being assigned or transferred.

b. Employee medical records.

(1) Each employer shall, upon request, assure the access of each employee to employee medical records of which the employee is the subject, except as provided in R614-1-12.D.4.

(2) Each employer shall, upon request, assure the access of each designated representative to the employee medical records of any employee who has given the designated representative specific written consent. R614-1-12A., Appendix A to R614-1-12., contains a sample form which may be used to establish specific written consent for access to employee medical records.

(3) Whenever access to employee medical records is requested, a physician representing the employer may recommend that the employee or designated representative:

(a) Consult with the physician for the purposes of reviewing and discussing the records requested;

(b) Accept a summary of material facts and opinions in lieu of the records requested;, or

(c) Accept release of the requested records only to a physician or other designated representative.

(4) Whenever an employee requests access to his or her employee medical records, and a physician representing the employer believes that direct employee access to information contained in the records regarding a specific diagnosis of a terminal illness or a psychiatric condition could be detrimental to the employees health, the employer may inform the employee that access will only be provided to a designated representative of the employee having specific written consent, and deny the employee's request for direct access to this information only. Where a designated representative with specific written consent requests access to information so withheld, the employer shall assure the access of the designated representative to this information, even when it is known that the designated representative will give the information to the employee.

(5) Nothing in this rule precludes physician, nurse, or other responsible health care personnel maintaining employee medical records from deleting from requested medical records the identity of a family member, personal friend, or fellow employee who has provided confidential information concerning an employee's health status.

c. Analysis using exposure or medical records.

(1) Each employer shall, upon request, assure the access of each employee and designated representative to each analysis using exposure or medical records concerning the employee's working conditions or workplace.

(2) Whenever access is requested to an analysis which reports the contents of employee medical records by either direct identifier (name, address, social security number, payroll number, etc.) or by information which could reasonably be used under the circumstances indirectly to identify specific employees (exact age, height, weight, race, sex, date of initial employment, job title, etc.) the employer shall assure that personal identifiers are removed before access is provided. If the employer can demonstrate that removal of personal identifiers from an analysis is not feasible, access to the personally identifiable portions of analysis need not be provided.

(3) UOSH access.

(a) Each employer shall, upon request, assure the immediate access of representatives of the Administrator to employee exposure and medical records and to analysis using exposure or medical records. Rules of agency practice and procedure governing UOSH access to employee medical records are contained in R614-1-8.

(b) Whenever UOSH seeks access to personally identifiable employee medical information by presenting to the employer a written access order pursuant to R614-1-8, the employer shall prominently post a copy of the written access order and its accompanying cover letter for at least fifteen (15) working days.

E. Trade Secrets.

1. Except as provided in paragraph R614-1-12.E.2., nothing in this rule precludes an employer from deleting from records requested by an employee or designated representative any trade secret data which discloses manufacturing processes, or discloses the percentage of a chemical substance in a mixture, as long as the employee or designated representative is notified that information has been deleted. Whenever deletion of trade secret information substantially impairs evaluation of the place where or the time when exposure to a toxic substance or harmful physical agent occurred, the employer shall provide alternative information which is sufficient to permit the employee to identify where and when exposure occurred.

2. Notwithstanding any trade secret claims, whenever

access to records is requested, the employer shall provide access to chemical or physical agent identities including chemical names, levels of exposure, and employee health status data contained in the requested records.

3. Whenever trade secret information is provided to an employee or designated representative, the employer may require, as a condition of access, that the employee or designated representative agree in writing not to use the trade secret information for the purpose of commercial gain and not to permit misuse of the trade secret information by a competitor or potential competitor of the employer.

F. Employee information.

1. Upon an employee's first entering into employment, and at least annually thereafter, each employer shall inform employees exposed to toxic substances or harmful physical agents of the following;

a. The existence, location, and availability of any records covered by this rule;

b. The person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; and

c. Each employee's right of access to these records.

2. Each employer shall make readily available to employees a copy of this rule and its appendices, and shall distribute to employees any informational materials concerning this rule which are made available to the employer by the Administrator.

G. Transfer of Records

1. Whenever an employer is ceasing to do business, the employer shall transfer all records subject to this Rule to the successor employer. The successor employer shall receive and maintain these records.

2. Whenever an employer is ceasing to do business and there is no successor employer to receive and maintain the records subject to this standard, the employer shall notify affected employees of their rights of access to records at least three (3) months prior to the cessation of the employer's business.

3. Whenever an employer either is ceasing to do business and there is no successor employer to receive and maintain the records, or intends to dispose of any records required to be preserved for at least thirty (30) years, the employer shall:

a. Transfer the records to the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) if so required by a specific occupational safety and health standard; or

b. Notify the Director of NIOSH in writing of the impending disposal of records at least three (3) months prior to the disposal of the records.

4. Where an employer regularly disposes of records required to be preserved for at least thirty (30) years, the employer may, with at least (3) months notice, notify the Director of NIOSH on an annual basis of the records intended to be disposed of in the coming year.

a. Appendices. The information contained in the appendices to this rule is not intended, by itself, to create any additional obligations not otherwise imposed by this rule nor detract from any existing obligation.

H. Effective date. This rule shall become effective on December 5, 1980. All obligations of this rule commence on the effective date except that the employer shall provide the information required under R614-1-12.F.1. to all current employees within sixty (60) days after the effective date.

R614-1-12A. Appendix A to R614-1-12 SAMPLE.

Authorization letter for the Release of Employee Medical Record Information to Designated Representative.

I, (full name of worker/patient), hereby authorize (individual or organization holding the medical records), to release to (individual or organization authorized to receive the medical information), the following medical information from my personal medical records: (Describe generally the information desired to be released).

I give my permission for this medical information to be used for the following purpose: ....., but I do not give permission for any other use or re-disclosure of this information.

(Note---Several extra lines are provided below so that you can place additional restrictions on this authorization letter if you want to. You may, however, leave these lines blank. On the other hand, you may want to (1) specify a particular expiration date for this letter (if less than one year): (2) describe medical information to be created in the future that you intend to be covered by this authorization letter, or (3) describe portions of the medical information in you records which you do not intend to be released as a result of this letter.)

Full name of Employee or Legal Representative

Signature of Employee or Legal Representative

Date of Signature

R614-1-12B. Appendix B to R614-1-12 Availability of NIOSH Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS).

R614-1-12 applies to all employee exposure and medical records, and analysis thereof, of employees exposed to toxic substances or harmful physical agents (see R614-1-12.B.2.). The term "toxic substance" or "harmful physical agent" is defined by paragraph R614-1-3.FF. to encompass chemical substances, biological agents, and physical stresses for which there is evidence of harmful health effects. The standard uses the latest printed edition of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) as one of the chief sources of information as to whether evidence of harmful health effects exists. If a substance is listed in the latest printed RTECS, the standard applies to exposure and medical records (and analysis of these records) relevant to employees exposed to the substances.

It is appropriate to note that the final standard does not require that employers purchase a copy of RTECS and many employers need not consult RTECS to ascertain whether their employee exposure or medical records are subject to the standard. Employers who do not currently have the latest printed edition of the NIOSH RTECS, however, may desire to obtain a copy. The RTECS is issued in an annual printed edition as mandated by Rule 20(a)(6) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 669 (a)(6)). The 1978 edition is the most recent printed edition as of May 1, 1980. Its Forward and Introduction describes the RTECS as follows:

"The annual publication of a list of known toxic substances is a NIOSH mandate under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. It is intended to provide basic information on the known toxic and biological effects of chemical substances for the use of employers, employees, physicians, industrial hygienists, toxicologists, researchers, and, in general, anyone concerned with the proper and safe handling of chemicals. In turn, this information may contribute to a better understanding of potential occupational hazards by everyone involved and ultimately may help to bring about a more healthful workplace environment.

"This registry contains 142,247 listings of chemical substances: 33,929 are names of different chemicals with their associated toxicity data and 90,318 are synonyms. This edition includes approximately 7,500 new chemical compounds that did not appear in the 1977 Registry.

"The Registry's purposes are many, and it serves a variety of users. It is a single source document for basic toxicity information and for other data, such as chemical identifiers and information necessary for the preparation of safety directives and hazard evaluations for chemical substances. The various

types of toxic effects linked to literature citations provide researchers and occupational health scientists with an introduction to the toxicological literature, making their own review of the toxic hazards of a given substance easier. By presenting data on the lowest reported doses that produce effects by several routes of entry in various species, the Registry furnishes valuable information to those responsible for preparing safety data sheets for chemical substances in the workplace. Chemical and production engineers can use the Registry to identify the hazards which may be associated with chemical intermediates in the development of final products, and thus can more readily select substitutes or alternate processes which may be less hazardous.

"In this edition of the Registry, the editors intend to identify "all known toxic substances" which may exist in the environment and to provide pertinent data on the toxic effects from known does entering an organism by any route described. Data may be used for the evaluation of chemical hazards in the environment, whether they be in the workplace, recreation area, or living quarters.

"It must be reemphasized that the entry of a substance in the Registry does not automatically mean that it must be avoided. A listing does mean, however, that the substance has the documented potential of being harmful if misused, and care must be exercised to prevent tragic consequences."

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R628. Money Management Council, Administration.
R628-2. Investment of Funds of Public Education Foundations Established Under Section 53A-4-205 or Funds Acquired by Gift, Devise or Bequest.
R628-2-1. Authority.

This rule is issued pursuant to Section 51-7-18(2)(b).

R628-2-2. Scope of Rule.

This rule relates to all funds of public education foundations established under Section 53A-4-205 and any funds held by a public treasurer which were acquired by gift, devise, or bequest and which are permitted by statute to be invested according to rules adopted by the Money Management Council.

R628-2-3. Investment Directions Contained in Gift or Grant.

If any gift, devise, or bequest, whether outright or in trust, is made by a written instrument which contains lawful directions as to investment thereof, the funds embodied within the gift, devise or bequest shall be invested and held in accordance with those directions. Common stock received by donation which is registered stock, or which is otherwise restricted from sale because it is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, may be retained until the restrictions lapse, expire, or are revoked and shall be considered to be invested according to the terms of the donation. A gift, devise or bequest of closely held non-marketable securities, shall be purchased by the closely held entity within twenty four months of the gift, devise or bequest. Evidence of such put shall be furnished at the time of the gift, devise or bequest.

R628-2-4. Investment of Funds.

A. Funds within the scope of this rule, except funds described in Section R628-2-3, may be invested in any of the following:

1. in any deposit or investment authorized by Section 51-7-11 or 51-7-5;

2. in professionally managed pooled or commingled investment funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with a Morningstar rating of "3" or higher.

3. in equity securities, including common and convertible preferred stock and convertible bonds, issued by corporations listed on a major securities exchange or in the NASDAQ, in accordance with the following criteria applied, on a total market basis, at the time of investment:

a) no more than 20% of all funds may be invested in securities listed in the NASDAQ;

b) no more than 5% of all funds may be invested in the securities of any one corporate issuer;

c) no more than 25% of all funds may be invested in a particular industry;

d) no more than 5% of all funds may be invested in securities of corporations that have been in continuous operation for less than three years;

e) no more than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of any one corporation may be held; and

f) at least 50% of the corporations in which equity investments are made under R628-2-4.(A)(3) must appear on the Standard and Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index and the Wilshire 5000;

4. in fixed-income securities, including bonds, notes, mortgage securities and zero coupon securities, issued by corporations rated "investment grade" or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or by Standard and Poor's Corporation in accordance with the following criteria applied, on a total market basis, at the time of investment:

a) no more than 5% of all funds may be invested in the securities of any one corporate issuer;

b) no more than 25% of all funds may be invested in a particular industry;

c) the dollar-weighted average maturity of fixed-income securities acquired under R628-2-4(A)(4) may not exceed ten years; and

5. in fixed-income securities issued by agencies of the United States and United States government-sponsored organizations, including mortgage-backed pass-through certificates, mortgage-backed bonds and collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO's).

B. Investments made under this rule shall observe the following investment percentages on a total market basis as of the most recent quarterly review, for specified subsections;

1. no more than 75% of all funds may be invested in equity securities (Subsection R628-2-4(A)(3) investments).

2. no more than 5% of all funds may be invested in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO's) (Subsection R628-2-4(A)(5) investments).

C. The selection criteria established in Section 51-7-14 shall apply to investments permitted by this rule.

D. Certified investment advisers may be employed to assist in the investment of funds under this rule. Compensation to certified investment advisers may be provided from earnings generated by the funds' investments.

R628-2-5. Disposition of Nonqualifying Investments.

A. If at any time securities do not qualify for investment in accordance with this rule, investments shall be disposed of within a reasonable time. In determining what constitutes reasonable time for the disposition of assets, the following factors, among others, shall be given consideration:

1. the legality of sale under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Utah State Securities Commission;

2. the size of the investment held in relation to the normal trading volume therein, and the effect upon the market price of the sale of the investment; and

3. the wishes of the donor respecting the sale of the investment.

B. If, in the opinion of the custodian or investment manager of the funds, an orderly liquidation of a nonqualifying investment cannot be accomplished within a period of two years, a request may be made to the Council for approval of a specific plan of disposition of nonqualifying investments. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall make an investment nonqualifying, if the retention of the investment is specifically authorized or directed under terms of the gift, devise, or bequest, or if the security is restricted from sale as provided in this rule.

R628-2-6. Nonqualifying Investments Held on Effective Date.

Any nonqualifying investments held on November 1, 2005 shall be treated as having been received on the effective date and shall be disposed of as provided in Subsection R628-2-5.

R628-2-7. Multiple Funds.

If a public treasurer or a public education foundation has more than one fund or investment pool in which funds covered by this rule are managed, the following rules apply in determining investment percentages:

A. If the investment of any funds is covered by a direction in the instrument creating a gift, devise, or bequest, or if the donation consists of securities restricted from sale, the funds shall be excluded from any computation of permitted investments.

B. All other funds within the scope of this rule shall be consolidated for determining the propriety of investments. Any restrictions as to investment percentages shall be determined as provided for in Subsection R628-2-4(B).

R628-2-8. Investment Policy Approval.

Each public education foundation or public treasurer having funds acquired by gift, devise, or bequest shall have their investment policies approved by their respective board of trustees or governing body.

R628-2-9. Reporting by Public Education Foundations and Public Treasurers.

Each public education foundation and public treasurer, having funds acquired by gift, devise, or bequest and funds functioning as endowments shall file a written report with the Council on or before July 31 and January 31 of each year containing the following information for investments held on June 30 and December 31 respectively:

A. total market value of funds held under gifts, devise or bequest and funds functioning as endowments;

B. amount invested under this rule;

C. amounts invested under this rule indicating the carrying value and market value of each category of investment; and

D. a list of all nonqualifying assets held under this rule containing the date acquired, the carrying value and market value of each asset.

E. The board of trustees or governing body shall review the portfolio at least quarterly, and shall receive the certification from the public treasurer that the portfolio complies with the Money Management Act, Rules of the Money Management Council and the prudent person rule in section 51-7-14 of the Act.

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R641. Natural Resources; Oil, Gas and Mining Board.
R641-113. Hearing Examiners.
R641-113-100. Designation of Hearing Examiner.

The Board may, in its discretion, on its own motion or motion of one of the parties, designate a hearing examiner for purposes of taking evidence and recommending findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Board. Any member of the Board, Division Staff, or any other person designated by the Board may serve as a hearing examiner.

R641-113-200. Powers.

The order appointing a hearing examiner may specify or limit the hearing examiner's powers and may direct the hearing examiner to report only upon particular issues; to do or perform particular acts or to receive and report evidence only; and to fix the time and place for beginning and closing the hearing and for filing a report. Unless the hearing examiner's authority is limited, the hearing examiner will be vested with general authority to conduct hearings in an orderly and judicial matter, including authority to:

210. Summon and subpoena witnesses;

220. Administer oaths, call and question witnesses;

230. Require the production of records, books and documents;

240. Take such other action in connection with the hearing as may be prescribed by the Board in referring the case for hearing; and

250. Make evidentiary rulings and propose findings of fact and conclusions of law.

R641-113-300. Conduct of Hearings.

Except as limited by the Board's order, hearings will be conducted under the same rules and in the same manner as hearings before the Board, as more fully described in R641-108.

R641-113-400. Rules, Findings, and Conclusions of Hearing Examiner.

During the hearing, objections to evidence will be ruled upon by the hearing examiner. Where a ruling sustains objections to an admission of evidence, the party affected may insert in the record, as a tender of proof, a summary written statement of the evidence excluded and the objecting party may then make an offer of proof in rebuttal. Upon completion of the hearing, the hearing examiner will prepare a written summary of all such rulings and will make proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in a proposed order in conformance with R641-109. All such proposed rulings, findings, and conclusions will be distributed to the parties and filed with the Board.

R641-113-500. Board Final Order.

No later than the 10th day of the month following filing of the proposed rulings, findings, and conclusions by the hearing examiner, any party may file with the Board such briefs or statements as they may desire regarding the proposals made by the hearing examiner, but no party will offer additional evidence without good cause shown and an accompanying request for de novo hearing before the Board. The Board will then consider the hearing examiner's proposed rulings, findings, and conclusions and such additional materials as filed by the parties and may accept, reject, or modify such proposed rulings, findings, and conclusions in whole or in part or may remand the case to the hearing examiner for further proceedings, or the Board may set aside the proposed ruling, findings, and conclusions of the hearing examiner and grant a de novo hearing before the Board. If a Board member acted as the hearing examiner, then said Board member will not participate in the Board's determination.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-201. Definitions.
R651-201-1. Approved.

"Approved" means approved by the commandant of the United States Coast Guard, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning. For carburetor backfire flame control devices "approved" means the device is marked with one of the following: a U.S. Coast Guard approval number; complies with Underwriters Laboratory test UL 1111; or complies with the Society of Automotive Engineers test SAE J-1928.

R651-201-2. Sailboard.

"Sailboard" means a wind-propelled vessel with a mast and sail that are held up by the operator who stands while operating the vessel.

R651-201-3. Good and Serviceable Condition.

(1) "Good and Serviceable condition" means any required equipment must be in proper operating condition; and

(a) Required labels and markings shall be intact and legible;

(b) Required equipment shall not be stored inside original packaging; and

(c) A PFD is considered to be in serviceable condition only if the following conditions are met:

(i) No PFD may exhibit deterioration that could diminish the performance of the PFD, including metal or plastic hardware used to secure the PFD on the wearer that is broken, deformed, or weakened by corrosion; webbings or straps used to secure the PFD on the wearer that are ripped, torn or which have become separated from an attachment point on the PFD; or any other rotted or deteriorated structural component that fails when tugged.

(ii) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (i) of this section, no inherently buoyant PFD, including the inherently buoyant components of a hybrid inflatable PFD, may exhibit rips, tears, or open seams in fabric or coatings, that are large enough to allow the loss of buoyant material; buoyant material that has become hardened, non-resilient, permanently compressed, waterlogged, oil-soaked, or which show evidence of fungus or mildew; or loss of buoyant material or buoyant material that is not securely held in position.

(iii) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (i) of this section, an inflatable PFD, including the inflatable components of a hybrid inflatable PFD, must be equipped with a properly armed inflation mechanism, complete with a full inflation medium cartridge and all status indicators showing that the inflation mechanism is properly armed, except as provided in paragraph (iv) of this section; inflatable chambers that are all capable of holding air; oral inflation tubes that are not blocked, detached or broken; a manual inflation lanyard or lever that is not inaccessible, broken or missing; and, inflator status indicators that are not broken or otherwise non-functional.

(iv) The inflation system of an inflatable PFD need not be armed when the PFD is worn inflated and otherwise meets the requirements of paragraphs (i) and (iii) of this section.

R651-201-4. Immediately Available.

"Immediately available" means stored in plain and open view in the area where it will be used; not obstructed, blocked or covered in any way and capable of being quickly deployed.

R651-201-5. Readily Accessible.

"Readily Accessible" means easily located and retrieved without searching, delay or hindrance.

R651-201-6. Tow(ed)(ing).

When used in watersports, "tow(ed)(ing)" means a person(s) who is being pulled behind a vessel either on a device and attached to the vessel or has been pulled behind the vessel, is not currently attached and is surfing or riding the wake created by the vessel.

R651-201-7. Low Capacity Vessel.

Low Capacity Vessel means a manually propelled vessel designed or intended to carry no more than two occupants.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-205. Zoned Waters.
R651-205-1. Obeying Zoned Waters.
The operator of a vessel shall obey zoned water requirements or restrictions.

R651-205-2. Deer Creek Reservoir.
Vessels and all other water activities are prohibited within 1500 feet of the dam. A vessel may not be operated at a speed greater than wakeless speed at any time in Wallsberg Bay.

R651-205-3. Green River.
The use of motors is prohibited between the Flaming Gorge Dam and the confluence with Red Creek.

R651-205-4. Stansbury Park Lake.
The use of vessels over 20 feet in length and motors, except electric trolling motors, is prohibited.

R651-205-5. Lower Provo River.
The section from where it enters into Utah Lake upstream to the gas pipeline is designated as a wakeless speed area, and the use of motors is prohibited upstream from this point.

R651-205-6. Decker Lake.
The use of motors is prohibited.

R651-205-7. Palisade Lake.
The use of motors, except electric trolling motors, is prohibited.

R651-205-8. Ivins Reservoir.
The use of motors whose manufacture listed horsepower is 10 horsepower or more is prohibited.

R651-205-9. Jordan River.
The use of motors is prohibited, except motors whose manufacture listed horsepower is less than 10 horsepower. Such motors are permitted on the Utah County portion of the river.

R651-205-10. Ken's Lake.
The use of motors, except electric trolling motors, is prohibited.

R651-205-11. Pineview Reservoir.
The use of motors, except electric motors, is prohibited in the designated area in the North Arm, North Geersten Bay and the Middle Fork of the Ogden River. Vessels are prohibited in the Middle Inlet and Cemetery Point picnic areas.

R651-205-12. Jordanelle Reservoir.
The use of motorboats or sailboats is prohibited in the designated area of Hailstone Beach.

R651-205-13. Little Dell Reservoir.
The use of motors is prohibited.

R651-205-14. Bear Lake.
The use of a vessel is prohibited from July 1 through Labor Day in the area adjacent to Cisco Beach starting at the entrance station and extending approximately 1/4 mile south, when this area is marked with appropriate buoys.

R651-205-15. Lost Creek Reservoir in Morgan County.
A vessel may not be operated at a speed greater than wakeless speed at any time.

R651-205-16. Huntington Reservoir.
The use of motors whose manufacturer listed horsepower is 10 horsepower or more is prohibited.

R651-205-17. Cutler Reservoir.
The use of motors whose manufactured listed horsepower is more than 35 horsepower is prohibited, and a vessel may not be operated at a speed greater than wakeless speed at any time in the area south of the Benson Railroad Bridge. A vessel may not be operated at a speed greater than wakeless speed from the last Saturday in September through March 31st in the Bear River, east of the confluence with the reservoir.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-206. Carrying Passengers for Hire.
R651-206-1. Definitions.

(1) "Agent" means a person(s) designated by an outfitting company to act in behalf of that company in certifying:

(a) The verification of a license or permit applicant's vessel operation experience, appropriate first aid and CPR certificates and identifying information.

(b) The verification of an annual dockside or a five-year dry dock inspection of a vessel.

(2) "Certificate of maintenance and inspection" means a document produced by the Division and signed by a marine or vessel inspector and an agent of the outfitting company that a vessel has met the requirements of a required inspection. For float trip vessels, the certificate of maintenance and inspection will be issued to the outfitting company and not an individual vessel.

(3) "Certificate of outfitting company registration" means a document produced by the Division annually, indicating that an outfitting company is registered and in good standing with the Division.

(4) "Certifying experience" means vessel operation or river running experience obtained within ten years of the date of application for the license or permit.

(5) "CFR" means U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

(6) "Deck rail" means a guard structure at the outer edge of a vessel deck consisting of vertical solid or tubular posts and horizontal courses made of metal tubing, wood, cable, rope or suitable material.

(7) "Dockside inspection" means an annual examination of a vessel when the vessel is afloat in the water so that all of the exterior of the vessel above the waterline and the interior of the vessel may be examined. For float trip vessels, the annual dockside inspection may be performed at the company's place of business.

(8) "Dry dock inspection" means an examination of a vessel, conducted once every five years, when the vessel is out of the water and supported so all the exterior and interior of the vessel may be examined. For float trip vessels, the five-year dry dock inspection may be performed at the company's place of business.

(9) "Good marine practices and standards" means those methods and ways of maintaining, operating, equipping, repairing and restructuring a vessel according to commonly accepted standards, including 46 CFR, the American Boat and Yacht Council, the American Bureau of Shipping, the National Marine Manufacturers Association, and other appropriate generally accepted standards as sources of reference.

(10) "License" means a Utah Captain's/Guide's License or a U.S. Coast Guard Master's License.

(12) "Marine inspector" means a person who has been trained to perform a dry dock inspection and is registered with the Division as a person who is eligible to perform a dry dock inspection of a vessel.

(13) "Other rivers" means all rivers or river sections in Utah not defined in Subsection (18) of this rule as a whitewater river.

(14) "Permit" means a Utah Boat Crew Permit.

(15) "Sole state waters," means all waters of this state, except for the waters of Bear Lake, Flaming Gorge and Lake Powell.

(16) "Towing for hire" means the activity of towing vessels or providing on-the-water assistance to vessels for consideration.

(a) Towing for hire is considered carrying passengers for hire

(b) Towing for hire does not include a person or entity performing salvage or abandoned vessel retrieval operations.

(17) "Vessel inspector" means a person who has been trained to perform a dockside inspection and is registered with the Division as a person who is eligible to perform a dockside inspection on a vessel.

(18) "Whitewater river" means the following river sections: the Green and Yampa Rivers within Dinosaur National Monument, the Green River in Desolation-Gray Canyon (Mile 96 to Mile 20), the Colorado River in Westwater Canyon, the Colorado River in Cataract Canyon, or other Division recognized whitewater rivers in other states.

(19) "Float trip vessel" means a vessel, or the components and equipment used to configure such a vessel that is designed to be operated on a whitewater river or section of river. A float trip vessel may be a raft with inflatable chambers or a configuration of metal and/or wood frames, straps or chains, and inflatable pontoon tubes that are integral in maintaining the flotation, structural integrity and general seaworthiness of the vessel.

R651-206-2. Outfitting Company Responsibilities.

(1) Each outfitting company carrying passengers for hire on waters of this state shall register with the Division annually, prior to commencement of operation. Outfitting companies include, but are not limited to, fishing guides, waterski or sailing schools, river trip companies and tour boat operators.

(a) Outfitting company registration with the Division requires the completion of the prescribed application form and providing the following:

(i) Evidence of a current and valid business license;

(ii) Evidence of a current and valid river trip authorization(s), Special Use Permit(s), or performance contract(s)issued by an appropriate federal or state land managing agency;

(iii) Evidence of general liability insurance coverage; and

(iv) Payment of a $150 fee for an outfitting company whose place of business is physically located within the State of Utah, or

(v) Payment of a $200 fee for an outfitting company whose place of business is physically located outside of the State of Utah.

(b) Owners and employees of a migratory bird production area created under Title 23, Chapter 28, Migratory Bird Production Area and operating within that Migratory Bird Production Area shall not be considered an outfitting company.

(2) Upon successful registration with the Division, the Division shall issue a certificate of outfitting company registration in the name of the outfitting company. An outfitting company shall display its certificate of outfitting company registration at its place of business in a prominent location, visible to persons and passengers who enter the place of business.

(3) An agent of an outfitting company shall certify that each license or permit applicant sponsored by the outfitting company has:

(a) Obtained the minimum levels of required vessel operation experience corresponding to the type of license or permit applied for;

(b) Obtained the appropriate first aid and CPR certificates; and

(c) Completed the prescribed application form with true and correct identifying information.

(4) An outfitting company's annual registration with the Division may be suspended, denied, or revoked for a length of time determined by the Division director, or an individual designated by the Division director, if one of the following occurs:

(a) The outfitting company's, or agent's negligence caused personal injury or death as determined by due process of law;

(b) The outfitting company or agent is convicted of three violations of Title 73, Chapter 18, or rules promulgated

thereunder during a calendar year period;

(c) False or fictitious statements were certified or false qualifications were used to qualify a person to obtain a license or permit for an employee or others;

(d) The Division determines that the outfitting company intentionally provided false or fictitious statements or qualifications when registering with the Division;

(e) The outfitting company has utilized a private trip permit for carrying passengers for hire and has been prosecuted by the issuing agency and found guilty of the violation;

(f) The outfitting company used a vessel operator without a valid license or permit or without the appropriate license or permit while engaging in carrying passengers for hire; or

(g) The outfitting company is convicted of violating a resource protection regulation or public safety regulation in effect by the respective land managing and/or access permitting agency.

(5) An outfitting company shall have a written policy describing a program for a drug free workplace.

(6) An outfitting company shall maintain a training log for each of its vessel operators.

(7) An outfitting company shall maintain a voyage plan and a passenger manifest, on shore, for each trip or excursion the company conducts.

(8) An outfitting company shall maintain a daily or trip operations log for each of its vessels.

(9) An outfitting company shall ensure that each of its vessel operators conducts a check of the vessel he or she will be operating. The vessel check shall include:

(a) Passenger count;

(b) A discussion of safety protocols and emergency operations with passengers on board the vessel.

(c) A check of the vessel's required carriage of safety equipment.

(d) A check of the vessel's communication systems;

(e) A check of the operation and control of the vessel's steering controls and propulsion system; and

(f) A check of the vessel's navigation lights, if the vessel will be operating between sunset and sunrise.

(10) An outfitting company shall ensure that each vessel in its fleet is equipped with the required safety equipment.

(11) An outfitting company shall maintain each vessel in its fleet according to good marine practices and standards.

(a) The outfitting company shall ensure that each vessel used in the service of carrying passengers for hire meets the maintenance and inspection requirements, if such inspections are required of a vessel.

(b) The outfitting company shall maintain a file of its maintenance and inspections for each vessel, or the components and equipment that configure a float trip vessel, that is required to be inspected in its fleet. Maintenance and inspection files shall be maintained for the duration in which the vessel is in the service of carrying passengers for hire, plus one additional year.

(12) The owner of a vessel carrying passengers for hire, shall carry general liability insurance. The insurance coverage shall be for a minimum of $1,000,000 aggregate per incident.

(13) Upon request of an agent of the Division, an outfitting company shall provide the Division with a copy of the company's

(a) Drug free workplace policy;

(b) A passenger manifest and trip voyage plan;

(c) Trip operation logs;

(d) A vessel's maintenance and inspection files; or

(e) A vessel operator's training log.

(14) An outfitting company that is registered to carry passengers for hire in another state and possesses a state-issued certificate of outfitting company registration, or similar license, permit or registration accepted and recognized by the Division, where the state has similar outfitting company registration provisions, shall not be required to obtain and display a Utah certificate of outfitting company registration as required by this section when:

(a) Operating vessels on Bear Lake, Flaming Gorge, and Lake Powell where a trip embarks and disembarks from the out-of-state portion of the lake and less than 25 percent of a trip is conducted on the Utah portion of the lake.

(b) Operating vessels on rivers flowing into Utah where the river trip originates out-of-state and terminates at the first available launch ramp/take-out.

(i) For vessels operating on the Colorado River, the first available take-out is the Westwater Ranger Station launch ramp/take-out.

(ii) For vessels operating on the Dolores River, the first available take-out is the Dewey Bridge launch ramp/take-out on the Colorado River.

(iii) For vessels operating on the Green River, the first available take out is the Split Mountain launch ramp/take-out.

(iv) For vessels operating on the San Juan River, the first available take-out is the Montezuma Creek launch ramp/take-out.

R651-206-3. Utah Captain's/Guides License and Utah Boat Crew Permit.

(1) No person shall operate a vessel engaged in carrying passengers for hire on sole state waters unless that person has in his possession a valid and appropriately endorsed Utah Captain's/Guide's License or Utah Boat Crew Permit issued by the Division, or a valid and appropriately endorsed U.S. Coast Guard Master's License.

(a) When carrying passengers for hire on a motorboat on the waters of Bear Lake, Flaming Gorge or Lake Powell, the operator must have a valid and appropriately endorsed U.S. Coast Guard Master's License.

(b) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License is valid on the waters of Bear Lake, Flaming Gorge, and Lake Powell when the holder is carrying or leading persons for hire on non-motorized vessels.

(c) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License or Utah Boat Crew Permit, with the appropriate whitewater river or other river endorsement, is valid when operating a vessel exiting from a river to the first appropriate and usable take-out or launch ramp on a lake or reservoir.

(d) A boat operator, carrying passengers within a migratory bird production area created under Title 23, Chapter 28, Migratory Bird Production Area shall comply with the guidelines for safe boat operation adopted by the management of the Migratory Bird Production Area.

(2) License and Permit Requirements.

(a) The license or permit must be accompanied by current and appropriate first aid and CPR certificates. A photocopy of both sides of the first aid and CPR certificates is allowed when carrying passengers for hire on rivers.

(b) A license with a "Lake and Reservoir Captain" endorsement is required when carrying passengers for hire on any lake or reservoir.

(c) A license with a "Tow Vessel Captain" endorsement is required when towing or assisting other vessels for hire on waters of this state.

(d) A license with a "Whitewater River guide" endorsement is required when carrying passengers for hire on any river section, including "whitewater," "other," and "flatwater" river designations.

(e) A license with an "Other River Guide" endorsement is required when carrying passengers for hire on any river or river section designated as "other" or "flatwater."

(f) A permit with a "lake and Reservoir Crew" endorsement is valid only when the holder is accompanied, on board the vessel, by a qualified license holder with a "Lake and Reservoir Captain" endorsement.

(g) A permit with a "Tow Vessel Crew" endorsement is valid only when the holder is accompanied, on board the vessel, by a qualified license holder with a "Tow Vessel Captain" endorsement.

(h) A permit with a "Whitewater River Crew" endorsement is valid only when the holder is accompanied on the river trip, by a qualified license holder with a "Whitewater River Guide" endorsement.

(i) A permit with an "Other River Crew" endorsement is valid only when the holder is accompanied on the river trip, by a qualified license holder with either a "Whitewater River Guide" or "Other River Guide" endorsement.

(j) All Vessel Operator Permits and River Guide 1, 2, 3, and 4 Permits will expire at the end of their current term. Applications for renewal or duplicate of a Vessel Operator or River Guide Permit will be changed to the respective Utah Captain's/Guide's License or Utah Boat Crew Permit.

(k) All Boatman Permits issued by the Division are expired.

(3) Requirements to obtain a Utah Captain's/Guides License.

(a) The applicant shall be at least 18 years of age as of the date the application is received by the Division.

(b) The applicant shall complete the prescribed application form.

(i) Information on the application form must be verified by an agent of the employing/sponsoring outfitting company.

(ii) The completed application form must be signed by the applicant and by an agent of the employing/sponsoring outfitting company.

(iii) For persons who are applying for their first license, the application, testing, and issuance of the license shall be done in a manner accepted by the Division.

(c) The applicant shall pay a $50 application fee for the license and first endorsement. A fee of $10 will be charged for each additional license endorsement.

(d) The applicant shall choose from the four types of license endorsements:

(i) Lake and Reservoir Captain (LCG)

(ii) Tow Vessel Captain (TCG)

(iii) Whitewater River Guide (WCG)

(iv) Other River Guide (OCG)

(e) The applicant shall provide an original proof of current and valid first aid and CPR certifications:

(i) The first aid certificate must be issued for an American Red Cross "Emergency Response" course or an equivalent course from a reputable provider whose curriculum is in accordance with the USDOT First Responder Guidelines or the Wilderness Medical Society Guidelines for Wilderness First Responder.

(ii) The CPR certificate must be issued for an American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, National Safety Council CPR or BLS course, or an equivalent course from a reputable provider whose curriculum is in accordance with the most current Consensus on Science for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC).

(iii) First aid and CPR certificates must include the following information: name, or title of the course; course provider; length of certification; name of the person certified and legible name of the course instructor.

(f) A current Utah Vessel Operator Permit holder, whose permit was issued prior to January 1, 2008, and who is renewing and converting their permit to a Utah Captain's/Guide's License, is exempt from showing proof of completion of a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boating safety course.

(g) The applicant shall complete a multiple-choice, written examination administered by an agent of the Division:

(i) 80 percent correct is required to pass.

(ii) In relation to the respective endorsement, the examination will have a specific focus on the carrying passengers for hire laws and rules along with general safety, etiquette and courtesy.

(iii) If an applicant fails to pass the exam, there is a seven-day waiting period to re-test.

(iv) Pay a $15 fee for each re-test.

(h) The applicant shall provide documentation of vessel operation experience that has been obtained within 10 years previous to the date of application.

(i) Lake and Reservoir Captain (LCG) - a minimum of at least 80 hours of actual vessel operation experience. At least 40 of these hours must be obtained while operating the vessel, or a similar vessel, that will be carrying passengers for hire on the specific lake or reservoir on which the operator will be carrying passengers for hire. The applicant shall provide proof of successful completion of a NASBLA approved boating safety course.

(ii) Tow Vessel Captain (TCG) - A minimum of at least 80 hours of actual vessel operation experience. At least 40 of these hours must be obtained while operating the vessel, or a similar vessel, that will be towing for hire on the specific lake or reservoir on which the operator will be towing vessels for hire. The applicant shall provide proof of successful completion of a NASBLA approved boating safety course.

(iii) Whitewater River Guide (WCG) - A minimum of nine river trips on whitewater river sections. At least one of these trips must be obtained while operating the vessel, or similar vessel, on the respective river section on which the operator will be carrying passengers for hire. A Whitewater River Guide endorsement meets the requirements for an Other River Guide endorsement.

(iv) Other River Guide (OCG) - A minimum of six river trips on any river section. At least one of these trips must be obtained while operating the vessel or similar vessel, on the respective river section on which the operator will be carrying passengers for hire.

(4) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License is valid for a term of five years. The license will expire five years from the date of issue, unless suspended or revoked.

(a) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License may be renewed within the six months prior to its expiration.

(b) To renew a Utah Captain's/Guide's License, the applicant must complete the prescribed application form along with adhering to the requirements described above. A current license holder may renew his license in a manner accepted by the Division

(c) The renewed license will have the same month and day expiration as the original license.

(d) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License that has expired shall not be renewed and the applicant shall be required to apply for a new license.

(5) Requirements to obtain a Utah Boat Crew Permit.

(a) The applicant shall be at least 18 years of age as of the date the application is received by the Division.

(b) The applicant shall complete the prescribed application form.

(i) Information on the application form must be verified by an agent of the employing/sponsoring outfitting company.

(ii) The completed application form must be signed by the applicant and by an agent of the employing/sponsoring outfitting company.

(iii) For persons who are applying for their first permit, the application and issuance of the permit shall be done in a manner accepted by the Division.

(c) The applicant shall pay a $50 application fee for the original permit and first endorsement. A $10 fee shall be charged for each additional crew permit endorsement.

(d) The applicant shall choose from the four types of permit endorsements:

(i) Lake and Reservoir Crew (LRC)

(ii) Tow Vessel Crew (TVC)

(iii) Whitewater River Crew (WRC)

(iv) Other River Crew (ORC)

(e) The applicant shall provide original proof of current and valid first aid and CPR certifications:

(i) The first aid certificate must be issued for an American Red Cross "Standard" or "Basic" first aid course, or an equivalent course from a reputable provider.

(ii) The CPR certificate must be issued for an American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, National Safety Council CPR or BLS course, or an equivalent course from a reputable provider whose curriculum is in accordance with the most current Consensus on Science for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC).

(iii) First aid and CPR certificates must include the following information: name, or title of the course; course provider; length of certification; name of the person certified and legible name of the course instructor.

(f) The applicant shall provide documentation of vessel operation experience that has been obtained within the 10 years previous to the date of application.

(i) Lake and Reservoir Crew (LRC) - A minimum of at least 20 hours of actual vessel operation experience. At least 10 of these hours must be obtained while operating the vessel, or a similar vessel, on which the operator will be carrying passengers for hire. The applicant shall provide proof of successful completion of a NASBLA approved boating safety course.

(ii) Tow Vessel Crew (TVC) - A minimum of at least 20 hours of actual vessel operation experience. At least 10 of these hours must be obtained while operating the vessel, or a similar vessel, that will be towing for hire on the specific lake or reservoir on which the operator will be towing vessels for hire. The applicant shall provide proof of successful completion of a NASBLA approved boating safety course.

(iii) Whitewater River Crew (WRC) - A minimum of three river trips on "whitewater" rivers or river sections. At least one of these trips must be obtained while operating the vessel, or similar vessel, on the respective river or river section on which the operator will be carrying passengers for hire. A Whitewater River Crew endorsement meets the requirements for an Other River Crew endorsement.

(iv) Other River Crew (ORC) - A minimum of three river trips on any river or river section. At least one of these trips must be obtained while operating the vessel on a respective river or river section on which the operator will be carrying passengers for hire.

(6) A Utah Boat Crew Permit is valid for a term of five years. The permit will expire five years from the date of issue, unless suspended or revoked.

(a) A Utah Boat Crew Permit may be renewed within the six months prior to its expiration.

(b) To renew a Utah Boat Crew Permit, the applicant must complete the prescribed application form along with the requirements described above. A current permit holder may renew his license in a manner accepted by the Division.

(c) The renewed permit will have the same month and day expiration as the original permit.

(d) A Utah Boat Crew Permit that has expired shall not be renewed and the applicant shall be required to apply for a new permit.

(e) A Utah Boat Crew Permit holder who upgrades to a Utah Captain's/Guide's License, within one year of when the permit was issued, shall receive a $25 discount on the fee for the Utah Captain's/Guide's License.

(7) In the event a Utah Captain's/Guide's License or a Utah Boat Crew permit is lost or stolen, a duplicate license or permit may be issued with the same expiration date as the original license or permit.

(a) The applicant must complete the prescribed application form.

(b) The fee for a duplicate license or permit is $15.

(8) Current Utah Captain's/Guide's License and Utah Boat Crew Permit holders shall notify the Division within 30 days of any change of address.

(9) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License or Utah Boat Crew Permit may be suspended, revoked, or denied for a length of time determined by the Division director, or individual designated by the Division director, if one of the following occurs:

(a) The license or permit holder is convicted of three violations of the Utah Boating Act, Title 73, Chapter 18, or rules promulgated thereunder during a three-year period.

(b) The license or permit holder is convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or any drug while carrying passengers for hire, or refuses to submit to any chemical test that determines blood or breath alcohol content resulting from an incident while carrying passengers for hire;

(c) The license or permit holder's negligence or recklessness causes personal injury or death as determined by due process of the law;

(d) The license or permit holder is convicted of utilizing a private trip permit to carry passengers for hire;

(e) The license or permit holder is convicted of violating a resource protection regulation or public safety regulation in effect by the respective land managing and/or access permitting agency.

(f) The Division determines that the license or permit holder intentionally provided false or fictitious statements or qualifications to obtain the license or permit.

(10) A Utah Captain's/Guide's License or Utah Boat Crew Permit holder shall not carry passengers for hire while operating an unfamiliar vessel or operating on an unfamiliar lake, reservoir, or river section, unless there is a license holder aboard who is familiar with the vessel and the lake, reservoir, or river section. An exception to this rule allows a license or permit holder to lead passengers for hire on a lake, reservoir, or designated flatwater river section, as long as there is a license holder who is familiar with the vessel and the lake, reservoir, or river section and remains within sight of the rest of the group.

(11) Number of passengers carried for each license or permit holder.

(a) On a vessel that is carrying more than 49 passengers for hire, there shall be at least one license holder and one permit holder or two license holders on board.

(b) On a vessel carrying more than 24 passengers for hire, and operating more than one mile from shore, there shall be an additional license or permit holder on board.

(c) On a vessel carrying passengers for hire, there shall be a minimum of one license or permit holder on board for each passenger deck on the vessel.

(12) Low capacity vessels being led requirements.

(a) On all river sections, except as noted in Subsection (b) below, there shall be at least one qualified license or permit holder for every four low capacity vessels being led in a group.

(b) On lakes, reservoirs, and designated flatwater river sections, there shall be at least one qualified license or permit holder for every six low capacity vessels being led in a group.

(13) A license or permit holder shall not operate a vessel carrying passengers for hire for more than 12 hours in a 24 hour period.

(14) A license or permit holder shall conduct a safety and emergency protocols discussion with passengers prior to the vessel getting underway. This discussion shall include the topics of water safety, use and stowage of safety equipment,

wearing and usage of life jackets and initiating the rescue of a passenger(s).

(15) Vessel operators who are licensed or permitted to carry passengers for hire in another state, and possess a state-issued vessel captain's license, or similar license or permit accepted and recognized by the Division, where the state has similar vessel operator licensing provisions, shall not be required to obtain and possess a Utah Captain's/Guide's License or Utah Boat Crew Permit as required by this section.

R651-206-4. Additional PFD Requirements for Vessels Carrying Passengers for Hire.

(1) Type I PFDs are required. Each vessel shall have an adequate number of Type I PFDs on board, that meets or exceeds the number of persons on board the vessel. A Type V PFD may be used in lieu of a Type I PFD if the Type V PFD is approved for the activity in which it is going to be used.

(2) In situations where infants, children and youth are in enclosed cabin areas of vessels over 19 feet in length and not wearing PFDs, a minimum of ten percent of the wearable PFDs on board the vessel must be of an appropriate type and size for infants, children and youth passengers.

(3) Type I PFDs or Type V PFDs - used in lieu of the Type I PFD, must be listed for commercial use on the label.

(4) If PFDs are not being worn by passengers, and the PFDs a being stowed on the vessel, the PFDs shall be stowed in readily accessible containers that legibly and visually indicate their contents.

(5) Each PFD must be marked with the name of the outfitting company, in one-inch high letters that contrast with the color of the device.

(6) The Type IV PFD shall be a ring life buoy on vessels 26 feet or more in length.

(a) Vessels that are 40 feet or more in length shall carry a minimum of two Type IV PFDs.

(b) Ring life buoys shall have a minimum of 60 feet of line attached.

(7) If U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I PFDs are not available for infants under the weight of 30 pounds, Type II PFDs may be used, provided they are the correct size for the intended wearer.

(8) On rivers, any low capacity vessel operator or a working employee of the outfitting company, may wear a Type III PFD in lieu of the Type I PFD.

(9) On lakes and reservoirs, any low capacity vessel operator or a working employee may wear or carry, a Type III PFD may be carried or worn in lieu of the required Type I PFD.

(10) All passengers and crew members shall wear a PFD when a vessel is being operated in hazardous conditions.

(11) The license or permit holder is responsible for the passengers on his vessel to be in compliance with this section and R651-215.

R651-206-5. Additional Fire Extinguisher Requirements for Vessels Carrying Passengers for Hire.

(1) Each motorboat that carries passengers for hire, must carry a minimum of one type B-1 fire extinguisher. Vessels equipped solely with an electric motor, and not carrying flammable fuels on board, are exempt from this provision.

(2) Each motorboat that carries more than six passengers for hire and is equipped with an inboard, inboard/outboard, inboard jet, or direct drive gasoline engine, and carrying passengers for hire, shall have at least one fixed U.S. Coast Guard approved fire extinguishing system mounted in the engine compartment.

(3) Portable fire extinguishers shall be mounted in a readily accessible location, near the helm, away from the engine compartment. For motorized vessels operating on rivers, portable fire extinguishers may be stowed in a readily accessible location near the operator's position.

(4) For vessels carrying more than 12 passengers for hire or providing on board overnight passenger accommodations, smoke detectors shall be installed in each enclosed passenger area.

R651-206-6. Additional Equipment Requirements for Vessels Carrying Passengers for Hire.

(1) Emergency communications equipment.

(a) An outfitting company shall have appropriate communication equipment for contacting emergency services, or, have a policy and emergency communications protocols that describe the quickest and most efficient means of contacting emergency services, taking into consideration the remoteness of the area in which the vessel will be operated.

(b) For vessels traveling in a group, this requirement can be met by carrying one communication device in the group.

(2) Carbon monoxide detectors.

Each vessel carrying passengers for hire shall be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors in each enclosed passenger area.

(3) Survival Craft.

Each vessel carrying more than six passengers for hire, and operating at a distance greater than one mile from shore, shall carry an appropriate number of life rafts or other life-saving apparatus respective to the number of passengers carried on board.

(4) Visual distress signals.

Each vessel carrying more than six passengers for hire, and operating at a distance greater than one mile from shore, shall carry a minimum of three visual distress signal flares that are approved for day and night use.

(5) Navigation equipment.

(a) Each vessel must carry a map or chart of the water body and a compass or GPS unit that is in good and serviceable condition.

(b) For vessels traveling in a group, this requirement can be met by carrying a map or chart and a compass or GPS unit in the group.

(c) Float trip vessels are only required to carry a map of the water body.

(6) Lines, straps and anchorage.

(a) Each vessel shall be equipped with at least one suitable anchor and an appropriate anchorage system, respective of the body of water on which the vessel will be operating. Any line, when attached to an anchor, shall be attached by an eye splice, thimble and shackle.

(b) Vessels operating on rivers are exempt from carrying an anchor, but shall have sufficient lines to secure the vessel to shore.

(c) Lines and straps utilized for anchorage, mooring and maintaining vessel structural integrity shall be in good and serviceable condition.

(7) Portable lighting.

Each vessel carrying passengers for hire shall carry on board, at least one portable, battery-operated light per operator or crew member. That portable battery-operated light shall be in good and serviceable condition and readily accessible.

(8) First Aid Kit.

(a) Each vessel shall have on board, an adequate first aid kit, stocked with supplies respective to the number of passengers carried on board, and the nature of boating activity in which the vessel will be engaged.

(b) For vessels traveling in a group, this requirement can be met by carrying one first aid kit in the group.

(9) Identification of outfitting company.

(a) An outfitting company shall prominently display its name on the hull or superstructure of the vessel.

(b) The display of an outfitting company's name shall not

interfere with any required numbering, registration or documentation display.

(c) If another governmental agency prohibits the display of an outfitting company's name on the exterior of a vessel, the name shall be displayed in a visible manner that does not violate the agency's requirements.

(10) Marine toilets and sanitary facilities.

(a) Each vessel carrying more than six passengers for hire shall be equipped with a minimum of one marine toilet and washbasin sanitary facilities, except for vessels where suitable privacy enclosures are not practical.

(b) The toilet and washbasin shall be connected to a permanently installed holding tank that allows for dockside pumpout at approved sanitary disposal facilities. Vessels that do not have access to dockside pumpout facilities may carry a portable marine toilet and washbasin to meet this requirement.

(c) For vessels traveling in a group, this requirement can be met by carrying one marine sanitation device in the group.

(d) Marine toilets and washbasins shall be maintained in a good and serviceable, sanitary condition.

(e) A vessel that carries more than 49 passengers shall have at least two marine toilets and washbasins, one each for men and women.

(f) A vessel operating on a trip or excursion with a duration of one hour or less, or operating on a river, is not required to be equipped with a marine toilet or washbasin.

R651-206-7. Towing Vessels for Hire Requirements.

(1) Any person or entity that provides the service of towing vessels for hire on waters of this state, shall register with the Division as an outfitting company and pay the appropriate fee. The registration of a person or entity towing for hire will be required beginning January 1, 2008.

(2) A vessel engaged in the activity of towing vessels for hire shall comply with the dockside and dry dock vessel maintenance and inspection requirements, plus the additional equipment requirements described in this section.

(3) Any conditions of a contract, special use permit, or other agreement with a person or entity that is towing vessels for hire, shall not supersede the boating safety and assistance activities of a state park ranger, other law enforcement officer, emergency and search and rescue personnel, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, or any other person providing "Good Samaritan" service to vessels needing or requesting assistance.

(4) Any vessel receiving assistance from a state park ranger, other law enforcement officer, emergency and search and rescue personnel, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, or any person providing "Good Samaritan" service need not be turned over to, or directed to a person or entity registered with the Division and authorized to tow vessels for hire, unless the operator or owner of the vessel receiving assistance specifically requests such action.

(5) A person or entity towing vessels for hire shall immediately notify a law enforcement officer of any vessel they assist, if the person reasonably believes the vessel being assisted was involved in a reportable boating accident.

(6) A person or entity towing vessels for hire shall not perform an emergency rescue unless he reasonably believes immediate emergency assistance is required to save the lives of persons, prevent additional injuries to persons onboard a vessel, or reduce damage to a vessel, and a state park ranger, other law enforcement officer, emergency and search and rescue personnel, or a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is not immediately available, or a state park ranger, other law enforcement officer, or emergency and search and rescue personnel make such a request for emergency assistance.

(7) The owner of a vessel engaged towing vessels for hire shall carry general liability insurance. The insurance coverage shall be a minimum of $1,000,000 per incident.

(8) A vessel engaged in towing vessels for hire, shall be a minimum of 21 feet in length and have a minimum total of a 150 hp gasoline engine(s) or a 90 hp diesel engine(s). The towing vessel should be as large or larger than the average vessel it will be towing.

(9) A vessel engaged in towing vessels for hire, must have at least one license holder on board.

(10) A person or entity towing vessels for hire shall provide appropriate types of training for each of its license and permit holders. Each vessel operator shall conduct a minimum of five training evolutions of towing a vessel each year, with at least one evolution being a side tow.

(11) The operator and any crew members on board a vessel engaged in towing vessels for hire, shall wear a PFD at all times. The operator of a vessel engaged in towing vessels for hire is responsible to have all occupants of a vessel being towed to wear a properly fitted PFD for the duration of the tow.

(12) A person or entity engaged in towing vessels for hire must keep a log of each tow or vessel assist. The towing vessels for hire log of activities shall include:

(a) Assisted vessel's assigned bow number.

(b) Name of assisted vessel's owner or operator, including address and phone number.

(c) Number of persons on board the assisted vessel.

(d) Nature of assistance.

(e) Date and time assistance provided.

(f) Location of the assisted vessel.

(g) The operator of the vessel towing for hire shall make appropriate radio or other communications of the above actions with a person on land preferable at the company's place of business.

(h) Upon request of an agent of the Division, an outfitting company shall provide the Division with a copy of a towing vessels for hire log.

(13) Additional Equipment Requirements for Vessels Towing for Hire.

(a) PFDs.

(i) Shall carry a sufficient number of Type I PFDs for persons on board a towed vessel.

(ii) Shall carry a minimum of two Type IV PFDs, one of which must be a ring life buoy.

(b) Vessel shall be equipped with a depth finder.

(c) Tow Line.

(i) Shall have a minimum of 100 feet of 5/8" line with a tow bridle.

(ii) Towing vessel shall be equipped with a towing post or reinforced cleats.

(d) Vessel shall carry a dewatering pump with a minimum capacity of 25 gallons per minute, to be used to dewater other vessels.

(e) If a vessel is towing for hire between sunset and sunrise, the vessel shall carry the following pieces of equipment.

(i) A white spot light with a minimum brightness of 500,000 candle power.

(ii) It is recommended that a vessel be equipped with electronic RADAR equipment.

(f) Vessel shall carry a loudhailer, speaker, or other means of communicating with another vessel from a distance.

(g) Vessel shall carry the following equipment, in addition to the equipment required for vessels carrying passengers for hire.

(i) A knife capable of cutting the vessel's towline;

(ii) A boat hook;

(iii) A minimum of four six-inch fenders;

(iv) Binoculars;

(v) A jump starting system;

(vi) A tool kit and spare items for repairs on assisting vessel; and

(vii) Damage control items for quick repairs to another vessel.

R651-206-8. Maintenance and Inspections of Vessels Carrying Passengers for Hire.

(1) Each outfitting company carrying passengers for hire shall have an ongoing vessel maintenance and inspection program. The vessel maintenance and inspection program shall include the structural integrity, flotation, propulsion of the vessel, and equipment associated with passenger safety.

(2) The annual vessel maintenance and inspection program certification will be required beginning January 1, 2009. The five-year vessel inspections will be required no later than January 1, 2014.

(3) The Division shall prepare and maintain a "Carrying Passengers for Hire Vessel Inspection Manual".

(a) The Division shall establish a committee to oversee, maintain, and recommend any substantive changes in the "Carrying Passengers for Hire Vessel Inspection Manual".

(i) The members of this committee shall be selected by the Boating Advisory Council and shall report directly to the Boating Advisory Council.

(ii) This committee shall consist of five members: two members who will represent the non-float trip vessel carrying passengers for hire industry in Utah; two members who will represent the float trip vessel carrying passengers for hire industry in Utah; and one member who will represent a state or federal agency responsible for managing or regulating the activity of carrying passengers for hire in Utah.

(iii) This committee shall convene when information regarding substantive changes to the "Carrying Passengers for Hire Vessel Inspection Manual" has been presented to the Boating Advisory Council.

(b) The Division shall establish a committee to prepare and develop the portions of the "Carrying Passengers for Hire Vessel Inspection Manual" that do not pertain to Float Trip Vessels.

(i) This committee shall consist of five members: three members who represent the carrying passengers for hire industry in Utah; and two members who represent a state or federal agency responsible for managing or regulating the activity of carrying passengers for hire in Utah.

(ii) This committee will disband after the original "Carrying Passengers for Hire Vessel Inspection Manual" is approved and accepted by the Boating Advisory Council.

(c) The Division shall establish a committee to prepare and develop the portions of the "Carrying Passengers For Hire Vessel Inspection Manual" that pertain to Float Trip Vessels.

(i) This committee shall consist of five members: three members who represent the Float Trip Vessel carrying passengers for hire industry in Utah; and two members who represent a state or federal agency responsible for managing or regulating the activity of carrying passengers for hire in Utah.

(ii) This committee will disband after the original "Carrying Passengers for Hire Vessel Inspection Manual" is approved and accepted by the Boating Advisory Council.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-219. Additional Safety Equipment.
R651-219-1. Sound Producing Device.

(1) Vessels 16 feet to less than 40 feet in length shall have on board a means of making an efficient sound, horn or whistle, capable of a four-to-six-second blast.

(2) Vessels 40 feet and greater in length shall have on board a horn or whistle and a bell. The horn or whistle shall be capable of a four-to-six-second blast and audible for one-half mile. The bell shall be designed to give a clear tone.

R651-219-2. Bailing Device.

All vessels, not of self-bailing design, shall have on board an adequate bail bucket or be equipped with a mechanical means for pumping the bilge. For vessels 65 feet or greater in length, there shall be a bilge pump for each below deck compartment.

R651-219-3. Spare Propulsion.

Vessels less than 21 feet in length shall have on board at least one spare motor, paddle or oar capable of maneuvering the vessel when necessary. On rivers when low capacity vessels less than 16 feet in length are traveling in a group, the above requirement may be met by carrying one spare oar or paddle for every three vessels in the group. Paddles designed to be strapped to or worn on the hand meet this requirement.

R651-219-4. Airboat Requirements.

Airboats operated on the Great Salt Lake and adjacent refuges shall also have on board a compass and one of the following: approved flares, a strobe light, or other visual distress signal.

R651-219-5. Equipment Good and Serviceable.

All required safety equipment shall be in good and serviceable condition, and readily accessible, unless required to be immediately available.

R651-219-6. Law Enforcement Vessels.

No vessel operator except authorized law enforcement and emergency vessel operators may display red or blue flashing lights or sound a siren on any waters of this state.

R651-219-7. Equipment Exemptions.

(1) Sailboards, float tubes, standup paddlecraft, and personal watercraft are exempt from the following rules: Section R651-219-2 bail buckets; and Section R651-219-3 spare propulsion.

(2) Vessels owned by the Lagoon Corporation and operated by its employees or customers under the controlled use and confines of the Lagoon Amusement Park waterways are exempt from the following Sections: R651-215-9(3), R651-219-2, and R651-219-3.

(3) Vessels owned by the Salt Lake Airport Hilton Inn and operated by its employees or customers under the controlled use and confines of the Salt Lake Airport Hilton Inn waterways are exempt from the following sections: R651-219-2 and R651-219-3.

(4) Racing vessels participating in a sanctioned race may be exempted from certain equipment requirements by the division upon written request to the division. The equipment exemption shall only be in effect the day before and the day of the race if conditions of the exemption are met.

(5) Non-standard, manually propelled vessels such as air mattresses and inner tubes are required to be compliant with life jacket and equipment requirements when: (a) being used on any river, (b) being used over 50 feet from shore, except in a marked swimming area.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-226. Regattas and Races.
R651-226-1. Authorization To Hold A Marine Event.

Authorization to hold a marine event shall be obtained from the division as well as from any other person or agency who owns or administers the land adjacent to the marine event.

R651-226-2. Safety Vessels Permitted.

Designated safety vessels associated with permanent, long-term or short-term human powered marine events are permitted on any waterway zoned by the State Parks Board as wakeless or motor restricted and within any area marked by waterway markesr as a controlled area under the following conditions:

(1) The person responsible for the event has permission from the managing agency to hold the event.

(2) The safety vessels used shall be:

(a) designed and operated to create a minimal wake.

(b) operated by representatives of the person responsible for the event.

(c) operated only for the coaching, support and safety of the event.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-227. Boating Safety Course Fees.
R651-227-1. Boating Safety Course Fees.

(1) The fee for the Division's personal watercraft education course is $12.

(2) The fee to replace a lost or stolen Boating Education Certificate is $5.00.

(3) The fee for issuance of a state issued Boating Education Certificate is $5.00.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-401. Off-Highway Vehicle and Registration Stickers.
R651-401-1. Stickers.

Upon receipt of the application in the approved form, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue annual registration stickers which shall be displayed on the off-highway vehicle as follows: on snowmobiles, a sticker shall be mounted the left side of the hood, tunnel or pan; on motorcycles, a sticker shall be mounted on the left fork, or on the left side body plastic; and on all-terrain type I and type II vehicles, stickers shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. Vehicle types are defined in 41-22-2. In all instances, sticker shall be mounted in a visible location.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-406. Off-Highway Vehicle Registration Fees.
R651-406-1. Annual Registration Fee.

The annual All-terrain Vehicle and off-highway motorcycle registration fee is $18. The annual snowmobile registration fee is $22.

R651-406-2. Fee For Duplicate Registration.

The fee for a duplicate certificate of registration is $3.

R651-406-3. Fee For Duplicate Numbered Stickers.

The fee for duplicate numbered stickers is $5.

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R651. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
R651-407. Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council.
R651-407-1. Appointment and Description of Vehicle Advisory Council Membership.

The board will appoint an twelve-member off-highway vehicle advisory council representing off-highway vehicle users in the state. One member will be from each of the following interests: the Bureau of Land Management; the U.S.D.A. Forest Service; the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; snowmobiling; motorcycling; all-terrain vehicle usage; four-wheel drive vehicle usage; off-highway vehicle dealers; off-highway vehicle safety; a youth member; and two members-at-large.

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.
R657-5. Taking Big Game.
R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

(2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Antlerless deer" means a deer without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(b) "Antlerless elk" means an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(c) "Antlerless moose" means a moose with antlers shorter than its ears.

(d) "Arrow quiver" means a portable arrow case that completely encases all edges of the broadheads.

(e) "Buck deer" means a deer with antlers longer than five inches.

(f) "Buck pronghorn" means a pronghorn with horns longer than five inches.

(g) "Bull elk" means an elk with antlers longer than five inches.

(h) "Bull moose" means a moose with antlers longer than its ears.

(i) "Cow bison" means a female bison.

(j) "Doe pronghorn" means a pronghorn without horns or with horns five inches or shorter.

(k) "Highway" means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of any nature when any part of it is open to the use of the public as a matter of right for vehicular travel.

(l) "Hunter's choice" means either sex may be taken.

(m) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as limited entry and does not include general or once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

(n) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt by any means, including conservation permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(o) "Once-in-a-lifetime hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as once-in-a-lifetime, and does not include general or limited entry hunts.

(p) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(q) "Ram" means a male desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

(r)(i) "Resident" for purposes of this rule means a person who:

(A) has been domiciled in the state of Utah for six consecutive months immediately preceding the purchase of a license or permit; and

(B) does not claim residency for hunting, fishing, or trapping in any other state or country.

(ii) A Utah resident retains Utah residency if that person leaves this state:

(A) to serve in the armed forces of the United States or for religious or educational purposes; and

(B) complies with Subsection (m)(i)(B).

(iii)(A) A member of the armed forces of the United States and dependents are residents for the purposes of this chapter as of the date the member reports for duty under assigned orders in the state if the member:

(I) is not on temporary duty in this state; and

(II) complies with Subsection (m)(i)(B).

(iv) A copy of the assignment orders must be presented to a division office to verify the member's qualification as a resident.

(v) A nonresident attending an institution of higher learning in this state as a full-time student may qualify as a resident for purposes of this chapter if the student:

(A) has been present in this state for 60 consecutive days immediately preceding the purchase of the license or permit; and

(B) complies with Subsection (m)(i)(B).

(vi) A Utah resident license or permit is invalid if a resident license for hunting, fishing, or trapping is purchased in any other state or country.

(vii) An absentee landowner paying property tax on land in Utah does not qualify as a resident.

(s) "Spike bull" means a bull elk which has at least one antler having no branching above the ears. Branched means a projection on an antler longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

(t)(i) "Valid application" means:

(A) it is for a species that the applicant is eligible to possess a permit;

(B) there is a hunt for that species regardless of estimated permit numbers; and

(C) there is sufficient information on the application to process the application, including personal information, hunt information, and sufficient payment.

(ii) Applications missing any of the items in Subsection (a) may still be considered valid if the application is timely corrected through the application correction process.

R657-5-3. License, Permit, and Tag Requirements.

(1) A person may engage in hunting protected wildlife or in the sale, trade, or barter of protected wildlife or their parts in accordance with Section 23-19-1 and the rules or guidebooks of the Wildlife Board.

(2) Any license, permit, or tag that is mutilated or otherwise made illegible is invalid and may not be used for taking or possessing big game.

(3) A person must possess or obtain a Utah hunting or combination license to apply for or obtain any big game hunting permit.

R657-5-4. Age Requirements and Restrictions.

(1)(a) Subject to the exceptions in subsection (c), a person 12 years of age or older may apply for or obtain a permit to hunt big game. A person 11 years of age may apply for a permit to hunt big game if that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued.

(b) A person may not use a permit to hunt big game before their 12th birthday.

(c) A person who is younger than 14 years of age may not apply for or obtain the following types of big game permits issued by the division through a public drawing:

(i) premium limited entry;

(ii) limited entry;

(iii) once-in-a-lifetime; and

(iv) cooperative wildlife management unit.

(d) A person who is 13 years of age may apply for or obtain a type of permit listed in Subsection(1)(c) if that person's 14th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued.

(e) antlerless deer, antlerless elk, and doe pronghorn

permits are not limited entry, premium limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit permits for purposes of determining a 12 or 13 year olds eligibility to apply for or obtain through a public drawing administered by the division.

(2)(a) A person at least 12 years of age and under 16 years of age must be accompanied by his parent or legal guardian, or other responsible person 21 years of age or older and approved by his parent or guardian, while hunting big game with any weapon.

(b) As used in this section, "accompanied" means at a distance within which visual and verbal communication are maintained for the purposes of advising and assisting.

R657-5-5. Duplicate License and Permit.

(1) Whenever any unexpired license, permit, tag or certificate of registration is destroyed, lost or stolen, a person may obtain a duplicate from a division office or online license agent, for ten dollars or half of the price of the original license, permit, or certificate of registration, whichever is less.

(2) The division may waive the fee for a duplicate unexpired license, permit, tag or certificate of registration provided the person did not receive the original license, permit, tag or certificate of registration.

R657-5-6. Hunting Hours.

Big game may be taken only between one-half hour before official sunrise through one-half hour after official sunset.

R657-5-7. Prohibited Weapons.

(1) A person may not use any weapon or device to take big game other than those expressly permitted in this rule.

(2) A person may not use:

(a) a firearm capable of being fired fully automatic; or

(b) any light enhancement device or aiming device that casts a visible beam of light. Laser range finding devises are exempt from this restriction.

R657-5-8. Rifles and Shotguns.

(1) The following rifles and shotguns may be used to take big game:

(a) any rifle firing centerfire cartridges and expanding bullets; and

(b) a shotgun, 20 gauge or larger, firing only 00 or larger buckshot or slug ammunition.

R657-5-9. Handguns.

(1) A handgun may be used to take deer and pronghorn, provided the handgun is a minimum of .24 caliber, fires a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet and develops 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle.

(2) A handgun may be used to take elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat provided the handgun is a minimum of .24 caliber, fires a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet and develops 500 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards.

R657-5-10. Muzzleloaders.

(1) A muzzleloader may be used during any big game hunt, except an archery hunt, provided the muzzleloader:

(a) can be loaded only from the muzzle;

(b) has open sights, peep sights, or a fixed non-magnifying 1x scope;

(c) has a single barrel;

(d) has a minimum barrel length of 18 inches;

(e) is capable of being fired only once without reloading;

(f) powder and bullet, or powder, sabot and bullet are not bonded together as one unit for loading;

(g) is loaded with black powder or black powder substitute, which must not contain smokeless powder.

(2)(a) A lead or expanding bullet or projectile of at least 40 caliber must be used to hunt big game.

(b) A bullet 130 grains or heavier, or a sabot 170 grains or heavier must be used for taking deer and pronghorn.

(c) A 210 grain or heavier bullet must be used for taking elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat, except sabot bullets used for taking these species must be a minimum of 240 grains.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a muzzleloader permit may:

(i) use only muzzleloader equipment authorized in this Section to take the species authorized in the permit; and

(ii) not possess or be in control of a rifle or shotgun while in the field during the muzzleloader hunt.

(A) "Field" for purposes of this section, means a location where the permitted species of wildlife is likely to be found. "Field" does not include a hunter's established campsite or the interior of a fully enclosed automobile or truck.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:

(i) a person licensed to hunt upland game or waterfowl provided the person complies with Rules R657-6 and R657-9 and the Upland Game Guidebook and Waterfowl Guidebook, respectively, and possessing only legal weapons to take upland game or waterfowl;

(ii) a person licensed to hunt big game species during hunts that coincide with the muzzleloader hunt;

(iii) livestock owners protecting their livestock; or

(iv) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.

R657-5-11. Archery Equipment.

(1) Archery equipment may be used during any big game hunt, except a muzzleloader hunt, provided:

(a) the minimum bow pull is 40 pounds at the draw or the peak, whichever comes first; and

(b) arrowheads used have two or more sharp cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring;

(c) expanding arrowheads cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring when expanded, and

(d) arrows must be a minimum of 20 inches in length from the tip of the arrowhead to the tip of the nock, and must weigh at least 300 grains.

(2) The following equipment or devices may not be used to take big game:

(a) a crossbow, except as provided in Rule R657-12;

(b) arrows with chemically treated or explosive arrowheads;

(c) a mechanical device for holding the bow at any increment of draw, except as provided in Rule R657-12;

(d) a release aid that is not hand held or that supports the draw weight of the bow; or

(e) a bow with an attached electronic range finding device or a magnifying aiming device.

(3) Arrows carried in or on a vehicle where a person is riding must be in an arrow quiver or a closed case.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained an archery permit may:

(i) use only archery equipment authorized in this section to take the species authorized in the permit; and

(ii) not possess or be in control of a rifle, shotgun or muzzleloader while in the field during an archery hunt.

(A) "Field" for purposes of this section, means a location where the permitted species of wildlife is likely to be found. "Field" does not include a hunter's established campsite or the interior of a fully enclosed automobile or truck.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:

(i) a person licensed to hunt upland game or waterfowl provided the person complies with Rules R657-6 and R657-9

and the Upland Game Guidebook and Waterfowl Guidebook, respectively, and possessing only legal weapons to take upland game or waterfowl;

(ii) a person licensed to hunt big game species during hunts that coincide with the archery hunt;

(iii) livestock owners protecting their livestock; or

(iv) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.

R657-5-12. Areas With Special Restrictions.

(1)(a) Hunting of any wildlife is prohibited within the boundaries of all park areas, except those designated by the Division of Parks and Recreation in Rule R651-614-4.

(b) Hunting with rifles and handguns in park areas designated open is prohibited within one mile of all park area facilities, including buildings, camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps, and developed beaches.

(c) Hunting with shotguns or archery equipment is prohibited within one-quarter mile of the areas provided in Subsection (b).

(2) Hunting is closed within the boundaries of all national parks and monuments unless otherwise provided by the governing agency.

(3) Hunters obtaining a Utah license, permit or tag to take big game are not authorized to hunt on tribal trust lands. Hunters must obtain tribal authorization to hunt on tribal trust lands.

(4) Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

(5) In Salt Lake County, a person may not hunt big game within one-half mile of Silver Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

(6) Hunting is closed within a designated portion of the town of Alta. Hunters may refer to the town of Alta for boundaries and other information.

(7) Domesticated Elk Facilities and Domesticated Elk Hunting Parks, as defined in Section 4-39-102(2) and Rules R58-18 and R58-20, are closed to big game hunting. This restriction does not apply to the lawful harvest of domesticated elk as defined and allowed pursuant to Rule R58-20.

(8) State waterfowl management areas are closed to taking big game, except as otherwise provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(9) Hunters are restricted to using archery equipment, muzzleloaders or shotguns on the Matheson Wetlands.

(10) A person may not discharge a firearm, except a shotgun or muzzleloader, from, upon, or across the Green River located near Jensen, Utah from the Highway 40 bridge upstream to the Dinosaur National Monument boundary.

R657-5-13. Spotlighting.

(1) Except as provided in Section 23-13-17:

(a) a person may not use or cast the rays of any spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light to:

(i) take protected wildlife; or

(ii) located protected wildlife while having in possession a rifle, shotgun, archery equipment or muzzleloader.

(b) the use of a spotlight or other artificial light in a field, woodland, or forest where protected wildlife are generally found is prima facie evidence of attempting to locate protected wildlife.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

(a) the use of headlights or other artificial light in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife; or

(b) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

R657-5-14. Use of Vehicle or Aircraft.

(1)(a) A person may not use an airplane or any other airborne vehicle or device, or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles, except a vessel as provided in Subsection (c), to take protected wildlife.

(b) A person may not take protected wildlife being chased, harmed, harassed, rallied, herded, flushed, pursued or moved by an aircraft or any other vehicle or conveyance listed in Subsection (a).

(c) Big game may be taken from a vessel provided:

(i) the motor of a motorboat has been completely shut off;

(ii) the sails of a sailboat have been furled; and

(iii) the vessel's progress caused by the motor or sail has ceased.

(2)(a) A person may not use any type of aircraft from 48 hours before any big game hunt begins through 48 hours after any big game hunting season ends to:

(i) transport a hunter or hunting equipment into a hunting area;

(ii) transport a big game carcass; or

(iii) locate, or attempt to observe or locate any protected wildlife.

(b) Flying slowly at low altitudes, hovering, circling or repeatedly flying over a forest, marsh, field, woodland or rangeland where protected wildlife is likely to be found may be used as evidence of violations of Subsections (1) and (2).

(3) The provisions of this section do not apply to the operation of an aircraft in a usual manner, or landings and departures from improved airstrips, where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife.

R657-5-15. Party Hunting and Use of Dogs.

(1) A person may not take big game for another person, except as provided in Section 23-19-1 and Rule R657-12.

(2) A person may not use the aid of a dog to take, chase, harm or harass big game. The use of one blood-trailing dog controlled by leash during lawful hunting hours within 72 hours of shooting a big game animal is allowed to track wounded animals and aid in recovery.

R657-5-16. Big Game Contests.

A person may not enter or hold a big game contest that:

(1) is based on big game or their parts; and

(2) offers cash or prizes totaling more than $500.

R657-5-17. Tagging.

(1) The carcass of any species of big game must be tagged in accordance with Section 23-20-30.

(2) A person may not hunt or pursue big game after any of the notches have been removed from the tag or the tag has been detached from the permit.

(3) The tag must remain with the largest portion of the meat until the animal is entirely consumed.

R657-5-18. Transporting Big Game Within Utah.

(1) A person may transport big game within Utah only as follows:

(a) the head or sex organs must remain attached to the largest portion of the carcass;

(b) the antlers attached to the skull plate must be transported with the carcass of an elk taken in a spike bull unit; and

(c) the person who harvested the big game animal must accompany the carcass and must possess a valid permit corresponding to the tag attached to the carcass, except as provided in Subsection (2).

(2) A person who did not take the big game animal may transport it only after obtaining a shipping permit or disposal receipt from the division or a donation slip as provided in Section 23-20-9.

R657-5-19. Exporting Big Game From Utah.

(1) A person may export big game or their parts from Utah only if:

(a) the person who harvested the big game animal accompanies it and possesses a valid permit corresponding to the tag which must be attached to the largest portion of the carcass; or

(b) the person exporting the big game animal or its parts, if it is not the person who harvested the animal, has obtained a shipping permit from the division.

R657-5-20. Purchasing or Selling Big Game or Their Parts.

(1) A person may only purchase, sell, offer or possess for sale, barter, exchange or trade any big game or their parts as follows:

(a) Antlers, heads and horns of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold only on the dates published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game;

(b) Untanned hides of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold only on the dates published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game;

(c) Inedible byproducts, excluding hides, antlers and horns, or legally possessed big game as provided in Subsection 23-20-3(1)(d), may be purchased or sold at any time;

(d) tanned hides of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold at any time; and

(e) shed antlers and horns may be purchased or sold at any time.

(2)(a) Protected wildlife that is obtained by the division by any means may be sold or donated at any time by the division or its agent.

(b) A person may purchase or receive protected wildlife from the division, which is sold or donated in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), at any time.

(3) A person selling or purchasing antlers, heads, horns or untanned hides shall keep transaction records stating:

(a) the name and address of the person who harvested the animal;

(b) the transaction date; and

(c) the permit number of the person who harvested the animal.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply to scouting programs or other charitable organizations using untanned hides.

R657-5-21. Possession of Antlers and Horns.

(1) A person may possess antlers or horns or parts of antlers or horns only from:

(a) lawfully harvested big game;

(b) antlers or horns lawfully obtained as provided in Section R657-5-20; or

(c) shed antlers or shed horns.

(2)(a) A person may gather shed antlers or shed horns or parts of shed antlers or shed horns at any time. An authorization is required to gather shed antlers or shed horns or parts of shed antlers or shed horns during the shed antler and shed horn season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person must complete a wildlife harassment and habitat destruction prevention course annually to obtain the required authorization to gather shed antlers during the antler gathering season.

(3) "Shed antler" means an antler which:

(a) has been dropped naturally from a big game animal as part of its annual life cycle; and

(b) has a rounded base commonly known as the antler button or burr attached which signifies a natural life cycle process.

(4) "Shed horn" means the sheath from the horn of a pronghorn that has been dropped naturally as part of its annual life cycle. No other big game species shed their horns naturally.

R657-5-22. Poaching-Reported Reward Permits.

(1) For purposes of this section, "successful prosecution" means the screening, filing of charges and subsequent adjudication for the poaching incident.

(2) Any person who provides information leading to another person's successful prosecution for wanton destruction of a bull moose, desert bighorn ram, rocky mountain bighorn ram, rocky mountain goat, bison, bull elk, buck deer or buck pronghorn under Section 23-20-4 for any once-in-a-lifetime species or within any limited entry area may receive a permit from the division to hunt for the same species and on the same once-in-a-lifetime or limited entry area where the violation occurred, except as provided in Subsection (3).

(3)(a) In the event that issuance of a poaching-reported reward permit would exceed 5% of the total number of limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime permits issued in the following year for the respective area, a permit shall not be issued for that respective area. As an alternative, the division may issue a permit as outlined in Subsections (b) or (c).

(b) If the illegally taken animal is a bull moose, desert bighorn ram, rocky mountain bighorn ram, rocky mountain goat or bison, a permit for an alternative species and an alternative once-in-a-lifetime or limited entry area that has been allocated more than 20 permits may be issued.

(c) If the illegally taken animal is a bull elk, buck deer or buck pronghorn, a permit for the same species on an alternative limited entry area that has been allocated more than 20 permits may be issued.

(4)(a) The division may issue only one poaching-reported reward permit for any one animal illegally taken.

(b) No more than one poaching-reported reward permit shall be issued to any one person per successful prosecution.

(c) No more than one poaching-reported reward permit per species shall be issued to any one person in any one calendar year.

(5)(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.

(6) Any person who receives a poaching-reported reward permit must possess or obtain a Utah hunting or combination license and otherwise be eligible to hunt and obtain big game permits as provided in all rules and regulations of the Wildlife Board and the Wildlife Resources Code.

R657-5-23. General Archery Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) The dates of the general archery buck deer hunt are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A person who has obtained a general archery buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general archery buck deer may use archery equipment to take:

(a) one buck deer within the general hunt area specified on the permit for the time specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game; or

(b) a deer of hunter's choice within the Wasatch Front or Uintah Basin extended archery area as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) A person who has obtained a general archery buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general archery buck deer, may not hunt within Cooperative Wildlife Management unit deer areas.

(d) A person who has obtained a general archery buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general archery buck deer, may not hunt within premium limited entry deer and limited entry deer areas, except Crawford Mountain.

(3)(a) A person who obtains a general archery buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general archery buck deer, may hunt within the Wasatch Front, Ogden or the Uintah Basin extended archery areas during the extended archery area seasons as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and as provided in Subsection (b).

(b) A person must complete the Archery Ethics Course annually to hunt the Wasatch Front, Ogden or Uintah Basin extended archery areas during the extended archery season.

(c) A person must possess an Archery Ethics Course Certificate of Completion while hunting.

(4) A person who has obtained a general archery deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except antlerless deer.

(5)(a) Any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season, may hunt by region the general archery, the general any weapon and general muzzleloader deer seasons, using the appropriate equipment as provided in Sections R657-5-7 through R657-5-11, respectively, for each respective season, provided that person obtains a general any weapon or general muzzleloader deer permit for a specified region.

(b) If a person 18 years of age or younger purchases a general archery buck deer permit, that person may only hunt during the general archery deer season and the extended archery season as provided Section R657-5-23(3).

(6) Hunter orange material must be worn if a centerfire rifle hunt is also in progress in the same area as provided in Section 23-20-31. Archers are cautioned to study rifle hunt tables and identify these areas described in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-24. General Any Weapon Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) The dates for the general any weapon buck deer hunt are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) (a) A person who has obtained a general any weapon buck permit may use any legal weapon to take one buck deer within the hunt area specified on the permit as published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person who has obtained a general any weapon buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general any weapon buck deer, may not hunt within Cooperative Wildlife Management unit deer areas.

(c) A person who has obtained a general any weapon buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general any weapon buck deer, may not hunt within premium limited entry deer and limited entry deer areas, except Crawford Mountain.

(3) A person who has obtained a general any weapon buck deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except:

(a) antlerless deer; and

(b) any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season, may hunt the general archery, general any weapon and general muzzleloader deer seasons, using the appropriate equipment as provided in Sections R657-5-7 through R657-5-11, respectively, for each respective season.

(i) If a person 18 years of age or younger purchases a general archery buck deer permit, that person may only hunt during the general archery deer season and the extended archery season as provided Section R657-5-23(3).

R657-5-25. General Muzzleloader Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) The dates for the general muzzleloader buck deer hunt are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2)(a) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader buck permit may use a muzzleloader to take one buck deer within the general hunt area specified on the permit as published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general muzzleloader buck deer, may not hunt within Cooperative Wildlife Management unit deer areas.

(c) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader buck deer permit, or any other permit which allows that person to hunt general muzzleloader buck deer, may not hunt within premium limited entry deer and limited entry deer areas, except Crawford Mountain.

(3) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except:

(a) antlerless deer; and

(b) any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season, may hunt the general archery, general any weapon and general muzzleloader deer seasons, using the appropriate equipment as provided in Sections R657-5-7 through R657-5-11, respectively, for each respective season.

(i) If a person 18 years of age or younger purchases a general archery buck deer permit, that person may only hunt during the general archery deer season and the extended archery season as provided Section R657-5-23(3).

(4) Hunter orange material must be worn if a centerfire rifle hunt is also in progress in the same area as provided in Section 23-20-31. Muzzleloader hunters are cautioned to study the rifle hunt tables to identify these areas described in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-26. Limited Entry Buck Deer Hunts.

(1) To hunt in a premium limited entry or limited entry area, hunters must obtain the respective limited entry buck permit. Limited entry areas are not open to general archery buck, general any weapon buck, or general muzzleloader buck hunting, except as specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A limited entry buck deer permit allows a person using the prescribed legal weapon, to take one buck deer within the area and season specified on the permit, except deer cooperative wildlife management units located within the limited entry unit.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a premium limited entry, limited entry, management buck deer, or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a buck deer.

(b) Limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, management, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in

the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

(4) A person who has obtained a limited entry buck permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except antlerless deer.

R657-5-27. Antlerless Deer Hunts.

(1) To hunt an antlerless deer, a hunter must obtain an antlerless deer permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless deer permit allows a person to take one antlerless deer, per antlerless deer tag, using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the antlerless addendum.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management units unless that person obtains an antlerless deer permit for a cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3) A person who has obtained an antlerless deer permit may not hunt during any other antlerless deer hunt or obtain any other antlerless deer permit.

(4)(a) A person who obtains an antlerless deer permit and any of the permits listed in Subsection (b) may use the antlerless deer permit during the established season for the antlerless deer permit and during the established season for the permits listed in Subsection (b) provided:

(i) the permits are both valid for the same area;

(ii) the appropriate archery equipment is used if hunting with an archery permit;

(iii) the appropriate muzzleloader equipment is used if hunting with a muzzleloader permit.

(b)(i) General archery deer;

(ii) general muzzleloader deer;

(iii) limited entry archery deer; or

(iv) limited entry muzzleloader deer.

R657-5-28. General Archery Elk Hunt.

(1) The dates of the general archery elk hunt are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2)(a) A person who has obtained a general archery elk permit may use archery equipment to take:

(i) one elk of hunter's choice on a general any bull elk unit, except on elk cooperative wildlife management units;

(ii) an antlerless elk or spike bull elk on a general spike bull elk unit, except on elk cooperative wildlife management units;

(iii) one elk, any bull or antlerless on the Wasatch Front or Uintah Basin extended archery areas as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) A person who obtains a general archery elk permit may hunt within the Wasatch Front, Uintah Basin, and Sanpete Valley extended archery areas during the extended archery area seasons as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and as provided in Subsection (b).

(b) A person must complete the Archery Ethics Course annually to hunt the extended archery areas during the extended archery season.

(c) A person must possess an Archery Ethics Course Certificate of Completion while hunting.

(4) A person who has obtained an archery elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-33(3).

(5) Hunter orange material must be worn if a centerfire rifle hunt is also in progress in the same area as provided in Section 23-20-31. Archers are cautioned to study the rifle hunt tables to identify these areas described in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-29. General Season Bull Elk Hunt.

(1) The dates for the general season bull elk hunt are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game within general season elk units, except in the following areas:

(a) Salt Lake County south of I-80 and east of I-15; and

(b) elk cooperative wildlife management units.

(2)(a) A person may purchase either a spike bull permit or an any bull permit.

(b) A person who has obtained a general season spike bull elk permit may take a spike bull elk on a general season spike bull elk unit. Any bull units are closed to spike bull permittees.

(c) A person who has obtained a general season any bull elk permit may take any bull elk, including a spike bull elk on a general season any bull elk unit. Spike bull units are closed to any bull permittees.

(3) A person who has obtained a general season bull elk permit may use any legal weapon to take a spike bull or any bull elk as specified on the permit.

(4) A person who has obtained a general season bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-33(3).

R657-5-30. General Muzzleloader Elk Hunt.

(1) The dates of the general muzzleloader elk hunt are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game within the general season elk units, except in the following closed areas:

(a) Salt Lake County south of I-80 and east of I-15; and

(b) elk cooperative wildlife management units.

(2)(a) General muzzleloader elk hunters may purchase either a spike bull elk permit or an any bull elk permit.

(b) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader spike bull elk permit may use a muzzleloader take a spike bull elk on an any general spike bull elk unit. Any bull units are closed to spike bull muzzleloader permittees.

(c) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader any bull elk permit may use a muzzleloader take any bull elk on an any bull elk unit. Spike bull units are closed to any bull muzzleloader permittees.

(3) A person who has obtained a general muzzleloader elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsection R657-5-33(3).

R657-5-31. Youth General Any Bull Elk Hunt.

(1)(a) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the youth any bull elk season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A youth may apply for or obtain a youth any bull elk permit.

(c) A youth may only obtain a youth any bull elk permit once during their youth.

(2) The youth any bull elk hunting season and areas are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) A youth who has obtained a youth general any bull elk permit may take any bull elk, including antlerless elk, on a general any bull elk unit. Spike bull elk units are closed to youth general any bull elk permittees.

(b) A youth who has obtained a youth general any bull elk permit may use any legal weapon to take any bull elk as specified on the permit.

(4) A youth who has obtained a youth general any bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-33(3).

(5) Preference points shall not be awarded or utilized when applying for, or in obtaining, youth general any bull elk

permits.

R657-5-32. Premium Limited Entry and Limited Entry Bull Elk Hunts.

(1) To hunt in a premium limited entry or limited entry bull elk area, a hunter must obtain the respective premium limited entry or limited entry elk permit.

(2)(a) A premium limited entry bull elk permit allows a person, using the prescribed legal weapon, to take one bull elk within the area and to hunt all limited entry bull elk seasons specified in the hunt tables, published in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, for the area specified on the permit, except elk cooperative wildlife management units located within a premium limited entry unit. Spike bull elk restrictions do not apply to premium limited entry elk permittees.

(b) A limited entry bull elk permit allows a person, using the prescribed legal weapon, to take one bull elk within the area and season specified on the permit, except elk cooperative wildlife management units located within a limited entry unit. Spike bull elk restrictions do not apply to limited entry elk permittees.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a premium limited entry, limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bull elk.

(b) Limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

(4) A person who has obtained a premium limited entry or limited entry bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Subsections (4)(a) and R657-5-33(3).

R657-5-33. Antlerless Elk Hunts.

(1) To hunt an antlerless elk, a hunter must obtain an antlerless elk permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless elk permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management units unless that person obtains an antlerless elk permit for a cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3)(a) A person may obtain two elk permits each year, provided one or both of the elk permits is an antlerless elk permit.

(b) For the purposes of obtaining two elk permits, a hunter's choice elk permit may not be considered an antlerless elk permit.

(4)(a) A person who obtains an antlerless elk permit and any of the permits listed in Subsection (b) may use the antlerless elk permit during the established season for the antlerless elk permit and during the established season for the permits listed in Subsection (b) provided:

(i) the permits are both valid for the same area;

(ii) the appropriate archery equipment is used if hunting with an archery permit;

(iii) the appropriate muzzleloader equipment is used if hunting with a muzzleloader permit.

(b)(i) General buck deer for archery, muzzleloader or any legal weapon;

(ii) general bull elk for archery, muzzleloader or any legal weapon;

(iii) limited entry buck deer for archery, muzzleloader or any legal weapon;

(iv) Limited entry bull elk for archery, muzzleloader or any legal weapon; or

(v) antlerless elk.

R657-5-34. Buck Pronghorn Hunts.

(1) To hunt buck pronghorn, a hunter must obtain a buck pronghorn permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a buck pronghorn permit may not obtain any other pronghorn permit or hunt during any other pronghorn hunt.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a limited entry or cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a buck pronghorn.

(b) Limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the Division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

(4) A buck pronghorn permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one buck pronghorn within the area and season specified on the permit, except during the buck pronghorn archery hunt when only archery equipment may be used and on buck pronghorn cooperative wildlife management unit located within a limited entry unit.

R657-5-35. Doe Pronghorn Hunts.

(1) To hunt a doe pronghorn, a hunter must obtain a doe pronghorn permit.

(2)(a) A doe pronghorn permit allows a person to take one doe pronghorn, per doe pronghorn tag, using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management units unless that person obtains an antlerless pronghorn permit for a cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3) A person who has obtained a doe pronghorn permit may not hunt during any other pronghorn hunt or obtain any other pronghorn permit.

R657-5-36. Antlerless Moose Hunts.

(1) To hunt an antlerless moose, a hunter must obtain an antlerless moose permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless moose permit allows a person to take one antlerless moose using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt on any cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless moose cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3) A person who has obtained an antlerless moose permit may not hunt during any other moose hunt or obtain any other moose permit.

R657-5-37. Bull Moose Hunts.

(1) To hunt bull moose, a hunter must obtain a bull moose permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a bull moose permit may not obtain any other moose permit or hunt during any other moose hunt.

(3) A bull moose permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one bull moose within the area and season specified on the permit, except in bull moose cooperative wildlife management units located within a limited entry unit.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained a bull moose permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bull moose.

(b) Bull moose permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-38. Bison Hunts.

(1) To hunt bison, a hunter must obtain a bison permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a bison permit may not obtain any other bison permit or hunt during any other bison hunt.

(3) The bison permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take a bison of either sex within the area and season as specified on the permit.

(4)(a) An orientation course is required for bison hunters who draw a an Antelope Island bison permit. Hunters shall be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(b) The Antelope Island hunt is administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation.

(5) A cow bison permit allows a person to take one cow bison using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(6) An orientation course is required for bison hunters who draw cow bison permits. Hunters will be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(7)(a) A person who has obtained a bison permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bison.

(b) Bison permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-39. Desert Bighorn and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunts.

(1) To hunt desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, a hunter must obtain the respective permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit may not obtain any other desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit or hunt during any other desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt.

(3) Desert bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain big horn sheep permits are considered separate once-in-a-lifetime hunting opportunities.

(4)(a) The desert bighorn sheep permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one desert bighorn ram within the area and season specified on the permit.

(b) The Rocky Mountain sheep permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one Rocky Mountain bighorn ram within the area and season specified on the permit.

(5) The permittee may attend a hunter orientation course. The division provides each permittee with the time and location of the course.

(6) All bighorn sheep hunters are encouraged to have a spotting scope with a minimum of 15 power while hunting bighorn sheep. Any ram may be legally taken, however, permittees are encouraged to take a mature ram. The terrain inhabited by bighorn sheep is extremely rugged, making this hunt extremely strenuous.

(7) Successful hunters must deliver the horns of the bighorn sheep to a division office within 72 hours of leaving the hunting area. A numbered seal will be permanently affixed to the horn indicating legal harvest.

(8)(a) A person who has obtained a desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

(b) Desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-40. Rocky Mountain Goat Hunts.

(1) To hunt Rocky Mountain goat, a hunter must obtain a Rocky Mountain goat permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a Rocky Mountain goat permit may not obtain any other Rocky Mountain goat permit or hunt during any other Rocky Mountain goat hunt.

(3) A Rocky Mountain goat of either sex may be legally taken on a hunter's choice permit. Permittees are encouraged to take a mature goat. A mature goat is a goat older than two years of age, as determined by counting the annual rings on the horn.

(4) The goat permit allows a person using any legal weapon to take one goat within the area and season specified on the permit.

(5) All goat hunters are encouraged to have a spotting scope with a minimum of 15 power while hunting goats. The terrain inhabited by Rocky Mountain goat is extremely rugged making this hunt extremely strenuous. The goat's pelage may be higher quality later in the hunting season.

(6) A female-goat only permit allows a person to take one female-goat using any legal weapon within the area and season as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(7) An orientation course is required for Rocky Mountain goat hunters who draw female-goat only permits. Hunters will be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(8)(a) A person who has obtained a Rocky Mountain goat permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a Rocky Mountain goat.

(b) Rocky Mountain goat permit holders must report hunt

information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-41. Depredation Hunter Pool Permits.

(1) When big game are causing damage, or are condisered a nuisance control hunts not listed in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be held as provided in Rule R657-44. These hunts occur on short notice, involve small areas, and are limited to only a few hunters.

(2) For the purpose of this section nuisance is defined as a situation where big game animals are found to have moved off formally approved management units onto adjacent units or other areas not approved for that species.

R657-5-42. Carcass Importation.

(1) It is unlawful to import dead elk, mule deer, or white-tailed deer or their parts from the areas of any state, province, game management unit, equivalent wildlife management unit, or county, which has deer or elk diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease, except the following portions of the carcass:

(a) meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately;

(b) quarters or other portion of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;

(c) meat that is boned out;

(d) hides with no heads attached;

(e) skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and tissue;

(f) antlers with no meat or tissue attached;

(g) upper canine teeth, also known as buglers, whistlers, or ivories; or

(h) finished taxidermy heads.

(2)(a) The affected states, provinces, game management units, equivalent wildlife management units, or counties, which have deer or elk diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease shall be available at division offices and through the division's Internet address.

(b) Importation of harvested elk, mule deer or white-tailed deer or their parts from the affected areas are hereby restricted pursuant to Subsection (1).

(3) Nonresidents of Utah transporting harvested elk, mule deer, or white-tailed deer from the affected areas are exempt if they:

(a) do not leave any part of the harvested animal in Utah and do not stay more than 24 hours in the state of Utah;

(b) do not have their deer or elk processed in Utah; or

(c) do not leave any parts of the carcass in Utah.

R657-5-43. Chronic Wasting Disease - Infected Animals.

(1) Any person who under the authority of a permit issued by the division legally takes a deer or elk that is later confirmed to be infected with Chronic Wasting Disease may:

(a) retain the entire carcass of the animal;

(b) retain any parts of the carcass, including antlers, and surrender the remainder to the division for proper disposal; or

(c) surrender all portions of the carcass in their actual or constructive possession, including antlers, to the division and receive a free new permit the following year for the same hunt.

(2) The new permit issued pursuant to Subsection (1)(c) shall be for the same species, sex, weapon type, unit, region, and otherwise subject to all the restrictions and conditions imposed on the original permit, except season dates for the permit shall follow the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game published in the year the new permit is valid.

(3) Notwithstanding other rules to the contrary, private landowners and landowner associations may refuse access to private property to persons possessing new permits issued under Subsection (1)(c).

R657-5-44. Management Bull Elk Hunt.

(1)(a) For the purposes of this section "management bull" means any bull elk with 5 points or less on at least one antler. A point means a projection longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

(b) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the management bull elk archery season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) For the purposes of this section "senior" means any person 65 years of age or older on the opening day of the management bull elk archery season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2)(a) Management bull elk permits shall be distributed pursuant to R657-62 with thirty percent of the permits being allocated to youth, thirty percent to seniors and the remaining forty percent to hunters of all ages.

(3) Management bull elk permit holders may take one management bull elk during the season, on the area and with the weapon type specified on the permit. Management bull elk hunting seasons, areas and weapon types are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained a management bull elk permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a management bull elk.

(b) Management bull elk permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(5)(a) Management bull elk permit holders who successfully harvest a management bull elk, as defined in Subsection (1)(a) must have their animal inspected by the division.

(b) Successful hunters must deliver the head and antlers of the elk they harvest to a division office for inspection within 48 hours after the date of kill.

(6) Management bull elk permit holders may not retain possession of any harvested bull elk that fails to satisfy the definition requirements in Subsection (1)(a).

(7) A person who has obtained a management bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-33(3).

R657-5-45. General Any Weapon Buck Deer and Bull Elk Combination Hunt.

(1) Permit numbers, season dates and unit boundary descriptions for the general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination hunt shall be established in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) A person who obtains a general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit may use any legal weapon to take one buck deer and one bull elk during the season and within the unit specified on the permit.

(a) A general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit does not authorize the holder to hunt deer or elk within any cooperative wildlife management unit.

(3) A person who has obtained a general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit may not hunt during any other deer or elk hunt or obtain any other deer or elk permit, except:

(a) antlerless deer, as provided in Subsection R657-5-27,

and

(b) antlerless elk, as provided in Subsection R657-5-33.

(4)(a) Lifetime license holders may obtain a general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit.

(b) Upon obtaining a general any weapon buck deer and bull elk combination permit, the lifetime license holder foregoes any rights to receive a buck deer permit for the general archery, general any weapon or general muzzleloader deer hunts as provided in Section 23-19-17.5.

(c) A refund or credit is not issued for the general archery, general any weapon or general muzzleloader deer permit.

R657-5-46. Management Buck Deer Hunt.

(1)(a) For the purposes of this section "management buck" means any buck deer with 3 points or less on at least one antler above and including the first fork in the antler. A point means a projection longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip. The eye guard is not counted as a point.

(b) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the management buck deer archery season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) For the purposes of this section "senior" means any person 65 years of age or older on the opening day of the management buck deer archery season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2) Management buck deer permits shall be distributed pursuant to rule R657-62 with thirty percent of the permits being allocated to youth, thirty percent to seniors and the remaining forty percent to hunters of all ages.

(3) Management buck deer permit holders may take one management buck deer during the season, on the area and with the weapon type specified on the permit. Management buck deer hunting seasons, areas and weapon types are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained a management buck deer permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a management buck deer.

(b) Management buck deer permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(5)(a) Management buck deer permit holders who successfully harvest a management buck deer, as defined in Subsection (1)(a) must have their animal inspected by the division.

(b) Successful hunters must deliver the head and antlers of the deer they harvest to a division office for inspection within 48 hours after the date of kill.

(6) Management buck deer permit holders may not retain possession of any harvested buck deer that fails to satisfy the definition requirements in Subsection (1)(a).

(7) A person who has obtained a management buck deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-28(4).

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.
R657-14. Commercial Harvesting of Protected Aquatic Wildlife.
R657-14-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1)(a) Under authority of Sections 23-14-3, 23-14-18, and 23-14-19, and Sections 23-15-7 through 23-15-9, this rule provides the procedures, standards, and requirements for:

(i) harvesting protected aquatic wildlife for use as fish bait; and

(ii) seining protected aquatic wildlife.

(b) The commercial harvesting of brine shrimp and brine shrimp eggs is regulated under Rule R657-52.

R657-14-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Alternate seiner" means the person in charge of and responsible for supervising a crew of helpers harvesting authorized species of protected aquatic wildlife in the absence of the primary seiner.

(b) "Certified bait dealer" means a person who has obtained a certificate of registration authorizing the harvest, possession, or sale of protected aquatic wildlife for use as dead fish bait.

(c) "Harvest" means to seine, or gather in protected aquatic wildlife and reduce it to possession.

(d) "Harvest location" means the location where the gathering or harvesting of protected aquatic wildlife takes place.

(e) "Helper" means a person aiding a certificate of registration holder in the harvesting, transporting, or selling of protected aquatic wildlife, including any employee, agent, family member, or donated labor.

(f) "Helper card" means a card authorizing a person to act as a helper.

(g) "Nongame fish" means all species of fish, except:

(i) any species or hybrid species of trout, including albino, brook, brown, cutthroat, golden, grayling, kokanee salmon, lake or mackinaw, rainbow, splake, and tiger;

(ii) Bonneville cisco;

(iii) bluegill;

(iv) bullhead;

(v) catfish;

(vi) crappie;

(vii) green sunfish;

(viii) northern pike;

(ix) largemouth bass;

(x) Sacramento perch;

(xi) smallmouth bass;

(xii) striped bass;

(xiii) tiger muskellunge;

(xiv) walleye;

(xv) white bass;

(xvi) whitefish;

(xvii) wiper; and

(xviii) yellow perch.

(h) "Primary seiner" means the person in charge of and responsible for supervising a crew of helpers harvesting protected aquatic wildlife.

(i) "Purchase" means to buy, acquire, or obtain from sale, exchange, barter, or trade protected aquatic wildlife for pecuniary consideration or advantage.

(j) "Seining" means to harvest protected aquatic wildlife with the use of a net or other similar device.

(k) "Wildlife registration office" means the division office in Salt Lake responsible for processing applications and issuing certificates of registration.

R657-14-3. Certificate of Registration Required.

(1)(a) A person may not harvest, possess, or transport protected aquatic wildlife without first obtaining a certificate of registration and a helper card for each individual assisting that person.

(b) The original copy of the certificate of registration must be present at the harvest location while harvesting protected aquatic wildlife.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection R657-14-13(4), a person must obtain a separate certificate of registration to engage in the following activities:

(a) harvesting or selling designated species of fish for use as fish bait; and

(b) seining and selling protected aquatic wildlife for any purpose other than for use as fish bait.

(3) A certificate of registration is not required for the retail sale of dead protected aquatic wildlife imported into Utah, provided the product is clearly labeled as to its out-of-state origin.

(4) Certificates of registration are not transferable, except as provided in Section R657-14-21.

(5) Any certificate of registration issued to a business or any other commercial organization shall be void upon the termination of the business or organization or upon bankruptcy.

(6)(a) The issuance of a certificate of registration automatically incorporates within its terms the conditions and requirements of this rule specifically governing the activity for which the certificate of registration is issued.

(b) Any person accepting a certificate of registration under this rule acknowledges the necessity for close regulation and monitoring by the division.

R657-14-4. Application for Certificate of Registration.

(1) Applications for certificates of registration are available at division offices.

(2) Applications for commercial seining or harvesting protected aquatic wildlife for use as fish bait may be submitted any time during the year.

(3) If an application for a certificate of registration is made in the name of a commercial organization, the applicant must specify the person responsible for that entity.

(4)(a) Completed applications must be submitted to the wildlife registration office.

(b) The division may return any application that is incomplete or completed incorrectly.

(5)(a) The application review process may require up to 45 days.

(b) The division may deny issuing a certificate of registration to any applicant for any of the following reasons:

(i) the applicant has previously been issued a certificate of registration and has failed to submit any report required by this rule, the division, or the Wildlife Board;

(ii) the applicant has been found guilty, pleaded guilty or pleaded no contest in an administrative proceeding to violating any rule, statute, proclamation, or Wildlife Board Order relating to the harvest, possession, or sale of protected aquatic wildlife; or

(iii) the applicant has been found guilty, pleaded guilty or pleaded no contest in a criminal proceeding to violating any rule, statute, proclamation, or Wildlife Board Order relating to the harvest, possession, or sale of protected aquatic wildlife.

(6) The division may limit the number of certificates of registration issued or deny any application in the interest of wildlife, wildlife habitat, serving the public, or public safety.

(7) If an application is approved, the division shall issue the applicant a certificate of registration that specifies:

(a) the species and amounts of protected aquatic wildlife that may be harvested or sold;

(b) the water and locations where protected aquatic wildlife may be harvested;

(c) the gear that may be used;

(d) the hours during which protected aquatic wildlife may be harvested;

(e) the means and amounts of protected aquatic wildlife that may be transported; and

(f) any restriction imposed on the applicant in addition to the provisions of this rule.

(8)(a) Certificates of registration for seining or harvesting protected aquatic wildlife for use as fish bait are valid for a calendar year.

R657-14-5. Use of Helpers.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), any person aiding the certificate of registration holder in seining protected aquatic wildlife shall be in possession of a helper card.

(b) A helper card shall be deemed to be in possession if it is on the person or on the boat from which the person is working.

(2) A helper card is not required of any person engaged only in the retail sale or transportation of protected aquatic wildlife.

(3) Helper cards are issued in the name of the certificate of registration holder and are transferable among individuals assisting the certificate of registration holder.

(4)(a) A helper may assist in the harvest of protected aquatic wildlife only while working under the direct supervision of a primary or alternate seiner.

(b) For purposes of this rule, "direct supervision" means to be physically present, either on a boat with the helper or within close proximity so as to be able to provide direct instructions to the helper.

(5) Twelve additional helper cards for each Certificate of Registration may be obtained from the wildlife registration office at any time during the year.

R657-14-6. Records - Report of Activities.

(1) Each person who has been issued a certificate of registration authorizing the harvest or sale of protected aquatic wildlife shall keep accurate records of the number or weight harvested and to whom the products were sold.

(2) The records required under Subsection (1) shall be retained for at least five years and must be available for inspection upon division request.

(3)(a) A person who has been issued a certificate of registration for seining or harvesting protected aquatic wildlife for use as fish bait shall include the following information, broken down by month, in an annual report to the division:

(i) the species of protected aquatic wildlife harvested;

(ii) the water from which the protected aquatic wildlife were harvested; and

(iii) the total number or weight of protected aquatic wildlife harvested.

(b) A person who has been issued a certificate of registration for the retail sale of protected aquatic wildlife shall include the following information, broken down by month, in an annual report to the division:

(i) the name and address of each person from which protected aquatic wildlife was purchased or sold;

(ii) the species of protected aquatic wildlife purchased or sold; and

(iii) the weight and number of protected aquatic wildlife purchased or sold.

(c) Report forms are provided by the division.

R657-14-7. Species of Protected Aquatic Wildlife That May Be Harvested.

(1)(a) The division may authorize a person to harvest or sell the following nongame fish:

(i) Utah Chub (Gila atraria);

(ii) Carp (Cyprinus carpio);

(iii) Mountain sucker (Catostomus platyrhynchus);

(iv) Utah sucker (Catostomus ardens); or

(v) Redside shiner (Richardsonius batteatus).

(b) The division may authorize a person to harvest or sell overabundant nuisance game species, as determined by the division.

(c) The certificate of registration shall identify those species of protected aquatic wildlife that may be harvested or sold.

(2) Any species of protected aquatic wildlife caught that is not authorized for harvest must be immediately returned alive and unharmed to the water from which it was harvested.

R657-14-8. Prohibited Nongame Species.

The following species of protected aquatic wildlife may not be harvested, and if caught must be immediately returned alive and unharmed to the water from which it was taken:

(1) bonytail (Gila elegans);
(2) bluehead sucker (Catostomus discobolus);
(3) Colorado pikeminnow (Ptychocheilus lucius);
(4) flannelmouth sucker (Catostomus latipinnis);
(5) gizzard shad (Dorosoma cepedianum);
(6) grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella);
(7) humpback chub (Gila cypha);
(8) June sucker (Chasmistes liorus);
(9) least chub (Iotichthys phlegethontis);
(10) leatherside chub (Gila cypha);
(11) razorback sucker (Xyrauchen texanus);
(12) roundtail chub (Gila robusta);
(13) Virgin River chub (Gila robusta seminuda);
(14) Virgin spinedace (Lepidomeda mollispinis); and
(15) woundfin (Plagopterus argentissimus).

R657-14-9. Harvest Hours.

(1) Protected aquatic wildlife may be harvested from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. year-round, unless otherwise specified on the certificate of registration.

(2) When the harvest season is suspended or closed, all harvest activity shall cease at official sunset.

R657-14-10. Identification of Traps and Nets.

(1) A metal tag or plate stamped with the owner's name and certificate of registration number must be securely attached to each seine, trap and net.

(2) Any improperly tagged seine, trap, or net may be seized by the division.

R657-14-11. Transportation, Purchase, or Sale of Live Protected Aquatic Wildlife.

(1) A person may not have in possession any live species of protected aquatic wildlife, except as provided in Rules R657-3 or R657-16.

(2) A person may not purchase any live protected aquatic wildlife from or sell any live protected aquatic wildlife to any person or entity who has not obtained a certificate of registration to possess or sell live protected aquatic wildlife, except as provided in Subsection R657-14-3(3).

R657-14-12. Certified Bait Dealers.

(1) The division may authorize a person to harvest or sell designated species of protected aquatic wildlife for use as dead fishing bait, including cut baits.

(2)(a) The division may allow a person to harvest, possess, or sell the species of protected aquatic wildlife for use as dead fish bait as provided in Section R657-14-7.

(b) The division shall not allow a person to harvest, possess, or sell any other protected aquatic wildlife for use as dead fish bait except as provided in Section R657-14-7.

(3)(a) A person may not purchase dead fish bait from any

person who has not obtained a certificate of registration from the division.

(b) Subsection (a) does not preclude commerce with out-of-state sellers of dead, prepared fish baits if the dead fish bait is clearly labeled as to its origin.

(4)(a) Only a person who has obtained a certificate of registration from the division may harvest, sell, or trade protected aquatic wildlife for use as fish bait.

(b) Any protected aquatic wildlife sold for use as fish bait must be packaged in a suitable container, and have securely attached a clearly discernable business label on each package that provides the brand or business name, business address, type of product, and certificate of registration number.

(5) A person may not purchase or sell any dead fish bait that does not have a label attached to the package as provided in Subsection (4)(b).

R657-14-13. Commercial Seining.

(1) The division may issue a certificate of registration authorizing a person to harvest designated species of protected aquatic wildlife by seining.

(2)(a) Three helper cards are issued with the certificate of registration.

(b) Additional helper cards may be obtained from the division.

(3) A seiner may harvest any species of nongame fish listed under Section R657-14-7, and any overabundant game species as determined by the division and indicated on the certificate of registration.

(4) A seiner may harvest or sell protected aquatic wildlife for use as dead fish bait as provided in Section R657-14-12, if authorization is obtained from the division and indicated on the certificate of registration.

R657-14-14. Violations.

(1) The penalty for any violation of this rule is a class C misdemeanor as provided in Section 23-13-11(2).

(2) Any violation of, or failure to comply with the provisions of this rule, any requirement contained in a certificate of registration issued pursuant to this rule, or any Wildlife Board Order may be grounds for revocation, suspension or denial of future certificates of registration as determined by a division hearing officer.

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.
R657-62. Drawing Application Procedures.
R657-62-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for drawing applications and procedures.

(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 respective guidebooks of the Wildlife Board.

R657-62-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Application" means a form required by the Division which must be completed by a person and submitted to the Division in order to apply for a hunting permit.

(b) "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 an executed contract for sale of eligible property.

(c) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt listed in the hunt tables published by the Wildlife Board and is identified as a premium limited entry hunt or limited entry hunt. "Limited entry hunt" does not include cougar pursuit or bear pursuit.

(d) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt,

including conservation permits, convention permits and sportsman permits.

(e)(i) "Valid application" means an application:

(A) for a permit to take a species for which the applicant is eligible to possess;

(B) for a permit to take a species regardless of estimated permit numbers;

(C) for a certificate of registration; and

(D) containing sufficient information, as determined by the division, to process the application, including personal information, hunt information, and sufficient payment.

(ii) Applications missing any of the items in Subsection (i) may be considered valid if the application is timely corrected through the application correction process.

(f) "Waiting period" means a specified period of time that a person who has obtained a permit must wait before applying for the same permit type.

(g) "Once-in-a-lifetime hunt" means any hunt listed in the hunt tables published by the Wildlife Board and is identified as once-in-a-lifetime, and does not include general or limited entry hunts.

(h) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

R657-62-3. Scope of Rule.

(1) This rule sets forth the procedures and requirements for completing and filing applications to receive the following hunting permits and/or certificates of registrations:

(a) Dedicated Hunter certificate of registrations;
(b) limited-entry deer;
(c) limited-entry elk;
(d) limited-entry pronghorn;
(e) once-in-a-lifetime;
(f) public cooperative wildlife management unit;
(g) general season deer and youth elk;
(h) bear;
(i) bear pursuit;
(j) antlerless big game;
(k) sandhill crane;
(l) sharp-tail and sage grouse;
(m) swan
(n) cougar;
(o) sportsman; and
(p) turkey.

R657-62-4. Residency Restrictions.

(1) Only a resident may apply for or obtain a resident permit or resident certificate of registration and only a nonresident may apply for or obtain a nonresident permit or nonresident certificate of registration.

(2)(a) To apply for a resident permit or certificate of registration, a person must be a resident at the time of purchase.

(b) The posting date of the drawing shall be considered the purchase date of a permit or certificate of registration issued through a drawing.

R657-62-5. Hunting on Private Lands.

(1) Any person who applies for a hunt that occurs on private land is responsible for obtaining written permission from the landowner to access the property. The division does not guarantee access and cannot restore lost opportunity, bonus points, or permit fees when access is denied. Hunters should contact private landowners for permission to access their land prior to applying for a permit. The Division does not have the names of landowners where hunts occur.

R657-62-6. Applications.

(1)(a) Applications are available at the division's internet address, and must be completed and submitted online by the date prescribed in the respective guidebook of the Wildlife Board.

(b) The permit fees and handling fees must be paid with a valid debit or credit card.

(c) Any license, permit or certificate of registration issued to a person is invalid where full payment is not remitted to and received by the division.

(d) A person who applies for or obtains a permit or certificate of registration must notify the division of any change in mailing address, residency, telephone number, email address, and physical description.

R657-62-7. Group Applications.

(1) When applying as a group all applicants in the group with valid applications and who are eligible to possess the permit or certificate of registration applied for shall receive a permit or certificate of registration where the group is successful in the drawing.

(2) Group members must apply for the same hunt choices.

(3) When applying as a group, if the available permit or certificate of registration quota is not large enough to accommodate the group size, the group application will not be considered.

R657-62-8. Bonus Points.

(1) Bonus points are used to improve odds for drawing permits.

(2)(a) A bonus point is awarded for:

(i) each valid unsuccessful application when applying for limited-entry permits; or

(ii) each valid application when applying for bonus points.

(b) Bonus points are awarded by species for;

(i) limited-entry deer including cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer and management buck deer;

(ii) limited-entry elk including cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk and management bull elk;

(iii) limited-entry pronghorn including cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn;

(iv) once-in-a-lifetime species including cooperative

wildlife management units;
(v) bear;
(vi) antlerless moose;
(vii) cougar; and
(viii) turkey
(3)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a permit and a bonus point for the same species.
(b) A person may not apply for a bonus point if that person is ineligible to apply for a permit for the respective species.
(c) Group applications will not be accepted when applying for bonus points.
(d) A person may apply for bonus points only during the applicable drawing application for each species.
(4)(a) Fifty percent of the permits for each hunt unit will be reserved for applicants with the greatest number of bonus points.
(b) Based on the applicant's first choice, the reserved permits will be designated by a random drawing number to eligible applicants with the greatest number of bonus points for each species.
(c) If reserved permits remain, the reserved permits will be designated by a random number to eligible applicants with the next greatest number of bonus points for each species.
(d) The procedure in Subsection (c) will continue until all reserved permits are issued or no applications for that species remain.
(e) Any reserved permits remaining and any applicants who are not selected for reserved permits will be returned to the applicable drawing.
(5)(a) Each applicant receives a random drawing number for:
(i) each species applied for; and
(ii) each bonus point for that species.
(6) Bonus points are forfeited if a person obtains a permit through the drawing for that bonus point species including any permit obtained after the drawing.
(7) Bonus points are not forfeited if:
(a) a person is successful in obtaining a conservation permit, convention permit or sportsman permit;
(b) a person obtains a landowner or a cooperative wildlife management unit permit from a landowner; or
(c) a person obtains a poaching-reported reward permit.
(8) Bonus points are not transferable.
(9) Bonus points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.
(10)(a) Bonus points are tracked using social security numbers or division-issued customer identification numbers.
(b) The division shall retain electronic copies of applications from 1996 to the current drawings for the purpose of researching bonus point records.
(c) Any requests for researching an applicant's bonus point records must be submitted within the time frames provided in Subsection (b).
(d) Any bonus points on the division's records shall not be researched beyond the time frames provided in Subsection (b).
(e) The division may void or otherwise eliminate any bonus point obtained by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or in violation of law.

R657-62-9. Preference Points.
(1) Preference points are used in the applicable drawings to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful in the drawing will have first preference in the next year's drawing.
(2)(a) A preference point is awarded for:
(i) each valid, unsuccessful application of the first-choice hunt when applying for a general buck deer permit; or
(ii) each valid unsuccessful application when applying for an antlerless deer, antlerless elk, doe pronghorn, Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse or Swan permit; or
(iii) each valid application when applying only for a preference point in the applicable drawings.
(b) Preference points are awarded by species for:
(i) general buck deer;
(ii) antlerless deer;
(iii) antlerless elk;
(iv) doe pronghorn;
(v) Sandhill Crane;
(vi) Sharp-tailed Grouse;
(vii) sage grouse; and
(viii) Swan.
(3)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a preference point and a permit for the species listed in (2)(b).
(b) A person may not apply for a preference point if that person is ineligible to apply for a permit.
(c) Preference points shall not be used when obtaining remaining permits.
(4) Preference points are forfeited if:
(a) a person obtains a first-choice hunt general buck deer permit through the drawing;
(b) a person obtains an antlerless deer, antlerless elk, doe pronghorn, Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse or Swan permit through the drawing;
(5) Preference points are not transferable.
(6) Preference points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.
(7)(a) Preference points are tracked using social security numbers or division-issued customer identification numbers.
(b) The division shall retain copies of electronic applications from 2000 to the current applicable drawings for the purpose of researching preference point records.
(c) Any requests for researching an applicant's preference point records must be submitted within the time frames provided in Subsection (b).
(d) Any preference points on the division's records shall not be researched beyond the time frames provided in Subsection (b).
(e) The division may eliminate any preference point obtained by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or in violation of law.

R657-62-10. Dedicated Hunter Preference Points.
(1) Preference points are used in the dedicated hunter certificate of registration drawing to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful in the drawing will have first preference in the next year's drawing.
(2) A preference point is awarded for:
(a) each valid unsuccessful application;
(b) each valid application when applying only for a preference point in the dedicated hunter drawing.
(3)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a preference point and a certificate of registration.
(b) A person may not apply for a preference point if that person is ineligible to apply for a certificate of registration.
(4) Preference points are forfeited if a person obtains a certificate of registration through the drawing.
(5)(a) Preference points are not transferable.
(b) Preference points shall only be applied to the Dedicated Hunter drawing.
(6) Preference points are averaged and rounded down to the nearest whole point when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.
(7)(a) Preference points are tracked using social security numbers or division-issued customer identification numbers.
(b) The division shall retain copies of electronic applications from 2011 to the current applicable drawing for the purpose of researching preference point records.
(c) Any requests for researching an applicant's preference

point records must be requested within the time frames provided in Subsection (b).

(d) Any preference points on the division's records shall not be researched beyond the time frames provided in Subsection (b).

(e) The division may eliminate any preference points earned that are obtained by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

R657-62-11. Corrections, Withdrawals and Resubmitting Applications.

(1)(a) If an error is found on the application, the applicant may be contacted for correction.

(b) The division reserves the right to correct or reject applications.

(2)(a) An applicant may withdraw their application from the permit or certificate of registration drawing by the date published in the respective guidebook of the Wildlife Board.

(b) An applicant may resubmit their application, after withdrawing a previous application, for the permit or certificate of registration drawing by the date published in the respective guidebook of the Wildlife Board.

(c) Handling fees, hunting or combination license fees and donations will not be refunded. Resubmitted applications will incur a handling fee.

(3) To withdraw an entire group application, all applicants must withdraw their individual applications.

R657-62-12. Drawing Results.

Drawing results will be made available by the date prescribed in the respective guidebook of the Wildlife Board.

R657-62-13. License, Permit, Certificate of Registration and Handling Fees.

(1) Unsuccessful applicants will not be charged for a permit or certificate of registration.

(2) The handling fees and hunting or combination license fees are nonrefundable.

(3) All license, permit, certificate of registration and handling fees must be paid with a valid debit or credit card.

R657-62-14. Permits Remaining After the Drawing.

(1) Any permits remaining after the drawing are available on the date published in the respective guidebook of the Wildlife Board on a first-come, first-served basis from division offices, participating license agents and through the division's internet site.

R657-62-15. Waiting Periods for Permits Obtained After the Drawing.

(1) Waiting periods do not apply to the purchase of remaining permits sold over the counter except as provided in Section 2.

(2) Waiting periods are incurred as a result of purchasing remaining permits after the drawing. If a remaining permit is purchased in the current year, waiting periods will be in effect when applying in the drawing in following years.

R657-62-16. Dedicated Hunter Certificates of Registration.

(1)(a) Applicants for a dedicated hunter certificate of registration must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Rule R657-38.

(b) Each prospective participant must complete Dedicated Hunter program orientation course annually before submitting an application.

(2) Group applications are accepted. Up to four applicants may apply as a group.

R657-62-17. Lifetime License Permits.

(1) Lifetime License permits shall be issued pursuant to Rule R657-17.

R657-62-18. Big Game.

(1) Permit Applications

(a) Limited entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit, Once-in-a-Lifetime, Management Bull Elk, Management Buck Deer, General Buck Deer, and Youth General Any Bull Elk permit applications.

(i) A person must possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license to apply for or obtain a big game permit.

(ii) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Rule R657-5.

(iii) A person may obtain only one permit per species of big game, including limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit, once-in-a-lifetime, conservation, landowner and general permits, except antlerless permits as provided in the Antlerless Addendum and permits as provided in Rule R657-42.

(b) A resident may apply in the big game drawing for the following permits:

(i) only one of the following:

(A) buck deer - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit;

(B) bull elk - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; or

(C) buck pronghorn - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; and

(ii) only one once-in-a-lifetime permit, including once-in-a-lifetime cooperative wildlife management unit permits.

(c) A nonresident may apply in the big game drawing for the following permits:

(i) all of the following:

(A) buck deer -limited entry;

(B) bull elk - limited entry;

(C) buck pronghorn - limited entry; and

(D) all once-in-a-lifetime species.

(ii) Nonresidents may not apply for cooperative management units through the big game drawing.

(d) A resident or nonresident may apply in the big game drawing by unit for:

(i) a statewide general archery buck deer permit; or

(ii) for general any weapon buck deer; or

(iii) for general muzzleloader buck deer; or

(iv) a dedicated hunter certificate of registration.

(2) Youth

(a) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season.

(b) Youth applicants who apply for a general buck deer permit

(i) will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.

(ii) 20% of general buck deer permits in each unit are reserved for youth hunters.

(iii) Up to four youth may apply together for youth general deer permits.

(iv) Preference points shall be used when applying.

(c) Any reserved permits remaining and any youth applicants who were not selected for reserved permits shall be returned to the general buck deer drawing.

(3) Drawing Order

(a) Permits for the big game drawing shall be drawn in the following order:

(i) limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and management buck deer;

(ii) limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and management bull elk;

(iii) limited entry and cooperative wildlife management

unit buck pronghorn;
(iv) once-in-a-lifetime;
(v) dedicated hunter certificate of registration;
(vi) youth general buck deer;
(vii) general buck deer and general buck/bull combo;
(viii) youth general any bull elk.
(b) Any person who draws one of the following permits is not eligible to draw a once-in-a-lifetime permit:
(i) limited entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management unit or management buck deer;
(ii) limited entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management unit or management bull elk; or
(iii) a limited entry or Cooperative Wildlife Management unit buck pronghorn.
(c) If any permits listed in Subsection (a)(i) through (a)(iii) remain after the big game drawing after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.
(4) Groups
(a) Limited Entry
(i) Up to four people may apply together for limited entry deer, elk or pronghorn; or resident cooperative wildlife management unit permits.
(b) Group applications are not accepted for management buck deer or bull elk permits.
(c) Group applications are not accepted for Once-in-a-lifetime permits.
(d) General season
(i) Up to four people may apply together for general deer permits.
(ii) Up to two youth may apply together for youth general any bull elk permits.
(iii) Up to four youth may apply together for youth general deer permits.
(5) Waiting Periods
(a) Deer waiting period.
(i) Any person who draws or obtains a limited entry, management or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit through the big game drawing process may not apply for or receive any of these permits again for a period of two seasons.
(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:
(A) general archery, general any weapon, general muzzleloader, conservation, sportsman, poaching-reported reward permits; or
(B) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner buck deer permits obtained through the landowner.
(b) Elk waiting period.
(i) Any person who draws or obtains a limited entry, management or cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit through the big game drawing process may not apply for or receive any of these permits for a period of five seasons.
(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:
(A) general archery, general any weapon, general muzzleloader, conservation, sportsman, poaching-reported reward permits; or
(B) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner bull elk permits obtained through the landowner.
(c) Pronghorn waiting period.
(i) Any person who draws or obtains a buck pronghorn or cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit through the big game drawing may not apply for or receive any of these permits thereafter for a period of two seasons.
(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:
(A) conservation, sportsman, poaching-reported reward permits; or
(B) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner buck pronghorn permits obtained through the landowner.
(d) Once-in-a-lifetime species waiting period.
(i) Any person who draws or obtains a permit for any bull moose, bison, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat may not apply for or receive an once-in-a-lifetime permit for the same species in the big game drawing or sportsman permit drawing.
(ii) A person who has been convicted of unlawfully taking a once-in-a-lifetime species may not apply for or obtain a permit for that species.
(e) Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and landowner permits.
(i) Waiting periods and once-in-a-lifetime restrictions do not apply to purchasing limited entry landowner or cooperative wildlife management unit permits obtained through a landowner, except as provided in Subsection (ii).
(ii) Waiting periods are incurred and applied for the purpose of applying in the big game drawing as a result of obtaining a cooperative wildlife management unit bull moose permit through a landowner.

R657-62-19. Black Bear.
(1) Permit and Pursuit Applications.
(a) A person must possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license in order to apply for or obtain a limited entry bear permit or bear pursuit permit.
(b) A person may not apply for or obtain more than one bear permit within the same calendar year, except as provided in Subsection R657-33-26(4).
(c) Limited entry bear permits are valid only for the hunt unit and for the specified
season designated on the permit.
(d)(i) Applicants may select up to three hunt unit choices when applying for limited entry bear permits. Hunt unit choices must be listed in order of preference.
(ii) Applicants must specify in the application whether they want a limited entry bear permit or a limited entry bear archery permit and/or bear pursuit permit.
(e) Any person obtaining a limited entry bear archery permit must also obtain a certificate of registration if intending to use bait as provided in Section R657-33-14.
(f) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Sections 23-19-22.5, 23-19-11 and 23-20-20.
(2) Group applications are not accepted.
(3) Waiting periods.
(a) Any person who draws or purchases a limited entry bear permit valid for the current year, may not apply for a permit thereafter for a period of two years.

R657-62-20. Antlerless Species.
(1) Permit Applications.
(a) A person must possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license in order to apply for or obtain an antlerless permit.
(b) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Rule R657-5.
(c) A person may apply in the drawing for and draw the following permits, except as provided in Subsection (d):
(i) antlerless deer;
(ii) antlerless elk;
(iii) doe pronghorn; and
(iv) antlerless moose, if available.
(d) Any person who has obtained a buck pronghorn permit or a bull moose permit may not apply in the same year for a doe pronghorn permit or antlerless moose permit, respectively, except for permits remaining after the drawing as provided in R657-62-15.
(e) Applicants may select up to five hunt choices when

applying for antlerless deer, antlerless elk and antlerless pronghorn.

(f) Applicants may select up to two hunt choices when applying for antlerless moose.

(g) Hunt unit choices must be listed in order of preference.

(h) A person may not submit more than one application in the antlerless drawing per species.

(2) Youth applications.

(a) For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season.

(b) Twenty percent of the antlerless deer, elk and doe pronghorn permits are reserved for youth hunters.

(c) Youth applicants who apply for an antlerless deer, elk, or doe pronghorn permit as provided in this Subsection, will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.

(3) Drawing Order

(a) Permits are drawn in the order listed in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) Any reserved permits remaining and any youth applicants who were not selected for reserved permits shall be returned to the antlerless drawing.

(c) If permits remain after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.

(4) Group Applications

(a) Up to four hunters can apply together for antlerless deer, antlerless elk and doe pronghorn

(b) Group applications are not accepted for antlerless moose.

(c) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth drawing must not apply as a group.

(5) Waiting Periods

(a) Antlerless moose waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains an antlerless moose permit or a cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permit through the antlerless drawing process, may not apply for or receive an antlerless moose permit thereafter for a period of five seasons.

(ii) A waiting period does not apply to cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permits obtained through the landowner.

R657-62-21. Sandhill Crane, Sharp-Tailed and Sage Grouse.

(1) Permit applications.

(a) A person may obtain only one Sandhill Crane permit each year.

(b) A hunting or combination license is required when taking Sandhill Crane, Sharp-Tailed and Sage Grouse and may be purchased when applying for the permit.

(c) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Utah Code 23-19-24, 23-19-11 and 23-20-20.

(d) Applicants may select up to four hunt choices. Hunt unit choices must be listed in order of preference.

(2) Youth applications.

(a) For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person 15 years of age or younger on the opening day of a particular upland game hunt as posted in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking upland game and turkey.

(b) Fifteen percent of the Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse permits are reserved for youth hunters.

(c) Youth applicants who apply for a Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed grouse or sage grouse permit as provided in this Subsection, will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.

(3) Group applications.

(a) Up to four people may apply together.

(b) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth drawing must not apply as a group.

(4) Waiting Periods do not apply.

R657-62-22. Swan.

(1) Permit applications.

(a) A person may obtain only one swan permit each year.

(i) A person may not apply more than once annually.

(b) A Utah hunting or combination license is required when hunting Swan and may be purchased when applying for the permit.

(c) The division shall issue no more than the number of swan permits authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service each year.

(i) The division may withhold up to 1% of the authorized number of swan permits each year to correct division errors, which may occur during the drawing process.

(ii) Division errors may be corrected using the withheld swan permits in accordance with the Division Error Remedy Rule R657-50.

(iii) Withheld swan permits shall be used to correct division errors reported to or discovered by the division on or before the fifth day preceding the opening day of the swan hunt.

(iv) Withheld swan permits remaining after correcting any division errors shall be issued prior to the opening day of the swan hunt to the next person on the alternate drawing list.

(d) A person must complete a one-time orientation course before applying for a swan permit, except as provided under Subsection R657-9-6(3)(b).

(i) Remaining swan permits available for sale shall be issued only to persons having previously completed the orientation course.

(e) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Utah Code 23-19-24, 23-19-11 and 23-20-20.

(2) Youth applications.

(a) For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person 15 years of age or younger on the opening day of the swan hunt as posted in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl.

(b) Fifteen percent of the Swan permits are reserved for youth hunters.

(c) Youth who apply for a turkey permit will automatically be considered in the youth permit drawing based on their birth date.

(3) Group applications.

(a) Up to four people may apply together in a Group Application.

(b) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth drawing must not apply as a group.

(4) Waiting period does not apply.

R657-62-23. Cougar.

(1) Permit Applications

(a) A person must possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license to apply for or obtain a cougar limited entry permit.

(b) A person may not apply for or obtain more than one cougar permit for the same year.

(c) Limited entry cougar permits are valid only for the limited entry management unit and for the specified season provided in the hunt tables of the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking cougar.

(d) Applicants may select up to three management unit choices when applying for limited entry cougar permits. Management unit choices must be listed in order of preference.

(e) If permits remain after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation

shall be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.

(f) Any limited entry cougar permit purchased after the season opens is not valid until seven days after the date of purchase.

(g) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in Utah Code 23-19-22.5, 23-19-11 and 23-20-20.

(2) Group applications are not accepted.

(3) Waiting periods.

(a) Any person who draws or purchases a limited entry cougar permit valid for the current season may not apply for a permit thereafter for a period of three seasons.

(b) Waiting periods are not incurred as a result of purchasing cougar harvest objective permits.

R657-62-24. Sportsman.

(1) Permit applications.

(a) One sportsman permit is offered to residents for each of the following species:

(i) desert bighorn (ram);

(ii) bison (hunter's choice);

(iii) buck deer;

(iv) bull elk;

(v) Rocky Mountain bighorn (ram);

(vi) Rocky Mountain goat (hunter's choice);

(vii) bull moose;

(viii) buck pronghorn;

(ix) black bear;

(x) cougar; and

(xi) wild turkey.

(b) Bonus points shall not be awarded or utilized when applying for or obtaining sportsman permits.

(2) Group applications are not accepted.

(3) Waiting Periods.

(a) Any person who applies for or obtains a Sportsman Permit is subject to all waiting periods and exceptions as applicable to the species pursuant to Rule R657-41.

(b) Once-in-lifetime waiting periods.

(i) If you have obtained a once-in-a-lifetime permit through the sportsman drawing you are ineligible to apply for that once-in-a-lifetime species through the big game drawing.

(ii) If you have obtained a once-in-a-lifetime permit through the big game drawing you are ineligible to apply for that once-in-a-lifetime species through the sportsman drawing.

(c) Limited Entry waiting periods.

(i) Waiting periods do not apply to Sportsman deer, elk, pronghorn, bear or cougar.

(ii) Waiting period will not be incurred for receipt of a Sportsman deer, elk, pronghorn, bear or cougar.

R657-62-25. Turkey.

(1) Permit applications.

(a) A person must possess a valid hunting or combination license in order to apply for or obtain a wild turkey permit.

(b) A person may obtain only one wild turkey permit each year, except a person may obtain wild turkey conservation permits in addition to obtaining one limited entry or remaining wild turkey permit.

(c) Applicants may select up to five hunt choices when applying for limited entry turkey permits. Hunt unit choices must be listed in order of preference.

(d) A turkey permit allows a person, using any legal weapon as provided in Section R657-54-7, to take one bearded turkey within the area and season specified on the permit.

(2) Group Applications are not accepted.

(3) Waiting period does not apply.

(4) Youth permits

(a) Up to 15 percent of the limited entry permits are available to youth hunters.

(b) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person who is 15 years of age or younger on the posting date of the wild turkey drawing.

(c) Youth who apply for a turkey permit will automatically be considered in the youth permit drawing based on their birth date.

(d) Bonus points shall be used when applying for youth turkey permits.

(5) Landowner turkey permits shall be issued pursuant to rule R657-54.

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R671. Pardons (Board of), Administration.
R671-403. Restitution.
R671-403-1. Policy.

The Board shall consider restitution in all cases where restitution has been ordered by the court, when requested by the Department of Corrections or other criminal justice agencies, or other appropriate cases.

R671-403-2. Procedure.

The Board may originate orders of restitution on any crime(s) of commitment in accordance with UCA 77-38a-302.

The Board shall affirm court-ordered restitution in accordance with UCA 77-38a-302.

The Board may consider ordering restitution in the following instances:

A. When ordered by or as part of a disciplinary proceeding as a result of inappropriate behavior;

B. When requested by the Department of Corrections or other criminal justice agency for the costs of extradition or return to custody.

C. When requested by the Department of Corrections for the costs of programs such as unpaid fees at community correction centers, therapy or other service fees; and

D. When new information is made available that was not available to the court at the time of sentencing or prior restitution hearing.

The Board may conduct a restitution hearing to determine the amount of restitution owed by an offender. The Board will make a reasonable effort to inform both the offender and the victim(s) of the hearing and will provide copies of rules and investigative reports and other documentation. The offender and the victim(s) shall have the right to be present at the hearing and present evidence in their behalf.

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R708. Public Safety, Driver License.
R708-21. Third-Party Testing.
R708-21-1. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Sections 53-3-104 and 49 Part 383.75 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

R708-21-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish standards and procedures for Third-party Testers and Third-party Examiners who enter into an agreement with the State, to administer skills tests to commercial drivers.

R708-21-3. Definitions.

(1) Definitions used in this rule are found in Section 53-3-102.

(2) In addition:

(a) "act involving moral turpitude" means conduct which:

(i) is done knowingly contrary to justice, honesty, or good morals;

(ii) has an element of falsification or fraud; or

(iii) contains an element of harm or injury directed to another person or another property;

(b) "designated representative" mean a person identified by an organization, who is an officer, owner, partner or employee of the organization and who is authorized by the organization to comply with Third-party Testing Program requirements.

(c) "established business" means any company that has been issued a license by a state, county or city licensing agency to conduct business.

(d) "probation" means action taken by the department, which includes a period of close supervision as determined by the division.

(e) "revocation" means the permanent removal of certification of a Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner.

(f) "state" means the State of Utah.

(g) "third-party examiner" means a person who has completed, passed and maintains the required training to administer the skills tests to commercial drivers.

(h) "third-party tester" means a person, an agency of this state, an employer, a private driver training facility or other private institution, or a department, agency or entity of local government with whom the state has an agreement to administer skills tests to commercial drivers.

R708-21-4. Requirements for Application, Certification and Renewal of Certification for a Third-party Tester.

(1) Application for an original or renewal Third-party Tester certification shall be made on a form furnished by the division, and shall include:

(a) name of Third-party Tester;

(b) address of Third-party Tester;

(c) number of years Third-party Tester has been in business;

(d) names of all Third-party Examiners;

(e) addresses of all testing sites;

(f) name of the designated representative; and

(g) copy of business license.

(2) Upon receipt of the application, the division shall schedule an appointment with the Third-party Tester to determine eligibility, establish test routes, schedule instruction and provide forms.

(3) A written agreement shall be made with the state to conduct skills test as required by Federal regulations established in 49 CFR Part 383. The agreement shall contain the following provisions:

(a) allow the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) or its representative, and/or the division to conduct random examinations, inspections and audits without prior notice;

(b) allow the division to conduct on-site inspections annually or when deemed necessary by the division;

(c) require all Third-party Examiners receive training approved by the division which requires them to conduct skills tests in compliance with the FMCSA minimum standards;

(d) require at least one of the following on an annual basis:

(i) a division representative take the tests actually administered by the Third-party Examiner as if the division representative were a test applicant; or

(ii) the division test a sample of drivers who were examined by the Third-party Examiner to compare pass/fail results; or

(iii) the division co-score along with the Third-party Examiner during CDL skills test to compare pass/fail.

(4) The Third-Party tester shall:

(a) have an established business for a minimum of two years; or

(b) employ a Third-party Examiner that has been certified the previous two years under R708-21-5 of this rule;

(c) maintain a current business license required by the municipality or county;

(d) have at least one qualified and approved Third-party Examiner;

(e) require that Third-party Examiners:

(i) administer at least ten CDL skills tests in the year preceding the renewal of the Third-party Tester application; or

(ii) be observed by the division representative administering at least one CDL skills test in the proper manner;

(f) name a designated representative(s) that will sign signature cards for new employees and withdraw the authority of employees that are no longer certified to test for the company;

(g) not be permitted to engage the service of an employee of the division as an examiner, agent, or employee.

(5) Certification shall be valid for a period of twelve months. No later than one month prior to expiration of certification, the Third-party Tester shall submit a renewal application to the division.

R708-21-5. Requirements for Application, Certification and Renewal of Certification for a Third-party Examiner.

(1) An application for an original or renewal Third-party Examiner certification shall be made on a form furnished by the division, and shall include the following:

(a) name of Third-party Tester;

(b) address of Third-party Tester;

(c) name of Third-party Examiner;

(d) residential address of Third-party Examiner;

(e) telephone number and email address of Third-party Examiner:

(f) signature and date of Third-party Examiner.

(2) All Third-party Examiners shall be sponsored by a Third-party Tester, who shall be responsible for all tests administered by the Third-party Examiner.

(3) An applicant for Third-party Examiner shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) have and maintain a valid driver's license with no suspensions, revocations, cancellations or disqualifications within one year prior to application;

(b) have at least three years driving experience;

(c) submit to the division a fingerprint card and a check or money order made payable to the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification, to cover the cost associated with a criminal history background check;

(d) have the physical strength and agility to physically enter and exit commercial vehicles unassisted;

(e) complete the approved training by the division and pass the final examination with a minimum score of 80%. Third-party Examiners need to be aware that any training they receive

from private or other organizations may require a training fee;

(f) schedule a time, within one year of training with the division representative, to demonstrate his/her ability to perform the skills tests according to 49 C.F.R. 383 subpart (g) and (h), in an actual test setting. Upon approval from the division representative, the examiner may begin testing. Failure to comply with this portion of this certification process will result in the examiner having to complete the approved training as described in R708-21-5 (3)(e); and

(g) upon completion of training, Third-party Examiners shall be issued a certificate of completion. The division will file and maintain a copy of the certificate of completion in the Third-party Tester file.

(4) All authorized Third-party Examiners shall be required to sign an agreement verifying that they have read and understand the required rules and training materials.

(5) Upon application for recertification a Third-party Examiner shall meet the requirements outlined in subsections 1 through 4 in addition to the following:

(a) administer at least ten CDL skills tests to different applicants in the year preceding the renewal of the Third-party Tester application; or

(b) be observed by the division representative administering at least one CDL skills tests in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 383 subpart (g) and (h)

R708-21-6. Requirements for Designated Representative.

(1) A designated representative is responsible for overseeing the Third-party Tester and Examiners. The designated representative shall be the liaison between division representatives and Third-party Examiners.

(2) A designated representative shall:

(a) maintain personnel files for all Third-party Examiners assigned to their company;

(b) notify the division in writing within 10 calendar days of any change to a Third-party Examiner driving status;

(c) maintain and update all Third-party Examiners signature cards;

(d) notify the division in writing within 30 calendar days of a change to a Third-party Tester or Examiners address;

(e) make application for renewal of a Third-party Tester certificate at least one month prior to expiration date;

(f) maintain security of all CDL score sheets and personal data noted on the CDL score sheets;

(g) ensure all CDL test score sheets have been destroyed after 3 years.

R708-21-7. Skills Test Administration.

(1) Skills tests shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the provisions of these requirements and with current test instructions provided by the division and part 49 C.F.R. 383 and AAMVA training manual.

(a) Such instructions include information regarding:

(i) skills test content;

(ii) route selection/revision;

(iii) test forms;

(iv) examiner procedures; and

(v) administrative procedures.

(2) Tests shall be conducted:

(a) on test routes approved by the division;

(b) in a vehicle that is representative of the class and type of vehicle for which the CDL applicant seeks to be licensed and for which the Third-party Examiner is qualified to test; and

(c) by using division approved content, forms and scoring procedures.

(3) Third-party Examiners shall test and certify only those CDL applicants who hold a valid Commercial Driver Instruction Permit and shall ensure adherence to the class, endorsements, restrictions and expiration dates listed on the permit.

(4) All Third-party Testers and Third-party Examiners shall schedule the skills tests on the division's web application at least 48 hours prior to administering the CDL Skills test.

R708-21-8. Processing CDL Skills Test.

(1) The division shall provide training and allow access to the divisions web service application used for scheduling skills tests and recording the results of the tests to:

(a) certified Third-party Examiner; or

(b) a representative of the Third-party Tester that has met the requirements of R708-21-5(3)(c) upon approval by the division.

(2) The division shall supply an approved CDL skills test score sheet to authorized Third-party Testers for use when administering skills tests. The score sheet shall be filled out correctly and signed by both the Third-party Examiner and driver:

(a) Third-party Testers shall maintain all skill test score sheets for a period of three years after which they must be immediately destroyed by means of incineration or shred.

(b) Third-party Testers are responsible to ensure the security of all CDL score sheets and personal data collected on the CDL score sheets and the applicant.

(3) The score sheet shall include the following information:

(a) applicant's name and phone number;

(b) applicant's Utah Driver License number;

(c) description of the vehicle in which test was taken, including optional equipment;

(d) Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR);

(e) vehicle and trailer license plate numbers;

(f) class of license, restriction and/or endorsement tested for;

(g) start time, end time, and date test was administered;

(h) authorized Third-party Examiner name and assigned number;

(i) applicant's signature and date; and

(j) authorized Third-party Examiner's signature and date.

(4) The Third-party Examiner shall document all skills test results on the score sheet.

(5) The Third-party Examiner shall provide the completed skills test score sheet to the driver in a sealed envelope.

(6) The Third-party Examiner or Third-party Tester shall not withhold a passed skills test score sheet to an applicant that has successfully met the testing requirements.

(7) The Third-party Examiner shall enter the skills test results on the driver's record through the division web application within 48 hours of the test.

(8) Test results are only acceptable if testing was completed within the previous 6 months.

(9) The division shall accept the score sheet as proof the driver has completed one or more skills tests.

(10) As a result of the driver not completing or passing the skills test within 6 months of the original failed or incomplete test, the Third-party Examiner shall send the score sheet directly to the division representative.

R708-21-9. Inspection and Audit Process.

(1) During inspections the representative(s) designated by the Third-party Tester shall cooperate with the Division or Federal representative with respect to on-site inspections.

(2) On-site inspections shall be conducted to verify compliance with FMCSA guidelines and this rule.

(3) The Third-party Tester shall maintain accurate driver testing records and must be able to furnish them upon request.

(4) Check rides may be made by any designated division representative to verify compliance with the State and Federal minimum testing standards and may consist of:

(a) the division employee taking the skills test as

administered by the Third-party Tester as if such employee was a test applicant;

(b) the division administering the skills tests to a sample of drivers who were previously examined by the Third-party Testers to determine if the check ride results are consistent with the Third-party Tester results; and

(c) the division co-score along with the Third-party Examiner during CDL skills test to compare pass/fail.

(5) A division representative shall prepare a written report of all inspections, check rides and audits. A copy of these reports shall be maintained by the division for ten years.

(6) The division shall send a renewal letter to the Third-party Tester indicating any problems, concerns or violations found during the audit with an action plan detailing how to correct the items identified.

R708-21-10. Notification of Accident.

If any Third-party Examiner is involved in an accident during the course of administering a skills test, the Examiner shall notify the division in writing within five days of the accident. The Third-party Examiner shall submit to the division a copy of the investigating law enforcement officer's accident report as soon as it is available.

R708-21-11. Advertising.

(1) No advertisement shall indicate in any way that a program can issue or guarantee the issuance of a CDL, or imply that the program can in any way influence the division in the issuance of a CDL or imply that preferential or advantageous treatment from the division can be obtained.

(2) No Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner shall solicit business directly or indirectly or display or distribute any advertising material within 1500 feet of a building in which driver licenses are issued to the public.

(3) No Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner shall use any Department or Division logos, letterhead, or license recreations as part of their advertising.

R708-21-12. Grounds for Revocation, Probation or Denial to Issue or Renew Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner Certification.

(1) A Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner may be revoked, denied or placed on probation for any of the following reasons:

(a) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of 49 Part 383 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

(b) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Title 53-3-407 UCA;

(c) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this rule;

(d) Falsification of any records or other required information relating to the Third-party Tester program;

(e) Commission of any act that compromises the integrity of the Third-party Tester Program Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, 1986;

(f) failure to permit and cooperate with the Division or Federal representative to inspect the testing routes, testing sites or score sheets issued to the Third-party Tester; and

(g) Conviction of any crime involving dishonesty, deception or theft or an act involving moral turpitude by a Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner;

(2) In determining whether revocation, denial or probation of a certification is appropriate, the division shall consider the third-party tester or third-party examiners involvement and severity of the violation(s).

(3) If a Third-party Examiner certificate is revoked under the emergency provisions of UAPA, section 63G-4-502, and the Third-party Tester certificate is valid, the Third-party Tester may continue conducting CDL driving skills tests provided:

(a) The Third-party Examiner is no longer employed by the Third-party Tester;

(b) A Third-party Examiner with a valid certificate is employed by the Third-party Tester;

(c) Testing shall not compromise public safety; and

(d) The Third-party Tester is found to not knowingly have allowed a Third-party Examiner to conduct tests that violate Utah and or Federal laws or this rule.

(4) Following cancellation of the Third-party Tester certification the Third-party Tester shall promptly return all CDL skills test documents. Documentation includes at a minimum:

(a) CDL Examiner manual;

(b) score sheets (both used and blank); and

(c) Third-party Examiner certificates.

R708-21-13. Adjudicative Proceedings.

(1) All adjudicative proceedings set forth in this section shall be conducted informally as provided in Section 63G-4-202.

(2) The division shall initiate agency action against a Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner with a notice of agency action in accordance with Section 63G-4-201.

(3)(a) A Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner who receives a notice of agency action indicating that the division intends to deny, suspend or revoke a permit or a certificate may request a hearing by filing a written request for hearing with the division within 10 calendar days from the date of the notice of agency action.

(b) If a timely request for hearing is filed, the agency action shall be stayed until the division's hearing officer issues a written decision.

(c) A hearing shall be held before the division's hearing officer within 30 calendar days of the day that the division receives the written request for hearing, unless agreed to by the parties."

(d) At the hearing, Third-party Tester or Third-party Examiner shall have an opportunity to demonstrate why the division should not take agency action.

(e) The hearing officer shall issue a written decision within 10 business days of the hearing in accordance with Section 63G-4-203.

(4) The written decision of the hearing officer shall constitute final agency action and is subject to judicial review in accordance with Section 63G-4-402.

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R710. Public Safety, Fire Marshal.
R710-7. Concerns Servicing Automatic Fire Suppression Systems.
R710-7-1. Adoption of Codes.

Pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 7, Section 204, Utah Code Annotated 1953, the Utah State Fire Prevention Board adopts rules to provide regulation to those concerns that service Automatic Fire Suppression Systems. These rules do not apply to standpipe systems, deluge systems, or automatic fire sprinkler systems.

There is adopted as part of these rules the following codes which are incorporated by reference:

1.1 National Fire Protection Association, Standard 12, Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems, 2008 edition; N.F.P.A., Standard 12A, Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems, 2004 edition; N.F.P.A., Standard 12B, Halon 1211 Fire Extinguishing Systems, 1990 edition; N.F.P.A., Standard 17, Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems, 2002 edition; N.F.P.A., Standard 17A, Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems, 2002 edition; N.F.P.A., Standard 96, Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2008 edition; N.F.P.A., Standard 2001, Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems, 2008 edition. The definitions contained in these pamphlets shall pertain to these regulations.

1.2 Validity

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase, of these rules is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, contrary to statute, or exceeding the authority of the SFM, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of these rules.

1.3 Systems Prohibited

No person shall market, distribute, sell, install or service any automatic fire suppression system in this state, unless it meets the following:

1.3.1 It complies with these rules.

1.3.2 It has been tested by, and bears the label of a testing laboratory which is accepted by the SFM as qualified to test automatic fire suppression systems.

1.3.3 All existing automatic fire suppression systems using dry chemical shall be removed and replaced with a UL300 listed system by January 1, 2006 or before that date when any of the following occurs:

1.3.3.1 Six year internal maintenance service;

1.3.3.2 Recharge;

1.3.3.3 Hydrostatic test date as indicated on the manufacturer date of the cylinders;

1.3.3.4 Reconfiguration of the system piping.

1.3.4 All existing wet chemical automatic fire suppression systems not UL300 listed shall be removed, replaced or upgraded to a UL300 listed system by January 1, 2006 or before that date when any of the following occurs:

1.3.4.1 Six year internal maintenance service;

1.3.4.2 Recharge;

1.3.4.3 Hydrostatic test date as indicated on the manufacturer date of the cylinders;

1.3.4.4 Reconfiguration of the system piping.

1.4 Copies of the above listed codes are on file in the Office of Administrative Rules and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

R710-7-2. Definitions.

2.1 "Annual" means a period of one year or 365 days.

2.2 "Board" means Utah Fire Prevention Board.

2.3 "Branch Office" means any location, other than the primary business location, where business license, telephone, advertising and servicing equipment is utilized.

2.4 "Certificates of Registration" means a written document issued by the SFM to any person for the purpose of granting permission to such person to perform any act or acts for which authorization is required.

2.5 "Concern" means a person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association, licensed by the SFM.

2.6 "Employee" means those persons who work for a licensed concern which may include but are not limited to assigned agents and others who work on a contractual basis with a licensee using service tags of the licensed concern.

2.7 "Hydrostatic Test" means subjecting any cylinders requiring periodic pressure testing procedures specified in these rules.

2.8 "Inspection Authority" means the local fire authority, or the SFM, and their authorized representatives.

2.9 "License" means a written document issued by the SFM authorizing a concern to engage in the business of servicing automatic fire suppression systems.

2.10 "N.F.P.A." means National Fire Protection Association.

2.11 "Recognized Testing Laboratory" means a State Fire Marshal list of acceptable labs.

2.12 "Service" means a complete inspection of an automatic fire suppression system to include maintenance, repair, modification, testing, or cleaning, as set forth in the adopted N.F.P.A. standards.

2.13 "System" means an Automatic Fire Suppression System.

2.14 "SFM" means Utah State Fire Marshal or authorized deputy.

2.15 "UCA" means Utah State Code Annotated, 1953 as amended.

R710-7-3. Licensing.

3.1 License Required

No person or concern shall engage in the business of selling, installing, servicing, repairing, testing or modifying any automatic fire suppression system without obtaining a license from the SFM, pursuant to these rules, expressly authorizing such concern to perform such acts.

3.2 Type of License

3.2.1 Every license shall be identified by type. The type of license shall be determined on the basis of the act or acts performed by the licensee or any of the employees. Every licensed concern shall be staffed by qualified personnel and shall be properly equipped to perform the act or acts for the type of license issued.

3.2.2 Licenses shall be any one, or combination of the following:

3.2.2.1 Class H1 - A licensed concern which is engaged in the installation, modification, service, or maintenance of engineered and/or pre-engineered automatic fire suppression systems.

3.2.2.2 Class H2 - A licensed concern which is engaged in service and maintenance only of automatic fire suppression systems to include hydrostatic testing.

3.3 Application

3.3.1 Application for a license to conduct business as an automatic fire suppression system concern, shall be made in writing to the SFM on forms provided by the SFM. A separate application for license shall be made for each separate place or business location of the applicant (branch office).

3.3.2 The application for a license to conduct business as an automatic fire suppression system concern, shall be accompanied with proof of public liability insurance. The public liability insurance shall be issued by a public liability insurance carrier showing coverage of at least $100,000 for each incident, and $300,000 in total coverage. The licensee shall notify the SFM within thirty days after the public liability insurance coverage required is no longer in effect for any reason.

3.4 Signature of Applicant

The application shall be signed by the applicant. If the application is made by a partnership, it shall be signed by all partners. If the application is made by a corporation or association other than a partnership, it shall be signed by a principal officer.

3.5 Equipment Inspection

The applicant or licensee shall allow the SFM and any of his authorized deputies to enter, examine, and inspect any premises, building, room or vehicle used by the applicant in the service of automatic fire suppression systems to determine compliance with the provisions of these rules. The inspection will be conducted during normal business hours, and the owner or manager shall be given a minimum of 24 hours notice before the appointed inspection. The equipment inspection may be conducted on an annual basis, and consent to inspect will be obtained. The applicant, license holder or certified employee of the license holder, may be asked during the inspection by the SFM or any of his deputies, to demonstrate skills or knowledge used in servicing of automatic fire suppression systems.

3.6 Issuance and Posting of License

Following receipt of the properly completed application, and compliance with the provisions of the statute and these rules, the SFM shall issue a license. Every license issued pursuant to the provisions of these rules shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises of the licensed concern.

3.7 Original License and Inspection

Original licenses shall be valid for one year from the date of application. Thereafter, each license shall be renewed annually and renewals shall be valid for one year from issuance. No original license will be issued until the satisfactory completion of a materials, equipment and performance inspection by the SFM.

3.8 Renewal License and Inspection

Application for renewal shall be made as directed by the SFM. The failure to renew the license will cause the license to become invalid. No renewal license will be issued until the satisfactory completion of a materials, equipment and performance inspection by the SFM. Beginning March 4, 2003 through February 29, 2004, renewal dates for licensed concerns will be based upon the inspection date and valid for a one-year period of time. Renewal license fees shall be prorated monthly, and monthly fees already paid in that time period shall be credited towards the renewal license fee.

3.9 Duplicate License

A duplicate license may be issued by the SFM to replace any previously issued license, which has been lost or destroyed, upon request.

3.10 Refusal to Renew

SFM may refuse to renew any license that is authorized, pursuant to Section 8 of these rules. The applicant will, upon such refusal, have the same rights as are granted by Section 8 of these rules to an applicant for an original license which has been denied by the SFM.

3.11 Change of Address

Every licensee shall notify the SFM, in writing, within thirty (30) days, of any change of address or location of business.

3.12 Under Another Name

No licensee shall conduct the licensed business under a name other than the name or names which appears on the license.

3.13 Hiring and Termination

Every licensed concern shall, within thirty (30) days of employment or termination of an employee or contracted agent shall notify the SFM of the name, address, and certification number of that person.

3.14 Minimum Age

No license shall be issued to any person as licensee who is under eighteen (18) years of age.

3.15 Employer Responsibility

Every concern is responsible for the acts of its employees or assigned agents relating to installation and servicing of automatic fire suppression systems.

3.16 Restrictive Use

No license shall constitute authorization for any licensee, or any of the employees or contracted agents, to enter upon, or into, any property, building, or machinery without the consent of the owner or manager. No license shall grant authorization to enforce the Uniform Fire Code or these rules.

3.17 Non-Transferable

No license issued pursuant to this section shall be transferred from one concern to another.

3.18 Registration Number

Every license shall be identified by a number, delineated as H-(number). Such number may only be transferred from one concern to another when approved by the SFM.

3.19 Minimum Materials and Equipment Required

At each business location or vehicle of the applicant where servicing work is performed the following minimum material and equipment requirements shall be maintained:

3.19.1 Calibrated scales with ability to:

3.19.1.1 Weigh gas cartridges to within 1/4 ounce of manufacturers specifications.

3.19.1.2 Weigh cylinders accurately for systems being serviced.

3.19.2 Nitrogen Pressure Filling Equipment

3.19.2.1 Nitrogen Supply

3.19.2.2 Pressure Regulator - 750 p.s.i. minimum

3.19.2.3 Filling Adapters

3.19.3 Dry Chemical Systems

3.19.3.1 Extinguishing agents, compatible with systems serviced

3.19.3.2 Fusible links

3.19.3.3 Safety pins

3.19.3.4 An assortment of gaskets and "O" Rings compatible with systems serviced

3.19.3.5 Gas cartridges as required according to manufacture's specifications

3.19.3.6 Current reference manuals, to include manufacture's service manuals

3.19.3.7 Cocking or Lockout Tool

3.19.4 Halon and CO2 Systems

3.19.4.1 Have access to, or meet the requirements for a U.L. approved filling station.

3.19.4.2 Have available in inventory, or have immediate access to, detectors compatible with systems serviced.

3.19.4.3 Calibration equipment such as electrical testers and detector testers.

3.19.4.4 Control panel components

3.19.4.5 Release valves

3.19.4.6 Current reference manuals

This list does not, however, include all items that may be necessary in order to conduct a complete system installation, modification or service.

3.20 Records

Accurate records shall be maintained for five years back by the licensee of all service work performed. These records shall be made available to the SFM, or authorized deputies, upon request. These records shall include the following:

3.20.1 The name and address of all serviced locations

3.20.2 Type of service performed

3.20.3 Date and name of person performing the work

R710-7-4. Certificates of Registration.

4.1 Required Certificates of Registration

No person shall service any automatic fire suppression system without a certificate of registration issued by the SFM pursuant to these rules expressly authorizing such person to

perform such acts.

4.2 Application

Application for a certificate of registration to work on automatic fire suppression systems shall be made in writing to the SFM on forms provided by the SFM. The application shall be signed by the applicant.

4.3 Examination

The SFM shall require all applicants for a certificate of registration to take and pass a written examination, which may be supplemented by practical tests to determine the applicant's knowledge to work on automatic fire suppression systems. Pictured identification of the applicant for a certificate of registration may be requested by the SFM or his deputies. Examinations will be given according to the following schedule and requirements:

4.3.1 On the first and third Tuesdays of each month. When holidays conflict with these days, the day immediately following will be used. An appointment will be made to take an examination at least 24 hours in advance of the examination date.

4.3.2 Examinations may be given at various field locations as deemed necessary by the SFM. Appointments for field examinations are required.

4.3.3 All certification examinations given are open book examinations. The applicant is allowed to use the statute, the administrative rule, and the NFPA standard that applies to the certification examination. Any other materials to include cellular telephones are prohibited in the examination room.

4.3.4 Completion of the certification examination will not be allowed if it appears to the test administrator that the applicant has not prepared to take the examination.

4.3.5 Each certification examination taken has a time limit of two hours to completion. Leaving the office or testing location before the completion of the examination voids the examination and will require the examination to be retaken by the applicant.

4.3.6 If there are different levels of proficiency in the subject matter, the lower proficiency level will be fully completed before the next higher proficiency will be administered.

4.4 Examination - Passing Grade

To successfully pass the written examination, the applicant must obtain a minimum grade of seventy percent (70%) in each portion of the examination taken.

4.5 Contents of Examination

The examination required shall include a written test of the applicant's knowledge of the work to be performed, the provisions of these rules, and may include an actual demonstration of his ability to perform the acts indicated on the application.

4.6 Right to Contest

Every person who takes an examination for a certificate of registration shall have the right to contest the validity of individual questions of such examination. Every contention as to the validity of individual questions of the examination shall be made in writing within 48 hours after taking said examination. The decision of the SFM shall be final.

4.7 Issuance

Following receipt of the completed application, compliance with the provisions of these rules, and the successful completion of the required examination, the SFM shall issue a certificate of registration.

4.8 Original and Renewal Valid Date

Original certificates of registration will be valid for one year from the date of application. Thereafter, each certificate of registration will be renewed annually and renewals will be valid for one year from issuance. The failure to renew a certificate of registration will cause the certificate of registration to become invalid. The holder of an invalid certificate of registration shall not perform any work on automatic fire suppression systems.

4.9 Renewal Date

Application for renewal will be made as directed by the SFM. Beginning March 4, 2003 through February 29, 2004, renewal dates for certification of registrations will be based upon the license inspection date and valid for a one-year period of time. Renewal certificate of registrations shall be prorated monthly, and monthly fees already paid in that time period shall be credited towards the renewal fee.

4.10 Re-examination

Every holder of a valid certificate of registration will take a re-examination every five (5) years, from the date of original certificate, to comply with the provisions of Section 4.3 of these rules as follows:

4.10.1. The re-examination to comply with the provisions of Section 4.3 of these rules shall consist of one 25 question open book examination to be mailed to the certificate holder at least 60 days before the renewal date.

4.10.2 The 25 question re-examination will consist of questions that focus on changes in the last five years to the NFPA standards, the statute, and adopted practices of concerns noted by the Board or SFM,.

4.10.3 The certificate holder is responsible to complete the re-examination and return it to the SFM in sufficient time to renew.

4.10.4 The certificate holder is responsible to return to the SFM the correct renewal fees to complete that certificate renewal.

4.11 Refusal to Renew

The SFM may refuse to renew any certificate of registration for the reasons that is authorized pursuant to Section 8 of these rules. The applicant will, upon such refusal, have the same rights as are granted by Section 8 of these rules to an applicant for an original certificate of registration which has been denied by the SFM.

4.12 Inspection

The holder of a certificate of registration will submit such certificate for inspection, upon request of the SFM, any authorized deputies, or any local fire official.

4.13 Change of Address

Any change of address of any holder of a certificate of registration will be reported by the registered person to the SFM within thirty (30) days of such change. Such change will also be made by the holder of the certificate of registration on the reverse side of the certificate of registration card.

4.14 Duplicate

A duplicate certificate of registration may be issued by the SFM to replace any previously issued certificate which has been lost or destroyed.

4.15 Minimum Age

No certificate of registration shall be issued to any person who is under eighteen (18) years of age.

4.16 Restrictive Use

4.16.1 No certificate of registration will constitute authorization for any person to enter upon or into any property or building.

4.16.2 No certificate of registration will constitute authorization for any person to enforce any provisions of these rules or the Uniform Fire Code.

4.16.3 Regardless of the acts authorized to be performed by the licensed concern, only those acts for which the applicant for a certificate of registration has qualified will be permissible by such applicant.

4.17 Non-Transferable

Certificates of registration will not be transferable. Individual certificates of registration will be carried by the person to whom issued.

4.18 Limited Issuance

No certificate of registration will be issued to any person

unless that person is a licensee or an employee of a licensed concern.

4.19 New Employees

New employees of a licensed concern may perform the various acts while under the direct supervision of a person holding a valid certificate of registration for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the initial date of employment.

4.20 Certificate Identification

Every certificate will be identified by a number, delineated as HE-(number).

R710-7-5. Service Tags and Labels.

5.1 Size and Color

Tags shall be not more than five and one-half inches (5-1/2") in height, nor less than four and one-half inches (4-1/2") in height, and not more than three inches (3") in width, nor less than two and one-half inches (2-1/2") in width. Tags may be any color except red.

5.2 Attaching Tag

One service tag will be attached to each automatic fire suppression system in such a position as to be conveniently inspected

5.3 Signature and Certificate Number

5.3.1 The signature and certificate of registration number of the person performing the work shall be signed legibly on the service tag.

5.3.2 All information pertaining to complete date, type of servicing, and type of system will be indicated on the tag by perforations in the appropriate space provided.

5.4 New Tag

A new service tag will be attached to a properly functioning system each time service is performed. A system not in compliance shall not receive a service tag, but shall receive a non-compliance tag as required in Section 5.8.

5.5 Tag Warning

The following wording shall be placed at the top or reinforced ring end of every tag: "DO NOT REMOVE, BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL".

5.6 Removal

No person shall deface, modify, alter or remove any active service label or tag attached to or required to be attached to any automatic fire suppression system.

5.7 Service Tag Information

All service tags shall be designed as required by the SFM.

5.8 Six Year Maintenance and Hydrostatic Test Labels

5.8.1 Six year maintenance and hydrostatic test labels will be affixed by a heatless process. The labels will be applied only when the system is recharged or undergoes six year maintenance servicing or hydrostatic testing.

5.8.2 Six year maintenance and hydrostatic test labels shall be durable to withstand the effects of weather and adverse conditions.

5.8.3 Six year maintenance and hydrostatic test labels will be designed as shown below:

EXAMPLE OF SIX YEAR AND HYDROSTATIC TEST LABEL

5.9 Non-Compliance Tags

5.9.1 Non-compliance tags will be affixed to any system failing to meet service specifications and will be placed in a conspicuous location on that system.

5.9.2 Non-compliance tags shall be red in color.

5.9.3 A system shall receive a non-compliance tag, when the system fails to fully comply with manufactures specifications or these rules.

5.9.4 After placing the non-compliance tag on the system, the service person shall notify the local fire chief or his authorized representative. The service person shall also furnish a copy of the service report to the authority having jurisdiction.

5.9.5 Non-compliance tags will be designed as required by the SFM.

R710-7-6. Requirements For All Approved Systems.

6.1 Service

6.1.1 Maintenance will be conducted on extinguishing systems at least every six months or immediately after use or activation.

6.1.2 When fusible links are a required portion of the system, fusible links will be replaced yearly or as required by the manufacturer of the system.

6.1.3 Fusible links will show the date when installed by year only.

6.1.4 Fusible links will not be used after February 1 of the next year showing a previous years date.

6.2 Interchanging of Parts

Interchanging of parts from different manufactured systems is prohibited. Parts shall be specifically listed and compatible for use with the designed system.

6.3 Return of parts

All replaced parts to the system serviced will be returned to the system owner or manager after completion of the service. Parts that are required to be returned to the manufacturer due to warranty are exempt.

6.4 Restricted Service

Any system requiring a hydrostatic test, will not be serviced until such system has been subjected to, and passed, the required test. A non-compliance tag will not be accepted to meet the requirements of this section.

6.5 Service

At the time of installation, and during any service, all servicing will be done in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, adopted statutes, and these rules. Systems will be placed and remain in an operable condition, free from defects which may cause malfunctions. Discharge nozzles and piping will be free of obstructions or substances.

R710-7-7. Adjudicative Proceedings.

7.1 All adjudicative proceedings performed by the agency shall proceed informally as authorized by UCA, Sections 63G-4-202 and 63G-4-203.

7.2 The issuance, renewal, or continued validity of a license or certificate of registration may be denied, suspended, or revoked, if the SFM finds that the applicant, person employed for, or the person having authority and management of a concern servicing automatic fire suppression systems commits any of the following violations:

7.2.1 The person or applicant is not the real person in interest.

7.2.2 The person or applicant provides material misrepresentation or false statement on the application.

7.2.3 The person or applicant refuses to allow inspection by the SFM, his duly authorized deputies.

7.2.4 The person or applicant for a license or certificate of registration does not have the proper facilities and equipment, to conduct the operations for which application is made.

7.2.5 The person or applicant for a certificate of registration does not possess the qualifications of skill or competence to conduct the operations for which application was made, as evidenced by failure to pass the examination and practical tests pursuant to Section 4.2 of these rules.

7.2.6 The person or applicant has been convicted of one or more federal, state or local laws.

7.2.7 The person or applicant has been convicted of a violation of the adopted rules or been found by a Board administrative proceeding to have violated the adopted rules.

7.2.8 Any offense or finding of unlawful conduct, or there is or may be, a threat to the public's health or safety if the applicant or person were granted a license or certificate of registration.

7.2.9 There are other factors upon which a reasonable and prudent person would rely to determine the suitability of the applicant or person to safely and competently engage in the practice of servicing fire suppression systems.

7.3 A person whose license or certificate of registration is suspended or revoked by the SFM shall have an opportunity for a hearing before the Board if requested by that person within 20 days after receiving notice.

7.4 All adjudicative proceedings, other than criminal prosecution, taken by the SFM to enforce the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act, and these rules, shall commence in accordance with UCA, Section 63G-4-201.

7.5 The Board shall act as the hearing authority, and shall convene after timely notice to all parties involved. The Board shall be the final authority on the suspension or revocation of a license or certificate of registration.

7.6 The Board shall direct the SFM to issue a signed order to the parties involved giving the decision of the Board within a reasonable time of the hearing pursuant to UCA, Section 63G-4-203.

7.7 Reconsideration of the Board decision may be requested in writing within 20 days of the date of the decision pursuant to UCA, Section 63G-4-302.

7.8 After a period of three years from the date of revocation, the Board shall review the submitted written application of a person whose license or certificate of registration has been revoked. After timely notice to all parties involved, the Board shall convene to review the revoked persons application, and that person shall be allowed to present themselves and their case before the Board. After the hearing, the Board shall direct the SFM to allow the person to complete the licensing or certification process or shall direct that the revocation be continued.

7.9 Judicial review of all final Board actions resulting from informal adjudicative proceedings is available pursuant to UCA, Section 63G-4-402.

R710-7-8. Fees.

8.1 Fee Schedule

8.1.1 Licenses (New and Renewals)

8.1.1.1 Type H1 (Marketing and Installation) . . . $300.00

If the concern currently is licensed to service portable fire extinguishers the fee is $150.00.

8.1.1.2 Type H2 (Service Only) $150.00

If the concern currently is licensed to service portable fire extinguishers the fee is $75.00.

8.1.1.3 Branch Office License. $150.00

8.1.2 Certificates of Registration (New and Renewals)

8.1.2.1 Certificate of Registration. $40.00

If the individual currently is certified as a portable fire extinguisher technician the fee is $10.00

8.1.3 License Transfer $50.00

8.1.4 Examinations

8.1.4.1 Initial Examination. $30.00

8.1.4.2 Re-Examination $30.00

8.1.4.3 Five (5) Year Examination. $30.00

8.2 Payment of Fees

The required fee will accompany the application for license or certificate of registration. License or certificate of registration fees will be refunded if the application is denied.

8.3 Late Renewal Fees

8.3.1 Any license or certificate of registration not renewed before January 1 will be subject to an additional fee equal to 10% of the required inspection fee.

8.3.2 When a certificate of registration has expired for more than one year, an application will be made for an original certificate as if the application was being made for the first time. Examinations will be re-taken with initial fees.

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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-110. Permit to Operate a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Equipment Laws.
R714-110-1. Authority.

A. This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-8-204(5).

R714-110-2. Purpose of Rule.

A. The Utah Highway Patrol, hereafter division, may issue a permit which will allow operation of a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 6a, as authorized by Section 41-6a-1602.

B. The purpose of this rule is to set forth the procedures whereby:

(1) A person may apply for a permit.

(2) The division may act on a permit application.

(3) A person may appeal a permit denial.

R714-110-3. Designation.

A. All adjudicative proceedings performed by the division will proceed informally as set forth herein and as authorized by Sections 63G-4-202 and 63G-4-203.

R714-110-4. Application.

A. A person may apply for a permit on a form provided by the division.

R714-110-5. Processing of Application.

A. The division may issue a permit if the motor vehicle is safe to operate and if any of the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant shows proof satisfactory to the division of a medical disability which requires the removal, addition, or modification of a motor vehicle part.

(2) The applicant is temporarily unable to obtain a motor vehicle part for reasons beyond the applicant's control.

(3) The applicant is the head of a law enforcement agency and removal, addition, or modification of a motor vehicle part is necessary for a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

B. The permit issued will be on a form provided by the division.

C. The permit may specify conditions under which the permit is granted including times and places the motor vehicle may be driven, duration of the permit, and any other conditions which the division considers appropriate to protect the safety of highway users or efficient movement of traffic.

R714-110-6. Appeal.

A. An applicant who is denied a permit will be given the reasons for denial in writing by the division.

B. An applicant who is denied a permit or who is granted a permit containing conditions with which the applicant disagrees, may appeal to the division on a form provided by the division. The appeal must be filed within ten days after receiving notice from the division.

C. No hearing will be granted to the applicant. The division will review the appeal and issue a written decision to the applicant within ten days either affirming or modifying the initial decision concerning the permit.

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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-158. Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Requirements.
R714-158-1. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-8-204(5).

R714-158-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to set standards governing the administration and enforcement of the safety inspection program in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 8, Part 2.

R714-158-3. Definitions.

As used in this rule:

(1) "Agency Action" means a written warning, suspension or revocation applied against a certification or license.

(2) "Certificate" means the certificate of inspection given when a vehicle fails or meets the requirements of the inspection program.

(3) "Certification" means the authority given to an inspector by the department to conduct safety inspections.

(4) "Commercial motor vehicle" means any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer or semi-trailer, propelled or drawn by mechanized power upon the highway in transportation of passengers or property, or any combination thereof. It does not include implements of husbandry.

(5) "Department" means the Utah Department of Public Safety.

(6) "Fleet station" means a station licensed by the department and capable of conducting safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles, provided the fleet owns a minimum of twenty-five vehicles.

(7) "Inspector" means a person employed by a station licensed to conduct safety inspections.

(8) "License" means the authority given to a station by the department to conduct safety inspections.

(9) "Notice of agency action" means a written notice that the department intends to suspend or revoke a certification or license.

(10) "Re-inspection" means an inspection of previously rejected items that is completed within fifteen days of the original inspection. An inspection that is completed outside of the fifteen days is considered a new inspection, which all vehicle components are required to be inspected.

(11) "Station" means a business, including public garages, service stations, and repair shops licensed by the department to conduct safety inspections.

(12) "Sticker" means the sticker intended to be placed on the windshield or side wing window of a vehicle which has met the requirements of the inspection program. On trailers they should be placed on either of the two front corners where they can easily be seen.

(13) "Utah Interactive (UI)" means the company that has contracted with the State Of Utah for the setup and facilitation of the web-based inspection program.

R714-158-4. Station License.

A. Application for a license as a station can be made on forms provided by the department's Safety Inspection Section, 5500 West Amelia Earhart Drive, Suite 360, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

(1) A $1,000 surety bond or garage keepers insurance is required for all stations except fleet stations and publicly owned stations.

(2) A $100 station application fee is required.

(3) A $25 annual license fee is required for all stations except publicly owned stations.

(4) A $100 fee is required to renew a license that has been suspended or revoked.

(5) A $100 fee is required for a station name and/or address change.

B. Upon receiving an application for a license, the department will assign an investigator to inspect the place of business to determine if the applicant meets the requirements of this rule. This includes that the application is filled out completely and in addition to providing a list of all the station's certified inspectors.

C. An applicant for a license shall meet the building and equipment requirements set forth in the "Vehicle Inspection Manual" prior to approval and throughout their certification.

D. Upon approval, the license will be issued to the applicant and shall be displayed in a prominent location at the address shown on the license.

E. Licenses are not transferable. A change in the ownership, name, or location of a station requires a new application, bond, and license.

F. All new stations upon making application will be required to enroll in the web-based inspection program through Utah Interactive. All of the station's inspections will have to be completed on-line.

G. An agency action against a station using only paper certificates will require, after reinstatement, that the station's inspections be conducted on the on-line program.

R714-158-5. Inspector Certification.

A. An applicant for certification as an inspector shall:

(1) obtain training in accordance with the requirements of Section R714-158-6 of this rule;

(2) pay a $10 non-refundable processing fee;

(3) be at least eighteen years of age; and

(4) have a valid drivers license.

B. Certification is valid for five years and expires on the month, day, and year shown on the certificate.

C. Certification can be renewed up to two months before the expiration date.

(1) A $100 fee is required to process a return to the safety inspection program in the event of a suspension or revocation of certification.

D. A $20 fee is required to replace a lost/missing inspector certification card.

R714-158-6. Inspector Training and Testing.

A. Inspector applicants shall obtain training, reference materials, and instructions from the department prior to certification.

B. The department may contract with educational institutions to provide training, re-training, or testing.

(1) Every educational institution will be required to have the same tools that each station is required to have for each individual vehicle type that they will be instructing.

C. An inspector seeking re-certification of his/her safety inspection authority shall do one of the following options:

(1) Option #1- Participate in the full 16 hour Safety Inspection Training Course and pass the final test.

(2) Option #2- Participate in either an on-line, or "CD" formatted recertification training program, and pass the quizzes.

D. An inspector whose certification has expired for more than one (1) year is required to re-take the 16 hour certification.

E. Every student that takes the 16 hour certification course, is required to attend all sixteen hours of the course, regardless of what vehicle type they are applying for. If they miss any portion of the course, they will be required to make up that missed portion before being allowed to take the certification test.

F. If an educational institute offers a motorcycle only course, then the student must attend the entire portion of that course that is covered under the curriculum set forth by the department before being allowed to take the certification test.

R714-158-7. General Safety Inspection Program Requirements.

A. Inspections shall be conducted honestly and thoroughly. Any attempt to coerce customers, or to sell unneeded parts or repairs is prohibited.

(1) Repairs or adjustments may not be made to a vehicle without prior approval of the customer.

(a) Any part that is replaced as a result of an inspection must be returned to the customer.

(b) If a part cannot be returned, it must be shown to the customer.

(c) The customer is under no obligation to have a vehicle repaired at the station. Repairs may be made at any business selected by the customer.

(2) A current set of inspection records, including the plate brake test records, shall be retained at each station or record keeping office.

(a) The records shall be retained for a minimum of twelve months.

(b) When requested, records shall be made available for inspection by the department.

(3) Reports required by the department shall be submitted to the department prior to every third order of inspection supplies.

(a) Reports submitted to the department shall be legible and in sequence.

(b) Certificates and stickers shall be filled out completely to include the name and address of the registered owner. They must be completed on the same date that the vehicle inspection was conducted.

(4) Each station in the safety inspection program shall maintain an adequate supply of certificates, stickers, and other inspection supplies.

(a) Certificates, stickers, and other inspection supplies shall be safeguarded against loss or theft.

(b) Missing or stolen certificates or stickers shall be immediately reported to the department.

(5) No certificate or sticker shall be issued without making a proper inspection, or issued to any vehicle that does not meet safety inspection requirements.

(6) An inspector may conduct inspections, print certificates, issue certificates, and attach stickers to vehicles only at the location designated on the license.

(7) Inspectors will not be added to a station on the Admin Console, without a member of the station's management first contacting our office. This management contact may be done in person, by phone or on a station's letterhead with an official signature.

(8) Certificates, stickers, or other inspection supplies, may not be sold or transferred from one station to another.

(9) Each station must be open for a least eight hours during the normal business day. Stations may close on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays.

(a) At least one inspector must be on duty at each station during business hours.

R714-158-8. Vehicle Safety Inspection Manual.

The department shall prepare the "Vehicle Inspection Manual" which shall be based on the "Utah Code," the "Federal Code of Regulations," the "Vehicle Inspection Handbook" of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, and on vehicle manufacturer specifications.

(1) The department shall seek the advice of the Safety Inspection Advisory Council prior to any substantive changes in the "Vehicle Inspection Manual."

(2) Inspectors shall conduct inspections in accordance with the "Vehicle Inspection Manual."

(3) All stations are required to have a copy of the most recent manual available. This requirement can be met by having a hard copy on hand or by downloading a copy to a file on the station's computer from the Safety Inspection website. Accessing the manual through the website does not qualify for meeting this requirement.

R714-158-9. Certificates, Stickers, and Inspection Reports.

A. Paper Certificates will be issued in books of twenty-five for ATV's and fifty for Passenger/Light Truck.

(1) A maximum of ten books of certificates and twenty books of stickers may be purchased on one order.

(2) Each on-line station may be allowed to purchase a maximum of two books of certificates that are only to be used as a backup to the on-line program when the system is down.

(3) All orders shall be paid by check, except as authorized by the department.

(4) Unused certificates or stickers, if less than two years old and in quantities of ten or more, may be returned to the department for reimbursement or exchange.

(5) Returned certificates and stickers must be in the original book and sequence.

(6) Utah Interactive is responsible for billing the on-line stations for all completed on-line certificates each month.

(7) Each on-line station shall submit a full payment for each monthly bill received from UI.

(8) Entering a safety inspection certificate number into an outside agency computer system for the purpose of printing a certificate is prohibited.

(9) All 'ATV' inspections shall be conducted on a department approved ATV paper certificate, or on the on-line program under the 'ATV' vehicle type.

B. Certificates, stickers, and inspection reports, shall be completed and issued as set forth in the "Vehicle Inspection Manual."

R714-158-10. Incorporation of Federal Standards for Commercial Vehicles.

The department adopts federal regulation 49 CFR 393, 396, and 396 Appendix G (1997 edition), applicable to commercial motor vehicles and trailers operating in interstate commerce, and incorporates those regulations in this rule by reference.

R714-158-11. Grounds for Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of License or Certification.

A license or certification may be denied, suspended, or revoked for either of the following reasons:

(1) violation of state laws or rules applicable to vehicle inspections.

(2) conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude.

(3) Providing any false information on a station or inspector application.

(4) A station that transfers ownership while serving a suspension/revocation period, shall serve the full period of the suspension/revocation before reinstatement of certification or approval as a new inspection station will be made.

(5) An on-line station that is more than 60 days delinquent on their balance with Utah Interactive, may have an agency action filed against them until their full payment is received by Utah Interactive.

R714-158-12. Adjudicative Proceedings.

A. All adjudicative proceedings set forth in this section shall be conducted informally, and as authorized by Sections 53-8-204, 63G-4-202, and 63G-4-203.

B. Action to deny, suspend or revoke any license or certification or to appeal any denial, suspension, or revocation shall be made on forms provided by the department in accordance with Section 63G-4-201.

C. Appeal to department. A person who has been issued

a notice of agency action to suspend or revoke a license or certification may request a hearing before the department by filing an appeal with the department within ten days of receipt of the notice of agency action. If a timely appeal is filed, the intended agency action shall automatically be stayed.

(1) The hearing before the department shall be informal and is intended to provide the person with an opportunity to show cause why the intended agency action should not be taken.

(2) The department will issue a signed order to the parties within five days of the hearing, ordering or denying the intended agency action.

D. Appeal to Advisory Council. A person who has been denied a license or certification, or a person whose license or certification has been suspended or revoked by the department, may request a hearing before the Advisory Council pursuant to Section 53-8-203, by filing an appeal with the department within ten days of receipt of the denial, suspension, or revocation.

(1) Except in the case of an emergency order, a timely appeal to the department requesting an Advisory Council hearing shall automatically stay a department order of suspension or revocation.

(2) The hearing before the Advisory Council shall be informal and shall be held within thirty days after the appeal is filed.

(3) The Advisory Council shall make written findings and conclusions and issue a signed order within ten days of the hearing; affirming, denying, or modifying the order of the department.

E. Reconsideration of the order of the Advisory Council may be requested in writing within twenty days of the date of the order in accordance with Section 63G-4-302.

F. The order of the Advisory Council shall be subject to judicial review in accordance with Section 63G-4-402.

G. A default order may be entered against a party who fails to participate in any of the hearings provided for in this section in accordance with Section 63G-4-209.

KEY: motor vehicle safety, inspections

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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-159. Vehicle Safety Inspection Apprenticeship Program Guidelines.
R714-159-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish program guidelines for a school district that elects to implement a vehicle safety inspection apprenticeship program for high school students in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 8, Part 2.

R714-159-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-8-204(5)(e).

R714-159-3. Definitions.

As used in this rule:

(1) "Apprentice" means a person meeting the qualifications described in Section II, of the Standards of Apprenticeship for Automotive Technician with the U.S. Department of Labor, who has entered into a written apprenticeship agreement providing for learning and acquiring the skills of a recognized occupation under the provisions of these standards.

(2) "Apprenticeship agreement" means the Standards of Apprenticeship for Automotive Technician as developed by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor signed by both the apprentice and sponsor.

(3) "Certified apprentice" means a person authorized by the department to conduct safety inspections.

(4) "Closely supervise" means a sponsor will be physically present at all times on premises where safety inspections are conducted and responsible for apprentice's actions.

(5) "Inspector" means a person employed by a station licensed to conduct safety inspections.

(6) "License" means the authority given to a station by the department to conduct safety inspection.

(7) "Registration agency" means the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor.

(8) "Sponsor" means a licensed inspector who supervises and oversees a certified apprentice and has signed the apprenticeship agreement.

(9) "Station" means a business, including public garages, service stations, and repair shops licensed by the department to conduct safety inspections.

R714-159-4. Apprentice Requirements.

An applicant for certified apprentice shall:

(1) be registered as an Automotive Technician Apprentice with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor;

(2) be a senior in high school;

(3) be at least 16 years of age;

(4) obtain training in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of this rule;

(5) pay a $10 non-refundable processing fee;

(6) have a valid drivers license; and

(7) only work in one sponsored station during their apprenticeship.

R714-159-5. Sponsor Requirements.

A sponsor shall:

(1) maintain records as required by the registration agency for five years;

(2) closely supervise certified apprentices;

(3) upon request, make available for inspection by the department all apprentice records.

R714-159-6. Apprentice training.

An apprentice shall obtain training through a department contracted Applied Technology Center, or through a high school that has elected to contract with the department for apprenticeship training and testing.

R714-159-7. Probationary Period.

(1) A certified apprentice will operate in a probationary period until they turn 18 years old. During this probationary period, the department, the sponsor, or apprentice may terminate the apprenticeship agreement without cause.

(2) Upon turning 18 years old, a certified apprentice may apply for an inspector certification under R714-158-5.

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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-200. Standards for Vehicle Lights and Illuminating Devices.
R714-200-1. Purpose.

Section 41-6a-1620 requires that the Department shall approve or disapprove any lighting device or other safety equipment, component or assembly of a type for which approval is specifically required. The standards shall conform as nearly as practical to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Regulations.

R714-200-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Sections 41-6a-1601 and 41-6a-1620, and Subsection 53-1-106(1)(a).

R714-200-3. Federal Standard Adopted and Incorporated by Reference.

The Department hereby adopts the standards set forth in 49 CFR 571 Standard 108 (1997 edition) as the standard governing vehicle lights and illuminating devices in Utah and incorporates such federal regulation into this rule by this reference.

R714-200-4. Miscellaneous Light Restrictions.

A. Alternately flashing lights described in Sections 41-6a-1616 and 41-6a-1302 may not be used on any vehicle other than a school bus or authorized emergency vehicle.

B. No vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle, may use rotating lights as described in Subsection 41-6a-1616(4).

C. No vehicle, except a police vehicle, may use rotating blue lights or flashing blue lights as described in Section 41-6a-1616.

R714-200-5. Process of Requesting Equipment Approval.

A. Upon receiving a written request, the Department shall review the equipment to ensure that it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

B. After reviewing the equipment, the Department shall issue a written response, explaining the reason for approval or denial of the requested equipment.

KEY: lights, motor vehicle safety

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	53-1-106(1)(a)

R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-210. Standards for Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning Equipment.
R714-210-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to adopt standards for motor vehicle air conditioning equipment which will protect the public and occupants of motor vehicles.

R714-210-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 41-6a-1640 and 53-1-106(1)(a).

R714-210-3. Federal Standards Adopted and Incorporated by Reference.

The Department of Public Safety hereby adopts the motor vehicle air conditioning equipment standards set forth in 40 CFR 82.30 through 82.42, and Pt. 82, Subpt. B, App. A and App. B (2006 edition) as the motor vehicle air conditioning equipment standards for Utah and incorporates such federal regulation into this rule by this reference.

KEY: air conditioning, motor vehicle safety
May 5, 1998 41-6a-1640
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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-220. Standards for Protective Headgear.
R714-220-1. Purpose.

Section 41-6a-1505 prohibits a person under age 18 from operating or riding on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, i.e., electric assisted bicycle, motor assisted scooter, and personal motorized mobility device, on a highway unless the person is wearing protective headgear that complies with standards established in a rule made by the commissioner of public safety. The purpose of this rule is to establish those standards.

R714-220-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-1-106(1)(a).

R714-220-3. Motorcycle Standards.

The commissioner of public safety hereby adopts the protective headgear standards in 49 CFR 571.218 (2006 edition) as the motorcycle protective headgear standards in this state and such federal regulation is incorporated into this rule by this reference.

R714-220-4. Electric Assisted Bicycle, Motor Assisted Scooter, and Personal Motorized Mobility Device Standards.

The commissioner of public safety hereby adopts the protective headgear standards in 16 CFR 1203 (2007 edition) as the electric assisted bicycle, motor assisted scooter, and personal motorized mobility device standards in this state and such federal regulation is incorporated into this rule by this reference. The standards in 16 CFR 1203 (2007 edition) meet the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation's Standards for Protective Headgear for use in bicycling as required by Section 41-6a-1505(3)(b).

KEY: headgear, motorcycles, bicycles
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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-230. Standards and Specifications for Vehicle Seat Belts and Safety Harnesses.
R714-230-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to adopt standards and specifications for vehicle seat belts and safety harnesses.

R714-230-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Sections 41-6a-1628 and 53-1-106(1)(a).

R714-230-3. Federal Standards and Specifications Adopted and Incorporated by Reference.

The Department of Public Safety hereby adopts the vehicle seat belt and safety harness standards and specifications set forth in 49 CFR 571.209 (2006 edition) as the vehicle seat belt and safety harness standards and specifications for Utah and incorporates such federal regulation into this rule by this reference.

KEY: seat belts, motor vehicle safety
May 5, 1998 41-6a-1628
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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-240. Standards and Specifications for Child Restraint Devices and Safety Belts.
R714-240-1. Purpose.

Subsection 41-6a-1803(1)(b)(c) states that the operator of a motor vehicle operated on a highway shall provide for the protection of each person younger than five years of age by using a child restraint device to restrain each person in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer of the device and provide for the protection of each person five years of age up to 16 years of age by using an appropriate child restraint device to restrain each person in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer of the device or securing, or causing to be secured, a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt. The purpose of this rule is to adopt the standards and specifications that a child restraint device and safety belt must meet in order to be approved by the commissioner of public safety.

R714-240-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Subsection 53-1-106(1)(a).

R714-240-3. Federal Standards and Specifications Adopted and Incorporated by Reference.

The type of child restraint device and safety belt approved by the commissioner of public safety for use in Utah is a child restraint device and safety belt which meet the standards and specifications set forth in 49 CFR 571.213 (2006 edition). The standards and specifications in such federal regulation are adopted for use in Utah and such federal regulation is incorporated into this rule by this reference.

KEY: seat belts, motor vehicle safety
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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-300. Standards for Motor Vehicle Braking Systems.
R714-300-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to adopt standards for motor vehicle braking systems.

R714-300-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 41-6a-1601 and 53-1-106(1)(a).

R714-300-3. Federal Standard Adopted and Incorporated by Reference.

The Department of Public Safety hereby adopts the motor vehicle braking standards set forth in 49 CFR 393.40 through 393.50, 571.105, and 571.122 (1996 edition) as the motor vehicle braking standards for Utah and incorporates such federal regulations into this rule by this reference.

KEY: brakes, motor vehicle safety
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R714. Public Safety, Highway Patrol.
R714-550. Rule for Spending Fees Provided under Section 53-1-117.
R714-550-1. Purpose.

Pursuant to Section 53-1-117, this rule establishes criteria and procedures for the Utah Department of Public Safety to administer revenues from the "Public Safety Restricted Account" established by Section 53-3-106(1); which accrue from fee income pursuant to Sections 41-6-44.30, 53-3-105(29) and 53-3-106(5). Accordingly, these funds shall be used to:

(a) purchase equipment for law enforcement agencies of the state and its political subdivisions to assist them in enforcing alcohol or drug related driving laws;

(b) train peace officers;

(c) provide peace officer overtime; and

(d) fund the managing of DUI related motor vehicles.

R714-550-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53-1-117 which requires the department to make rules establishing criteria and procedures for alcohol or drug enforcement funding.

R714-550-3. Law Enforcement Alcohol and Drug Fee Committee.

This rule establishes the Law Enforcement Alcohol and Drug Fee Committee (committee) which shall be responsible for assisting the department in awarding funds to purchase equipment, train peace officers, fund peace officer overtime, and develop DUI related vehicle management functions to assist in the enforcement of alcohol or drug related driving laws.

R714-550-4. Committee Membership.

(1) The committee shall consist of six members made up of one representative from each of the following groups or organizations:

(a) Utah Highway Patrol Superintendent or designee;

(b) Utah Department of Public Safety, Breath Alcohol Program;

(c) Utah Division of Highway Safety;

(d) Utah Sheriffs Association;

(e) Utah Chiefs of Police Association;

(f) Statewide Association of Prosecutors;

(2) Members of the committee shall:

(a) be approved by the Commissioner of the Utah Department of Public Safety;

(b) be appointed for four year terms; and

(c) cease to be members of the committee immediately upon the termination of their membership in the group or organization they represent.

(3) If a vacancy occurs during the four year term of a committee member, a new member shall be appointed from the same group or organization to complete the term of that member.

(4) The committee shall select a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.

(5) Four members shall constitute a quorum for committee action.

(6) The department's special counsel shall assist the committee as needed.

R714-550-5. Committee Meetings.

The committee shall meet at least quarterly for the purpose of reviewing and approving applications from law enforcement agencies.

R714-550-6. Applications.

Applications for the funding of equipment, training, peace officer overtime, and DUI related vehicle management functions shall be made on department forms and shall be mailed to the committee in care of the department.

R714-550-7. Criteria and Awards.

The committee shall use the following criteria in approving funding awards:

(a) the effectiveness to which the equipment, training, overtime or DUI related vehicle management funds will be used by the agency seeking to improve enforcment of alcohol or drug related driving laws;

(b) the effectiveness of the equipment, training, overtime or DUI related vehicle management funds in enhancing the agency's ability to prosecute impaired drivers;

(c) indicators of more efficient use of manpower; and

(d) the completeness of the agency's application.

R714-550-8. Agency Accountability.

Law enforcement agencies that receive funding shall:

(a) use the awarded resources only in the manner set forth in the agency's application;

(b) use the awarded resources only to enforce alcohol and drug related driving laws;

(c) maintain records for five years sufficient to show how the funding is used; and

(d) cooperate with the committee if and when the committee determines it is necessary to audit agency records, and evaluate use of the funding.

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R746. Public Service Commission, Administration.
R746-100. Practice and Procedures Governing Formal Hearings.
R746-100-1. General Provisions and Authorization.

A. Procedure Governed -- Sections 1 through 14 of this rule shall govern the formal hearing procedures before the Public Service Commission of Utah, Sections 15 and 16 shall govern rulemaking proceedings before the Commission.

B. Consumer Complaints -- Consumer complaints may be converted to informal proceedings, pursuant to Section 63G-4-202.

C. No Provision in Rules -- In situations for which there is no provision in these rules, the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure shall govern, unless the Commission considers them to be unworkable or inappropriate.

D. Words Denoting Number and Gender -- In interpreting these rules, unless the context indicates otherwise, the singular includes the plural, the plural includes the singular, the present or perfect tenses include future tenses, and the words of one gender include the other gender. Headings are for convenience only, and they shall not be used in construing any meaning.

E. Authorization -- This rule is authorized pursuant to Section 54-1-1 which requires the Commission to exercise its rulemaking powers and Subsection 54-1-2.5 which establishes the requirements for Commission procedure, including Hearings, Practice and Procedure, Chapter 7 of Title 54.

R746-100-2. Definitions.

A. "Applicant" is a party applying for a license, right, or authority or requesting agency action from the Commission.

B. "Commission" is the Public Service Commission of Utah. In appropriate context, it may include administrative law judges or presiding officers designated by the Commission.

C. "Complainant" is a person who complains to the Commission of an act or omission of a person in violation of law, the rules, or an order of the Commission.

D. "Consumer complaint" is a complaint of a retail customer against a public utility.

E. "Division" is the Division of Public Utilities, State of Utah Department of Commerce.

F. "Ex Parte Communication" means an oral or written communication with a member of the Commission, administrative law judge, or Commission employee who is, or may be reasonably expected to be, involved in the decision-making process, relative to the merits of a matter under adjudication unless notice and an opportunity to be heard are given to each party. It shall not, however, include requests for status reports on a proceeding covered by these rules.

G. "Formal proceeding" is a proceeding before the Commission not designated informal by rule, pursuant to Section 63G-4-202.

H. "Informal proceeding" is a proceeding so designated by the Commission.

I. "Party" is a participant in a proceeding defined by Subsection 63G-4-103(1)(f).

J. "Interested person" is a person who may be affected by a proceeding before the Commission, but who does not seek intervention. An interested person may not participate in the proceedings except as a public witness, but shall receive copies of notices and orders in the proceeding.

K. "Intervenor" is a person permitted to intervene in a proceeding before the Commission.

L. "Office" is the Office of Consumer Services, State of Utah Department of Commerce.

M. "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, governmental subdivision, or governmental agency.

N. "Petitioner" is a person seeking relief other than the issuance of a license, right, or authority from the Commission.

O. "Presiding officer" is a person conducting an adjudicative hearing, pursuant to Subsection 63G-4-103(1)(h)(i), and may be the entire Commission, one or more commissioners acting on the Commission's behalf, or an administrative law judge, presiding officer, or hearing officer appointed by the Commission. It may also include the Secretary of the Commission when performing duties identified in Section 54-1-7.

P. "Proceeding" or "adjudicative proceeding" is an action before the Commission initiated by a notice of agency action, or request for agency action, pursuant to Section 63G-4-201. It is not an informal or preliminary inquiry or investigation undertaken by the Commission to determine whether a proceeding is warranted; nor is it a rulemaking action pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Q. "Public witness" is a person expressing interest in an issue before the Commission but not entitled or not wishing to participate as a party.

R. "Respondent" is a person against whom a notice of agency action or request for agency action is directed or responding to an application, petition or other request for agency action.

R746-100-3. Pleadings.

A. Pleadings Enumerated -- Applications, petitions, complaints, orders to show cause, and other traditional initiatory pleadings may be filed with the Commission. Traditional pleadings will be considered requests for agency action, pursuant to Section 63G-4-201, concerning adjudicative proceedings. Answers, protests, and other traditional responsive pleadings may be filed with the Commission and will be considered responses, subject to the requirements of Section 63G-4-204.

1. The following filings are not requests for agency action or responses, pursuant to Sections 63G-4-201 and 63G-4-204:

a. motions, oppositions, and similar filings in existing Commission proceedings;

b. informational filings which do not request or require affirmative action, such as Commission approval.

B. Docket Number and Title --

1. Docket number -- Upon the filing of an initiatory pleading, or upon initiation of a generic proceeding, the Commission shall assign a docket number to the proceeding which shall consist of the year in which the pleading was filed, a code identifying the public utility appearing as applicant, petitioner, or respondent, or generic code designation and another number showing its numerical position among the filings involving the utility or generic proceeding filed during the year.

2. Headings and titles -- Pleadings shall bear a heading substantially as follows:

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C. Form of Pleadings -- With the exception of consumer complaints, pleadings shall be double-spaced and in a font of at least 12 points. Pleadings shall be presented for filing on paper

8-1/2 x 11 inches, shall include the docket number, if known, and shall be dated and time stamped upon receipt by the Commission. Pleadings shall also be presented as an electronic word processing document that is substantially the same as the paper version filed, and may be transmitted electronically to the e-mail address the Commission designates for such purposes or presented in electronic media (i.e., compact disc (CD)), using a Commission-approved format. Pleadings over five pages shall be double sided and three-hole punched. A filing is not complete until the original and all required copies -- both paper and electronic -- are provided to the Commission in the form described. If an electronic document is filed in Portable Document Format (PDF) and PDF is not the format of the filing party's source document:

1. the electronic document shall also be provided in its original format; and

2. the PDF document shall include footnote references describing the name and location of the source document in the filed electronic media.

D. Certificate of Service -- a Certificate of Service must be attached to all pleadings filed with the Commission, certifying that a true and correct copy of the pleading was served upon each of the parties in the manner and on the date specified. A filing is not complete without this certificate of service.

E. Pleadings Containing Confidential and Highly Confidential Information --

1. Pleadings, including all accompanying documents, containing information claimed to be confidential or highly confidential, as described in R746-100-16, shall be filed in accordance with R746-100-3(C) and shall conform to the following additional requirements:

a. The paper version of a pleading containing confidential information shall be filed on yellow paper with the confidential portion of the pleading denoted by shading, highlighting, or other readily identifiable means. Both the paper and the electronic versions presented for filing shall be designated confidential in accordance with R746-100-16(A)(1)(b).

b. The paper version of a pleading containing highly confidential information shall be filed on pink paper with the highly confidential portions of the pleadings denoted by shading, highlighting, or other readily identifiable means. Both the paper and electronic versions presented for filing shall be designated highly confidential in accordance with R746-100-16(A)(1)(g).

c. A non-confidential version shall also be filed, in both paper and electronic form, from which all confidential and highly confidential information must be redacted. All copies of this version shall be clearly labeled as "Non-Confidential - Redacted Version."

F. Amendments to Pleadings -- The Commission may allow pleadings to be amended or corrected at any time. Initiatory pleadings may be amended without leave of the Commission at any time before a responsive pleading has been filed or the time for filing the pleading has expired. Defects in pleadings which do not affect substantial rights of the parties shall be disregarded.

G. Signing of Pleadings -- Pleadings shall be signed by the party, or by the party's attorney or other authorized representative if the party is represented by an attorney or other authorized representative, and shall show the signer's address. The signature shall be considered a certification by the signer that he has read the pleading and that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, there is good ground to support it.

H. Consumer Complaints --

1. Alternative dispute resolution, mediation procedures -- Before a proceeding on a consumer complaint is initiated before the Commission, the Commission shall try to resolve the matter through referral first to the customer relations department, if any, of the public utility complained of and then to the Division for investigation and mediation. Only after these resolution efforts have failed will the Commission entertain a proceeding on the matter.

2. Request for agency action -- Persons requesting Commission action shall be required to file a complaint in writing, requesting agency action. The Commission shall not act on illegible or incomplete complaints and shall return those complaints to the complainant with instructions for correction or completion.

3. The Division of Public Utilities may participate in a consumer complaint proceeding as determined by the Division or as requested by the Commission.

I. Content of Pleadings --

1. Pleadings filed with the Commission shall include the following information as applicable:

a. if known, the reference numbers, docket numbers, or other identifying symbols of relevant tariffs, rates, schedules, contracts, applications, rules, or similar matter or material;

b. the name of each participant for whom the filing is made or, if the filing is made for a group of participants, the name of the group, if the name of each member of the group is set forth in a previously filed document which is identified in the filing being made;

c. if statute, rule, regulation, or other authority requires the Commission to act within a specific time period for a matter at issue, a specific section of the pleading, located after the heading or caption, entitled "Proceeding Time Period," shall include: reference or citation to the statute, rule, regulation, or other authority; identification of the time period; and the expiration date of the time period identified by day, month, and year;

d. the specific authorization or relief sought;

e. copies of, or references to, tariff or rate sheets relevant to the pleading;

f. the name and address of each person against whom the complaint is directed;

g. the relevant facts, if not set forth in a previously filed document which is identified in the filing being made;

h. the position taken by the participant filing a pleading, to the extent known when the pleading is filed, and the basis in fact and law for the position;

i. the name, address, and telephone number of an individual who, with respect to a matter contained in the filing, represents the person for whom the filing is made;

j. additional information required to be included by Section 63G-4-201, concerning commencement of adjudicative proceedings, or other statute, rule, or order.

J. Motions -- Motions may be submitted for the Commission's decision on either written or oral argument, and the filing of affidavits in support or contravention of the motion is permitted. If oral argument is sought, the party seeking oral argument shall arrange a hearing date with the secretary of the Commission and provide at least five days written notice to affected parties, unless the Commission determines a shorter time period is needed.

K. Responsive Pleadings --

1. Responsive pleadings to applications, petitions, or requests for agency action shall be filed in accordance with Section 63G-4-204.

2. Response and reply pleadings may be filed to pleadings other than applications, petitions or requests for agency action.

R746-100-4. Filing and Service.

A. Filing of Pleadings -- Pleadings shall be filed with the Commission in the format described in R746-100-3(C), and the number of original and paper copies shall be as specified at http://www.psc.utah.gov/filingrequirements.html.

B. Notice -- Notice shall be given in conformance with Section 63G-4-201.

C. Required Public Notice -- When applying for original authority or rate increase, the party seeking authority or requesting Commission action shall publish notice of the filing or action requested, in the form and within the times as the Commission may order, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the state in which the parties most likely to be interested are located.

D. Times for Filing -- Responsive pleadings to requests for agency action shall be filed with the Commission and served upon opposing parties within 30 days after service of the request for agency action or notice of request for agency action, which ever was first received. Motions directed toward initiatory pleadings shall be filed before a responsive pleading is due; otherwise objections shall be raised in responsive pleadings. Motions directed toward responsive pleadings shall be filed within ten days of the service of the responsive pleading. Response or reply pleadings to other than applications, petitions or requests for agency action shall be filed within 15 calendar days and 10 calendar days, respectively, of the service date of the pleading or document to which the response or reply is addressed. Absent a response or reply, the Commission may presume that there is no opposition.

E. Computation of Time -- The time within which an act shall be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day is Saturday, Sunday, or a state holiday, and then it is excluded and the period runs until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, nor a state holiday.

R746-100-5. Participation.

Parties to a proceeding before the Commission, as defined in Section 63G-4-103, may participate in a proceeding including the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, make argument, written and oral, submit motions, and otherwise participate as determined by the Commission. The Division and Office shall be given full participation rights in any case.

R746-100-6. Appearances and Representation.

A. Taking Appearances -- Parties shall enter their appearances at the beginning of a hearing or when designated by the presiding officer by giving their names and addresses and stating their positions or interests in the proceeding. Parties shall, in addition, fill out and submit to the Commission an appearance slip, furnished by the Commission.

B. Representation of Parties -- Parties may be represented by an attorney licensed to practice in Utah; an attorney licensed in a foreign state, when joined of record by an attorney licensed in Utah, may also represent parties before the Commission. Upon motion, reasonable notice to each party, and opportunity to be heard, the Commission may allow an attorney licensed in a foreign state to represent a party in an individual matter based upon a showing that local representation would impose an unreasonable financial or other hardship upon the party. The Commission may, if it finds an irresolvable conflict of interest, preclude an attorney or firm of attorneys, from representing more than one party in a proceeding. Individuals who are parties to a proceeding, or officers or employees of parties, may represent their principals' interests in the proceeding.

R746-100-7. Intervention and Protest.

Intervention -- Persons wishing to intervene in a proceeding for any purpose, including opposition to proposed agency action or a request for agency action filed by a party to a proceeding, shall do so in conformance with Section 63G-4-207.

R746-100-8. Discovery.

A. Informal discovery -- The Commission encourages parties to exchange information informally. Informational queries termed "data requests" which have been typically used by parties practicing before the Commission may include written interrogatories and requests for production as those terms are used in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Informal discovery is appropriate particularly with respect to the clarification of pre-filed testimony and exhibits before hearing so as to avoid unnecessary on-the-record cross-examination. The Commission may require an informal exchange of information as it judges appropriate. The Commission, on its own motion or the motion of a party, may require the parties to participate in an informal meeting to exchange information informally and otherwise simplify issues and expedite the proceeding.

B. Formal Discovery -- Discovery shall be made in accordance with Rules 26 through 37, Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, with the following exceptions and modifications.

C. Exceptions and Modifications --

1. If no responsive pleading is required in a proceeding, parties may begin discovery immediately upon the filing and service of an initiatory pleading. If a responsive pleading is required, discovery shall not begin until ten days after the time limit for filing the responsive pleading.

2. Rule 26(a)(4), Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, restricting discovery shall not apply, and the opinions, conclusions, and data developed by experts engaged by parties shall be freely discoverable.

3. At any stage of a proceeding, the Commission may, on its own motion or that of a party, convene a conference of the parties to establish times for completion of discovery, the scope of, necessity for, and terms of, protective orders, and other matters related to discovery.

4. Formal discovery shall be initiated by an appropriate discovery request served on the party or person from whom discovery is sought. Discovery requests, regardless of how denominated, discovery responses, and transcripts of depositions shall not be filed with the Commission unless the Commission orders otherwise.

5. In the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure, reference to "the court" shall be considered reference to the Commission.

R746-100-9. Prehearing Conference and Prehearing Briefs.

A. Prehearing Conferences -- Upon the Commission's motion or that of a party, the presiding officer may, upon written notice to parties of record, hold prehearing conferences for the following purposes:

1. formulating or simplifying the issues, including each party's position on each issue;

2. obtaining stipulations, admissions of fact, and documents which will avoid unnecessary proof;

3. arranging for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared expert or other testimony, including a brief description of the evidence to be presented and issues addressed by each witness;

4. determining procedures to be followed at the hearing;

5. encouraging joint pleadings, exhibits, testimony and cross-examination where parties have common interests, including designation of lead counsel where appropriate;

6. agreeing to other matters that may expedite the orderly conduct of the proceedings or of a settlement. Agreements reached during the prehearing conference shall be recorded in an appropriate order unless the participants stipulate or agree to a statement of settlement made on the record.

B. Prehearing Briefs -- The Commission may require the filing of prehearing briefs which shall conform to the format described in R746-100-3(C) and may include:

1. the issues, and positions on those issues, being raised and asserted by the parties;

2. brief summaries of evidence to be offered, including the names of witnesses, exhibit references and issues addressed by

the testimony;

3. brief descriptions of lines of cross-examination to be pursued.

C. Final prehearing conferences -- After all testimony has been filed, the Commission may at any time before the hearing hold a final prehearing conference for the following purposes:

1. determine the order of witnesses and set a schedule for witnesses' appearances, including times certain for appearances of out-of-town witnesses;

2. delineate scope of cross-examination and set limits thereon if necessary;

3. identify and prenumber exhibits.

R746-100-10. Hearing Procedure.

A. Time and Place -- When a matter is at issue, the Commission shall set a time and place for hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be served in conformance with Sections 63G-4-201(2)(b) and 63G-4-201(3)(e) at least five days before the date of the hearing or shorter period as determined by the Commission.

B. Continuance -- Continuances may be granted upon good cause shown. The Commission may impose the costs in connection with the continuance as it judges appropriate.

C. Failure to Appear -- A party's default shall be entered and disposed of in accordance with Section 63G-4-209.

D. Subpoenas and Attendance of Witnesses -- Commissioners, the secretary to the Commission, and administrative law judges or presiding officers employed by the Commission are delegated the authority to sign and issue subpoenas. Parties desiring the issuance of subpoenas shall submit them to the Commission. The parties at whose behest the subpoena is issued shall be responsible for service and paying the person summoned the statutory mileage and witness fees. Failure to obey the Commission's subpoena shall be considered contempt.

E. Conduct of the Hearing --

1. Generally -- Hearings may be held before the full Commission, one or more commissioners, administrative law judges or presiding officers employed by the Commission as provided by law and as the Commission shall direct. Hearings shall be open to the public, except where the Commission closes a hearing for the presentation of proprietary, trade secret or confidential material. Failure to obey the rulings and orders of the presiding officer may be considered contempt.

2. Before commissioner or administrative law judge -- When a hearing is conducted before less than the full Commission, before an administrative law judge or presiding officer, the presiding officer shall ensure that the taking of evidence and subsequent matters proceed as expeditiously as practicable. The presiding officer shall prepare and certify a recommended decision to the Commission. Except as otherwise ordered by the Commission or provided by law, the presiding officer may schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the hearing; recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the hearing; administer oaths; rule on and receive evidence; cause discovery to be conducted; issue subpoenas; hold conferences of the participants; rule on, and dispose of, procedural matters, including oral or written motions; summarily dispose of a proceeding or part of a proceeding; certify a question to the Commission; permit or deny appeal of an interlocutory ruling; and separate an issue or group of issues from other issues in a proceeding and treat the issue or group of issues as a separate phase of the proceeding. The presiding officer may maintain order as follows:

a. ensure that disregard by a person of rulings on matters of order and procedure is noted on the record or, if appropriate, is made the subject of a special written report to the Commission;

b. if a person engages in disrespectful, disorderly, or contumacious language or conduct in connection with the hearing, recess the hearing for the time necessary to regain order;

c. take appropriate action, including removal from the proceeding, against a participant or counsel, if necessary to maintain order.

3. Before full Commission -- In hearings before the full Commission, the Commission shall exercise the above powers and any others available to it and convenient or necessary to an orderly, just, and expeditious hearing.

F. Evidence --

1. Generally -- The Commission is not bound by the technical rules of evidence and may receive any oral or documentary evidence; except that no finding may be predicated solely on hearsay or otherwise incompetent evidence. Further, the Commission may exclude non-probative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious evidence. Testimony shall be under oath and subject to cross-examination. Public witnesses may elect to provide unsworn statements.

2. Exhibits --

a. Except as to oral testimony and items administratively noticed, material offered into evidence shall be in the form of an exhibit. Exhibits shall be premarked. Parties offering exhibits shall, before the hearing begins, provide copies of their exhibits to the presiding officer, other participants or their representatives, and the original to the reporter, if there is one, otherwise to the presiding officer. If documents contain information the offering participant does not wish to include, the offering party shall mark out, excise, or otherwise exclude the extraneous portion on the original. Additions to exhibits shall be dealt with in the same manner.

b. Exhibits shall be premarked, by the offering party, in the upper right corner of each page by identifying the party, the witness, docket number, and a number reflecting the order in which the offering party will introduce the exhibit.

c. Exhibits shall conform to the format described in R746-100-3(C) and be double sided and three-hole punched. They shall also be adequately footnoted and if appropriate, accompanied by either narrative or testimony which adequately explains the following: Explicit and detailed sources of the information contained in the exhibit; methods used in statistical compilations, including explanations and justifications; assumptions, estimates and judgments, together with the bases, justifications and results; formulas or algorithms used for calculations, together with explanations of inputs or variables used in the calculations. An exhibit offered by a witness shall also be presented as an electronic document, an exact copy of the paper version, using a format previously approved by the Commission.

3. Administrative notice -- The presiding officer may take administrative or official notice of a matter in conformance with Section 63G-4-206(1)(b)(iv).

4. Stipulations -- Participants in a proceeding may stipulate to relevant matters of fact or the authenticity of relevant documents. Stipulations may be received in evidence, and if received, are binding on the participants with respect to any matter stipulated. Stipulations may be written or made orally at the hearing.

5. Settlements --

a. Cases may be resolved by a settlement of the parties if approved by the Commission. Issues so resolved are not binding precedent in future cases involving similar issues.

b. Before accepting an offer of settlement, the Commission may require the parties offering the settlement to show that each party has been notified of, and allowed to participate in, settlement negotiations. Parties not adhering to settlement agreements shall be entitled to oppose the agreements in a manner directed by the Commission.

G. Prefiled Testimony -- If a witness's testimony has been

reduced to writing and filed with the Commission before the hearing, in conformance with R746-100-3(C), at the discretion of the Commission, the testimony may be placed on the record without being read into the record; if adverse parties shall have been served with, or otherwise have had access to, the prefiled, written testimony for a reasonable time before it is presented. Except upon a finding of good cause, a reasonable amount of time shall be at least ten days. The testimony shall have line numbers inserted at the left margin and shall be authenticated by affidavit of the witness. To aid in the identification of text and the examination of witnesses, written testimony shall have each line of written text numbered consecutively throughout the entire written testimony. Internal charts, exhibits or other similar displays included within or attached to written testimony need not be included within the document's internal line numbering. If admitted, the testimony shall be marked and incorporated into the record as an exhibit. Parties shall have full opportunity to cross-examine the witness on the testimony. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, parties shall have witnesses present summaries of prefiled testimony orally at the hearing. Witnesses may be required to reduce their summaries to writing and either file them with their prefiled testimony or deliver them to parties of record before or at the hearing. At the hearing, witnesses shall read their summaries into the record. Opposing parties may cross-examine both on the original prefiled testimony and the summaries.

H. Joint Exhibits -- Both narrative and numerical joint exhibits, detailing each party's position on each issue, shall be filed with the Commission before the hearing. These joint exhibits shall:

a. be updated throughout the hearing;

b. depict the final positions of each party on each issue at the end of the hearing; and

c. be in conformance with R746-100-3(C).

I. Recording of Hearing and Transcript -- Hearings may be recorded by a shorthand reporter licensed in Utah; except that in non-contested matters, or by agreement of the parties, hearings may be recorded electronically.

1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, scheduling conferences and technical conferences will not be recorded.

2. If a party requests that a scheduling conference or technical conference be recorded, the Commission may require that party to pay some or all of the costs associated with recording.

J. Order of Presentation of Evidence -- Unless the presiding officer orders otherwise, applicants or petitioners, including petitioners for an order to show cause, shall first present their case in chief, followed by other parties, in the order designated by the presiding officer, followed by the proposing party's rebuttal.

K. Cross-Examination -- The Commission may require written cross-examination and may limit the time given parties to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The presiding officer may exclude friendly cross-examination. The Commission discourages and may prohibit parties from making their cases through cross-examination.

L. Procedure at Conclusion of Hearing -- At the conclusion of proceedings, the presiding officer may direct a party to submit a written proposed order. The presiding officer may also order parties to present further matter in the form of oral argument or written memoranda.

R746-100-11. Decisions and Orders.

A. Generally -- Decisions and orders may be drafted by the Commission or by parties as the Commission may direct. Draft or proposed orders shall contain a heading similar to that of pleadings and bear at the top the name, address, and telephone number of the persons preparing them. Final orders shall have a concise summary of the case containing the salient facts, the issues considered by the Commission, and the Commission's disposition of them. A short synopsis of the order, placed at the beginning of the order, shall describe the final resolutions made in the order.

B. Recommended Orders -- If a case has been heard by less than the full Commission, or by an administrative law judge, the official hearing the case shall submit to the Commission a recommended report containing proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order based thereon.

C. Final Orders of Commission -- If a case has been heard by the full Commission, it shall confer following the hearing. Upon reaching its decision, the Commission shall draft or direct the drafting of a report and order, which upon signature of at least two Commissioners shall become the order of the Commission. Dissenting and concurring opinions of individual commissioners may be filed with the order of the Commission.

D. Deliberations -- Deliberations of the Commission shall be in closed chambers.

E. Effective Date -- Copies of the Commission's final report and order shall be served upon the parties of record. Orders shall be effective the date of issuance unless otherwise stated in the order. Upon petition of a party, and for good cause shown, the Commission may extend the time for compliance fixed in an order.

F. Review or Rehearing -- Petitions for review or rehearing shall be filed within 30 days of the issuance date of the order in accordance with Section 63G-4-301 and served on other parties of record. Following the filing of a petition for review, opposing parties may file responsive memoranda or pleadings within 15 days. Proceedings on review shall be in accordance with Section 54-7-15. A petition for reconsideration pursuant to Section 63G-4-302 is not required in order for a party to exhaust its administrative remedies prior to appeal.

R746-100-12. Appeals.

Appeals from final orders of the Commission shall be to a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

R746-100-13. Ex Parte Communications.

A. Ex Parte Communications Prohibited -- To avoid prejudice, real or perceived, to the public interest and persons involved in proceedings pending before the Commission:

B. Persons Affected -- Except as permitted in R746-100-13(C), no person who is a party, or the party's counsel, agent, or other person acting on the party's behalf, shall engage in ex parte communications with a commissioner, administrative law judge, presiding officer, or any other employee of the Commission who is, or may reasonably be expected to be, involved in the decision-making process regarding a matter pending before the Commission. No commissioner, administrative law judge, presiding officer, or other employee of the Commission who is, or may reasonably be expected to be, involved in the decision-making process shall request or entertain ex parte communications.

C. Exceptions -- The prohibitions contained in R746-100-13(B) do not apply to a communication:

1. from an interceder who is a local, state, or federal agency which has no official interest in the outcome and whose official duties are not affected by the outcome of the on-the-record proceedings before the Commission to which the communication relates;

2. from a party, or the party's counsel, agent, or other person acting on the party's behalf if the communication relates to matters of procedure only;

3. from a person when otherwise authorized by law;

4. related to routine safety, construction, and operational inspections of project works by Commission employees undertaken to investigate or study a matter pending before the

Commission;

5. related to routine field audits of the accounts or the books or records of a company subject to the Commission's accounting requirements not undertaken to investigate or study a matter pending in issue before the Commission in a proceeding;

6. related solely to a request for supplemental information or data necessary for an understanding of factual materials contained in documents or other evidence filed with the Commission in a proceeding covered by these rules and which is made in the presence of or after coordination with counsel.

D. Records of Ex Parte Communications -- Written communications prohibited by R746-100-13(B), sworn statements reciting the substance of oral communications, and written responses and sworn statements reciting the substance of oral responses to prohibited communications shall be delivered to the secretary of the Commission who shall place the communication in the case file, but separate from the material upon which the Commission can rely in reaching its decision. The secretary shall serve copies of the communications upon parties to the proceeding and serve copies of the sworn statement to the communicator and allow him a reasonable time to file a response.

E. Treatment of Ex Parte Communications -- A commissioner, administrative law judge, presiding officer, or an employee of the Commission who receives an oral offer of a communication prohibited by R746-100-13(B) shall decline to hear the communication and explain that the matter is pending for determination. If unsuccessful in preventing the communication, the recipient shall advise the communicator that the communication will not be considered. The recipient shall, within two days, prepare a statement setting forth the substance of the communication and the circumstances of its receipt and deliver it to the secretary of the Commission for filing. The secretary shall forward copies of the statement to the parties.

F. Rebuttal -- Requests for an opportunity to rebut on the record matters contained in an ex parte communication which the secretary has associated with the record may be filed in writing with the Commission. The Commission may grant the requests only if it determines that fairness so requires. If the communication contains assertions of fact not a part of the record and of which the Commission cannot take administrative notice, the Commission, in lieu of receiving rebuttal material, normally will direct that the alleged factual assertion on proposed rebuttal be disregarded in arriving at a decision. The Commission will not normally permit a rebuttal of ex parte endorsements or oppositions by civic or other organizations by the submission of counter endorsements or oppositions.

G. Sanctions -- Upon receipt of a communication knowingly made in violation of R746-100-13(B), the presiding officer may require the communicator, to the extent consistent with the public interest, to show cause why the communicator's interest in the proceeding should not be dismissed, denied, disregarded, or otherwise adversely affected because of the violation.

H. Time When Prohibitions Apply -- The prohibitions contained in this rule shall apply from the time at which a proceeding is noticed for hearing or the person responsible for the communication has knowledge that it will be noticed for hearing or when a protest or a request to intervene in opposition to requested Commission action has been filed, whichever occurs first.

R746-100-14. Rulemaking.

A. How initiated --

1. By the Commission -- When the Commission perceives the desirability or necessity of adopting a rule, it shall draft or direct the drafting of the rule. During the drafting process, the Commission may request the opinion and assistance of any appropriate person. It may also, in its discretion, conduct public hearings in connection with the drafting. When the Commission is satisfied with the draft of the proposed rule, it may formally propose it in accordance with the Utah Rulemaking Act, 63G-3-301.

2. By others -- Persons may petition the Commission for the adoption of a rule. The petitions shall be accompanied by a draft of the rule proposed. Upon receipt the Commission shall review the petition and draft and if it finds the proposed rule desirable or necessary, it shall proceed as with proposed rules initiated by the Commission, including amending or redrafting. If the Commission finds the proposal unnecessary or undesirable, it shall so notify the petitioner in writing, giving reasons for its findings. No public hearing shall be required in connection with the Commission's review of a petition for rulemaking.

B. Hearing Procedure -- Hearings conducted in connection with rulemaking shall be informal, subject to requirements of decorum and order. Absent a finding of good cause to proceed otherwise, testimony and statements shall be unsworn, and there shall be no opportunity for participants to cross-examine. The Commission shall have the right, however, to freely question witnesses. Public hearings shall be recorded by shorthand reporter or electronically, at the discretion of the Commission, and the Commission may allow or request the submission of written materials.

R746-100-15. Deviation from Rules.

The Commission may order deviation from a specified rule upon notice, opportunity to be heard and a showing that the rule imposes an undue hardship which outweighs the benefits of the rule.

R746-100-16. Use of Information Claimed to Be Confidential or Highly Confidential in Commission Proceedings.

A. Information, documents and material submitted or requested in or relating to any Commission proceeding which is claimed to be confidential will be treated as follows:

1.a. Nature of Confidential Information. A person (Providing Party) required or requested to provide documents, data, information, studies, and other materials of a sensitive, proprietary or confidential nature (Confidential Information) to the Commission or to any party in connection with a Commission proceeding may request protection of such information in accordance with the terms of this rule. Confidential treatment shall be requested only to the extent a good faith reasonable basis exists for claiming that specific information constitutes a trade secret or is otherwise of such a highly-sensitive or proprietary nature that public disclosure would be inappropriate. Confidential treatment shall be requested narrowly as to only that specific information for which protection is reasonably required.

b. Identification of Confidential Information. All documents, data, information, studies and other materials filed in conjunction with a Commission proceeding, made available to proceeding participants, whether made available pursuant to interrogatories, requests for information, subpoenas, depositions, or other modes of discovery or otherwise, that are claimed to be Confidential Information, shall be furnished pursuant to the terms of this rule or any superseding Protective Order, and shall be treated by all persons accorded access thereto pursuant to this rule or Protective Order, and shall neither be used nor disclosed by any recipient thereof except for the purpose of the proceeding in which it was obtained and solely in accordance with this rule or superseding Protective Order. All material claimed to be Confidential Information shall be so marked by the person producing it by stamping or noting the same with a designation substantially as follows:

"CONFIDENTIAL - - SUBJECT TO UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RULE 746-100-16" or "CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" or "CONFIDENTIAL - - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. XX-XXX-XX (reflecting the appropriate docket number)." All copies of documents so marked shall be made on yellow paper.

c. Line Numbering in Redacted Documents. Parties shall ensure that line numbering in any redacted version of a document shall conform to and retain the general formatting and line numbering used in the unredacted version of the document. Individuals providing electronic documents to the Commission should file both a confidential and non-confidential version each clearly marked as such. For purposes hereof, notes made pertaining to or as the result of a review of Confidential Information shall be considered Confidential Information and subject to the terms of this rule.

d. Use of Confidential Information and Persons Entitled to Review. The Commission, Division of Public Utilities, and Office of Consumer Services shall be provided with Confidential Information and may use the Confidential Information as these agencies deem necessary to perform their statutory functions, provided they shall protect the confidentiality of the information as required by Utah law. Other than these state agencies, all Confidential Information made available pursuant to this rule shall be given solely to counsel for the participants (which may include counsels' paralegals, administrative assistants and clerical staff to the extent reasonably necessary for performance of work on the matter), and shall not be used nor disclosed except for the purpose of the proceeding in which they are provided and in accordance with this rule; provided, however, that access to any specific Confidential Information may be authorized by counsel, solely for the purpose of the proceeding, to those persons indicated by the participants as being their experts in the matter (including such experts' administrative assistants and clerical staff, and persons employed by the participants, to the extent reasonably necessary for performance of work on the matter). Persons designated as experts shall not include persons employed by the participants who could use the information in their normal job functions to the competitive disadvantage of the person providing the Confidential Information. The Commission, the Division of Public Utilities, and the Office of Consumer Services, and their respective counsel and staff, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Title 54, Utah Code Ann., the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of the Commission, may have access to any Confidential Information made available pursuant to this rule or Protective Order and shall be bound by the terms of this rule, except as otherwise stated herein and except for the requirement of signing a nondisclosure agreement. Further, nothing herein shall prevent disclosure as required by law pursuant to interrogatories, administrative requests for information or documents, subpoena, civil investigative demand or similar process, provided, however, that the person being required to disclose Confidential Information shall promptly give prior notice by telephone and written notice of such requirement of disclosure by electronic mail facsimile and overnight mail to the person that provided such Confidential Information, addressed to the providing person and attorneys of record for such person, so that the person that provided the Confidential Information may seek appropriate restrictions on disclosure or an appropriate protective order. The disclosing person will not oppose action by, and will cooperate with the person that provided the Confidential Information to obtain an appropriate protective order or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the Confidential Information.

e. Nondisclosure Agreement. Prior to giving or obtaining access to Confidential Information, as contemplated in (1)(b) above, counsel or any experts shall agree in writing to comply with and be bound by this rule and any Protective Order. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to any person who has not signed a Nondisclosure Agreement in the form which is provided below or referenced in the Protective Order. The Nondisclosure Agreement shall require the person to whom disclosure is to be made to read a copy of this rule and any applicable Protective Order and to certify in writing that he or she has reviewed the same and has consented to be bound by the terms. The agreement shall contain the signatory's full name, permanent address and employer, and the name of the person with whom the signatory is associated. Such agreement shall be delivered to the providing person and counsel for the providing person prior to the expert gaining access to the Confidential Information.

The Nondisclosure Agreement may be in the following form:

"Nondisclosure Agreement. I have reviewed Public Service Commission of Utah Rule 746-100-16 and/or the Protective Order entered by the Public Service Commission of Utah in Docket No. XX-XXX-XX with respect to the review and use of confidential information and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the rule and/or Protective Order." Thereafter there shall be lines upon which shall be placed the individual's signature, the typed or printed name of the individual, identification or name of the individual's employer or firm employing the individual (if any), the business address for the individual, identification or name of the party in the proceeding with which the individual is associated, and the date the nondisclosure agreement is executed by the individual.

f. Additional protective measures. To the extent a Providing Party reasonably claims that additional protective measures, beyond those required under this rule for Confidential Information, are warranted for certain highly proprietary, highly sensitive or highly confidential material (Highly Confidential Information), the Providing Party shall promptly inform the requester (Requesting Party) of the claimed highly sensitive nature of identified material and the additional protective measures requested by the Requesting Party. If the Providing Party and Requesting Party are unable to promptly reach agreement on the treatment of Highly Confidential Information, the Providing Party shall petition the Commission for an order granting additional protective measures. The Providing Party shall set forth the particular basis for: the claim, the need for the specific, additional protective measures, and the reasonableness of the requested, additional protection. A Requesting Party and any other party may respond to the petition and oppose or propose alternative protective measures to those requested by the Providing Party. Disputes between the parties shall be resolved by the Commission.

g. Identification of Highly Confidential Information. All documents, data, information, studies and other materials filed in conjunction with a Commission proceeding, made available to proceeding participants, whether made available pursuant to interrogatories, requests for information, subpoenas, depositions, or other modes of discovery or otherwise, that are claimed to be Highly Confidential, shall be furnished pursuant to the terms of this rule or any superceding Protective Order, and shall be treated by all persons accorded access thereto pursuant to this rule or Protective Order, and shall neither be used nor disclosed by any recipient thereof except for the purpose of the proceeding in which it was obtained and solely in accordance with this rule or superceding Protective Order. All material claimed to be Highly Confidential shall be so marked by the person producing it by stamping or noting the same with a designation substantially as follows: "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT OF UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RULE 746-100-16," "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER," or

"HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. XX-XXX-XX (reflecting the appropriate docket number)." All copies of documents so marked shall be made on pink paper.

2.a. Challenge to Confidentiality or Proposed Additional Protective Measures. This rule establishes a procedure for the expeditious handling of Confidential Information; it shall not be construed as an agreement, or ruling on the confidentiality of any document.

b. In the event that persons are unable to agree that certain documents, data, information, studies, or other matters constitute Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information referred to in (A)(1)(e) above, or in the event that persons are unable to agree on the appropriate treatment of Highly Confidential Information, the person objecting to the classification as Confidential Information or the person claiming Highly Confidential Information and the need for additional protective measures shall forthwith submit the disputes to the Commission for resolution.

c. Any person at any time upon at least ten (10) days prior notice, when practicable, may seek by appropriate pleading, to have documents that have been designated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, or which were accepted into the sealed record in accordance with this rule or a Protective Order, removed from the protective requirements of this rule or the Protective Order, or from the sealed record and placed in the public record. If the confidential, or proprietary nature of this information is challenged, resolution of the issue shall be made by the Commission after proceedings in camera which shall be conducted under circumstances such that only those persons duly authorized to have access to such confidential matter shall be present. The record of such in camera hearings shall be marked substantially as follows "CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO RULE 746-100-16" "CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER," or "CONFIDENTIAL -- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. XX-XXX-XX (reflecting the appropriate docket number)" unless the Commission determines, and so provides by order, that such marking need not occur. It shall be transcribed only upon agreement by the parties, or order of the Commission, and in that event shall be separately bound, segregated, sealed, and withheld from inspection by any person not bound by the terms of this rule or Protective Order, unless and until released from the restrictions of this rule or Protective Order, either through agreement of the parties, or after notice to the parties and hearing, pursuant to an order of the Commission. In the event the Commission should rule in response to such a pleading that any information should be removed from the protective requirements of this rule or Protective Order, or from the protection of the sealed record, such order of the Commission shall not be effective for a period of ten (10) days after entry of the order.

3.a. Receipt into Evidence. At least ten (10) days prior to the use of or substantive reference to any Confidential Information as evidence, if practicable, the person intending to use such Confidential Information shall make that intention known to the providing person. The requesting person and the providing person shall make a good faith effort to reach an agreement so that the Confidential Information can be used in a manner which will not reveal its trade secret, confidential or proprietary nature. If such efforts fail, the providing person shall separately identify, within five (5) business days, which portions, if any, of the documents to be offered or referenced on the record containing Confidential Information shall be placed in the sealed record. Only one (1) copy of documents designated by the providing person to be placed in a sealed record shall be made and only for that purpose. Otherwise, persons shall make only general references to Confidential Information in any proceedings.

b. Seal. While in the custody of the Commission, Confidential Information provided pursuant to this rule or a Protective Order shall be marked substantially as follows: "CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH RULE 746-100-16," "CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER," or "CONFIDENTIAL--SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. XX-XXX-XX (reflecting the appropriate docket number)."

c. In Camera Hearing. Any Confidential Information that must be orally disclosed to be placed in a sealed record of a proceeding shall be offered in an in camera hearing, attended only by persons authorized to have access to the Confidential Information under this rule or Protective Order. Similarly, cross-examination on or substantive reference to Confidential Information, as well as that portion of the record containing references thereto, shall be similarly marked and treated.

d. Appeal. Sealed portions of the record in any proceeding may be forwarded to any court of competent jurisdiction on appeal in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, but under seal as designated herein, for the information and use of the court.

e. Return. Unless otherwise ordered, Confidential Information, including transcripts of any depositions to which a claim of confidentiality is made, shall remain under seal, shall continue to be subject to the protective requirements of this rule or Protective Order, and shall be returned to the providing person or counsel for the providing person within 30 days after final order, settlement, or other conclusion of the matters in which they were used, including administrative or judicial review thereof. Alternatively, a person receiving Confidential Information pursuant to the terms of this rule or Protective Order may certify, within 30 days after final order, settlement, or other conclusion of the matter including administrative or judicial review thereof, that the Confidential Information has been destroyed. Counsel who are provided access to Confidential Information pursuant to the terms of this rule or Protective Order may retain the Confidential Information, their notes, work papers or other documents as their attorneys' work product created with respect to their use and access to Confidential Information in the matter. An expert witness, accorded access to Confidential Information pursuant to this rule or Protective Order, shall provide to counsel for the person on whose behalf the expert was retained or employed, the expert's notes, work papers or other documents pertaining or relating to any Confidential Information. Counsel shall retain these experts' documents with counsel's documents. In order to facilitate their ongoing responsibility, this provision shall not apply to the Commission, the Division of Public Utilities or the Office of Consumer Services, which may retain Confidential Information obtained under this rule or Protective Order subject to the other terms of this rule or Protective Order. Any party that intends to use or disclose Confidential Information obtained pursuant to this rule or a Protective Order in any subsequent Commission dockets or proceedings, shall do so in accordance with the terms of this rule or any applicable protective orders issued in such other subsequent Commission dockets or proceedings and only after providing notice of such intent to the providing person along with an identification of the original source of the Confidential Information.

4. Use in Proceedings. Where reference to Confidential Information is required in pleadings, cross-examinations, briefs, arguments, or motions, it shall be by citation of title, or exhibit number, or by some other nonconfidential description. Any further use of, or substantive references to Confidential Information shall be placed in a separate section of the pleading, brief, or document and submitted under seal. This sealed section shall be served only on counsel of record (one copy each), who have signed a Nondisclosure Agreement and counsel

for the Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer Services. All the protections afforded in this rule apply to materials prepared and distributed under this paragraph.

5. Use in Decisions and Orders. The Commission will attempt to refer to Confidential Information in only a general, or conclusionary form and will avoid reproduction in any decision of Confidential Information to the greatest possible extent. If it is necessary for a determination in a proceeding to discuss Confidential Information other than in a general, or conclusionary form, it shall be placed in a separate section of an Order, or Decision, under seal. This sealed section shall be served only on counsel of record (one copy each) who have signed a Nondisclosure Agreement and counsel for the Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer Services. Counsel for other parties shall receive the cover sheet to the sealed portion and may review the sealed portion on file with the Commission once they have signed a Nondisclosure Agreement.

6. Segregation of Files. Those parts of any writing, depositions reduced to writing, written examination, interrogatories and answers thereto, or other written references to Confidential Information in the course of discovery, if filed with the Commission, will be sealed by the Commission, segregated in the files of the Commission, and withheld from inspection by any person not bound by the terms of this rule or Protective Order, unless such Confidential Information is released from the restrictions of this rule or Protective Order, either through agreement of the parties, or after notice to the parties and hearing, pursuant to an order of the Commission and/or final order of a court having jurisdiction.

7. Preservation of Confidentiality. All persons who may be entitled to receive, or who are afforded access to any Confidential Information by reason of this rule or Protective Order shall neither use, nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or any other purpose other than the purposes of preparation for and conduct of Commission proceedings, and then solely as contemplated herein, and shall take reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of this rule or a Protective Order.

8. Reservation of Rights. Persons affected by the terms of this rule or a Protective Order retain the right to question, challenge, and object to the admissibility of any and all data, information, studies and other matters furnished under the terms of this rule or a Protective Order in response to interrogatories, requests for information, other modes of discovery, or cross-examination on the grounds of relevancy or materiality. This rule or a Protective Order shall in no way constitute any waiver of the rights of any person to contest any assertion by another person or finding by the Commission that any information is a trade secret, confidential, or privileged, and to appeal any assertion or finding.

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R746. Public Service Commission, Administration.
R746-405. Filing of Tariffs for Gas, Electric, Telephone, and Water Utilities.
R746-405-1. General Provisions.

A. Scope--The following rules for electricity, gas, telephone, and water utilities are designed to provide for:

1. the general form and construction of tariffs required by law to be filed with the Commission and open for public inspection,

2. the procedures for filing and publishing tariffs in Utah, and

3. the particular circumstances and procedures under which utilities may depart from their filed and effective tariffs.

B. Applicability--These rules apply to and govern utilities of the classes herein named, whether they begin service before or after the effective date of these rules, but they shall not affect a right or duty arising out of an existing rule or order in conflict herewith. The rules apply only to new tariff filings, and do not require the modification of tariffs which are effective on the date the rules are adopted. Each utility shall have on file with the Commission its current tariff. Each utility shall abide by the tariff as filed and approved by the Commission. The Commission at any time may direct utilities to make revisions or filings of their tariffs or a part thereof to bring them into compliance. These rules do not apply to a telecommunications corporation subject to pricing flexibility pursuant to 54-8b-2.3.

C. Definitions--

1. "Commission" means the Public Service Commission of Utah.

2. "Effective Date" means the date on which the rates, charges, rules and classifications stated in the tariff sheets first become effective, except as otherwise provided by statute. This date, in accordance with the statutory notice period, shall not be less than the 30th calendar day after the filed date, without the prior approval of the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized, rates shall be made effective for service rendered on or after the effective date.

3. "Filed Date" of tariff sheets submitted to the Commission for filing is the date the tariff sheets are date-stamped at the Commission's Salt Lake City office.

4. "Tariff" means the entire body of rates, tolls, rentals, charges classifications and rules collectively enforced by the utility, although the book or volumes incorporating the same may consist of one or more sheets applicable to distinct service classifications.

5. "Tariff Sheet" means the individual sheets of the volume constituting the entire tariff of a utility and includes the title page, preliminary statement, table of contents, service area maps, rates schedules and rules.

6. "Utility" means a gas, electric, telecommunications, water or heat corporation as defined in Section 54-2-1.

D. Separate Utility Services--

1. Utilities engaged in rendering two or more classes of utility services, such as both gas and electric services, shall file with the Commission a separate tariff covering each class of utility service rendered.

2. Utilities planning to jointly provide utility service shall designate one utility to file a joint tariff for the service with the other utility or utilities filing a concurrence with the joint tariff.

E. Withdrawal of Service--No utility of a class specified herein shall, without prior approval of the Commission, withdraw from public service entirely or in any portion of the territory served.

R746-405-2. Format and Construction of Tariffs.

A. Format--Tariffs shall be in loose-leaf form for binding in a stiff-backed book or books as required and consist of parts or subdivisions arranged in order set forth as follows:

1. Title:

"TARIFF"
Applicable to
Kind of
SERVICE
NAME OF UTILITY

2. Table of Contents: a complete index of numbers and titles of effective sheets listed in the order in which the tariff sheets are arranged in the tariff book. Table of contents sheets shall bear sheet numbers and be in the form set forth in Subsection R746-405-2(C).

3. Preliminary statement: a brief description of the territory served, types and classes or service rendered and general conditions under which the service is rendered. Preliminary sheets shall bear sheet numbers and be in the form set forth in Subsection R746-405-2(C). The preliminary statement shall clearly define the symbols used in the tariffs. For example:

a. "C" to signify changed listing, rule or condition which may affect rates or charges;

b. "D" to signify discontinued material, including listing, rate, rule or condition;

c. "I" to signify increase;

d. "L" to signify material relocated from or to another part of the tariff schedules with no change in text, rate, rule or condition;

e. "N" to signify new material including listing, rate, rule or condition;

f. "R" to signify reduction;

g. "T" to signify change in wording of text but no change in rate, rule or condition.

4. Service area maps: maps for telecommunication utilities shall clearly indicate the boundaries of the service area, the principal streets, other main identifying features therein, the general location of the service area in relation to nearby cities, major highways or other well-known reference points and the relation between service area boundaries and map references. Service area maps shall be approximately 8-1/2 x 11 inches in size, or folded to that size in order to fit within the borders of the space provided on tariff sheets. Maps for gas, water and electric utilities shall clearly indicate the boundaries of the service area.

B. Tariff Books--

1. Utilities shall constantly maintain their presently effective tariff at each business office open to the public.

2. Utilities shall remove canceled tariff sheets from their currently effective tariffs. Utilities shall permanently retain a file of canceled tariff sheets.

C. Construction of Tariffs for Filing--

1. The loose-leaf sheets used in tariffs shall be of paper stock not less than 16 lb. bond or of equal durability and 8-1/2 x 11 inches in size. Tariffs may be printed, typewritten or mimeographed or other similar process. Tariffs may not be hand-written. One side of a sheet only may be used and a binding margin of at least 1-1/8 inches at the left of the sheet.

a. The tariff sheets of each utility shall provide the following information:

i. the name of the utility;

ii. the sheet, or page number, along with information to designate whether it is the first version of the sheet or whether the sheet has been revised since it was originally issued. Sheets shall be numbered consecutively;

iii. the number of the advice letter with which the sheet is submitted to the Commission or the docket number if the sheet is filed in accordance with a report and order of the Commission;

iv. information to indicate the date the sheet was filed with the Commission and the date the sheet became effective.

2. Tariffs shall include the following information and as nearly as possible in the following order:

a. schedule number or other designation;

b. class of service, such as business or residential;

c. character of applicability, such as heating, lighting or power, or individual and party-line service;

d. territory to which the tariff applies;

e. rates, in tabular form if practicable;

f. special conditions, limitations, qualifications and restrictions. The conditions shall be brief and clearly worded to cover all special conditions of the rate. Amounts subject to refund shall be specified.

3. If a rate schedule or a rule is carried forward from one sheet to another, the word "Continued" shall be shown.

D. Submission of Tariff Sheets and Advice Letters--

1. Tariff sheets shall be transmitted by an advice letter or in response to a Commission order. A revised table of contents sheet shall be transmitted with each proposed tariff change, if the change requires alteration of the table of contents.

2. An original of each advice letter and tariff sheet shall be filed with the commission, along with the number of paper copies specified at http://www.psc.utah.gov/filingrequirements.html. In addition, each advice letter and tariff filing shall be presented as an electronic word processing or spreadsheet document that is substantially the same as the filed paper copy.

3. Advice letters shall include the following:

a. sheet numbers and titles of the tariff sheets being filed, together with the sheet numbers of the sheets being canceled;

b. essential information as to the reasons for the filing;

c. dates on which the tariff sheets are proposed to become effective;

d. increases or decreases, more or less restrictive conditions, or withdrawals;

e. in the case of an increase authorized by the Commission, reference to the report and order authorizing the increase and docket number;

f. if the filing covers a new service not previously offered or rendered, an explanation of the general effect of the filing, including a statement as to whether present rates or charges will be affected, or service withdrawn from a previous user and advice whether the proposed rates are cost-based;

g. a statement that the tariff sheets proposed do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule. The filing of proposed tariff sheets shall of itself constitute the representation of the filing utility that it, in good faith, believes the proposed sheets or revised sheets to be consistent with applicable statutes, rules and orders. The Commission may, after hearing, impose sanctions for a violation hereof.

4. If authorized to file a notice that the effective tariff of a previous owner for the same service area is being adopted, the notice of adoption shall be submitted in the form of an advice letter.

5. Advice letters shall be numbered annually and chronologically. The first two digits represent the year followed by a hyphen and two or more digits, beginning with 01, as submitted by a utility for class of utility service rendered.

6. If a change is proposed on a tariff sheet, attention shall be directed to the change by an appropriate character along the right-hand margin of the tariff sheet using the symbols set forth in the preliminary statement.

7. At the time of making a tariff filing with the Commission, the utility shall furnish a copy of the advice letter and a copy of each related tariff sheet to interested parties having requested notification.

8. If the suspension is lifted by order of the Commission, the filing shall be resubmitted under a new advice letter number. If the suspension is made permanent by the Commission, the advice letter number shall not be used again.

E. Approval of Filed Tariff Sheets--

1. Utility tariffs may not increase rates, charges or conditions, change classifications which result in increases in rates and charges or make changes which result in lesser service or more restrictive conditions at the same rate or charge, unless a showing has been made before and a finding has been made by the Commission that the increases or changes are justified. This requirement does not apply to electrical or telephone cooperatives in compliance with Section 54-7-12(6), or by telecommunications utilities with less than 5,000 subscribers access lines in compliance with Section 54-7-12(7).

2. New tariff sheets covering a service or commodity not previously furnished or supplied, or revised tariff sheets, not increasing, or increasing pursuant to Commission order, a rate, toll, rental or charge, may be filed by the advice letter. Tariff sheets, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission either on complaint or on its own motion, shall become effective after not less than 30 calendar days after the filed date.

3. Upon application in the advice letter and for good cause shown, the Commission may authorize tariff sheets to become effective on a day before the end of the 30 day notice period.

4. The Commission may reject or suspend the effectiveness of tariff sheets that do not conform to these rules, which have alterations on the face thereof or contain errors, or for other reasons as the Commission determines. The Commission shall notify the utility, of its action by a letter stating the reasons therefore. Rejected tariff sheets shall be retained in the utility's file of canceled and superseded sheets. Advice letter numbers of rejected filings shall not be reused.

F. Public Inspection of Tariffs--

1. Utilities shall maintain, open for public inspection at their main office, a copy of the complete tariff and advice letters filed with the Commission. Utilities shall maintain, open for public inspection, copies of their effective tariffs applicable within the territories served by the offices.

2. Utilities shall post in a conspicuous place in their major manned business office, a notice to the effect that copies of the schedule of applicable rates in the territory are on file and may be inspected by anyone desiring to do so.

G. Contracts Authorized by Tariff--Tariff sheets expressly providing that a written contract shall be executed by a customer as a condition to the receipt of service, relating either to the quantity or duration of service or the installation of equipment, the contract need not be filed with the Commission. A copy of the general form of contract to be used in each case shall be filed with the tariff as provided in these rules.

This contract shall be subject to changes or modifications by the Commission.

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R765. Regents (Board of), Administration.
R765-604. New Century Scholarship.
R765-604-1. Purpose.

To provide policy and procedures for the administration of the New Century Scholarship which was established to encourage students to accelerate their education by earning an associate's degree in high school from an institution within the Utah System of Higher Education.

R765-604-2. References.

2.1. 53B-8-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

R765-604-3. Definitions.

3.1. "Applicant" means a student who is in their last term in high school and on track to complete the high school graduation requirements of a public school established by the State Board of Education and the student's school district or charter school or a private high school in the state that is accredited by a regional accrediting body approved by the Utah State Board of Regents, or a home-school student.

3.2 "Associate's Degree" means an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree received from, or verified by, a regionally accredited institution within the Utah System of Higher Education. If the institution does not offer the above listed degrees, equivalent academic requirements will suffice under subsection 3.4.2. of this rule.

3.3. "Awards" means New Century Scholarship funds.

3.4. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Regents.

3.5. "Completes the requirements for an associate's degree" means that an applicant completes either of the following:

3.5.1. all the required courses for an associate's degree from an institution within the Utah System of Higher Education that offers associate's degrees; and applies for the associate's degree from the institution; or

3.5.2. all the required courses for an equivalency to the associate's degree from a higher education institution within the Utah System of Higher Education that offers baccalaureate degrees but does not offer associate's degrees.

3.6. "Full-time" means a minimum of twelve credit hours.

3.7. "High school" means a public high school established by the Utah State Board of Education or a private high school within the boundaries of the State of Utah. If a private high school, it shall be accredited by a regional accrediting body approved by the Board.

3.8. "High school graduation date" means the day on which the recipient's class graduates from high school. For home-schooled students refer to subsection 4.2.1 of this rule.

3.9. "Home-schooled" refers to a student who has not graduated from a Utah high school and received a high school grade point average.

3.10. "Math and science curriculum" means the rigorous math and science curriculum developed and approved by the Board which, if completed, qualifies a high school student for an award. Curriculum requirements can be found at the Web site of the Utah System of Higher Education.

3.11. "New Century Scholarship" means a renewable scholarship to be awarded to applicants who complete the eligibility requirements of Section 4 of this rule.

3.12. "Reasonable progress" means enrolling and completing at least twelve credit hours during fall and spring semesters and earning a 3.0 grade point average or higher each semester. If applicable, applicants attending summer must enroll full-time according to their institution and or program policy regarding full-time status.

3.13. "Recipient" means an applicant who receives an award under the requirements set forth in this rule.

3.14. "Renewal Documents" means a college transcript demonstrating that the recipient has met the required semester grade point average and a detailed schedule providing proof of full-time enrollment for the semester which the recipient is seeking award payment.

3.15. "Scholarship Review Committee" means the committee to review New Century Scholarship applications and make final decisions regarding awards.

3.16. "Two years of full-time equivalent enrollment" means the equivalent of four semesters of full-time enrollment (minimum of twelve credit hours per semester).

3.17. "The Utah System of Higher Education" means the institutions that comprise Utah's public higher education institutions including the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Utah Valley University, Dixie State College of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, and Snow College.

R765-604-4. Recipient Requirements.

4.1. General Academic Requirements: Unless an exception applies, to qualify as a recipient a student shall:

4.1.1. complete the requirements for an associate's degree or the math and science curriculum at a regionally accredited institution within the Utah System of Higher Education

4.1.1.1. with at least a 3.0 grade point average

4.1.1.2. by applicant's high school graduation date; and

4.1.2. complete the high school graduation requirements of a Utah high school with at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

4.2. Utah Home-schooled Applicants: For Utah home-schooled applicants the following requirement applies:

4.2.1. If a home-schooled applicant would have completed high school in 2011 or after, the high school graduation date (under subsection 4.1.1.2.) is June 15 of the year the applicant would have completed high school.

4.2.2. ACT Composite Score Requirement: A composite ACT score of 26 or higher is required in place of the high school grade point average requirement (under subsection 4.1.2).

4.3. Mandatory Fall Term Enrollment: A recipient shall enroll full-time at an eligible institution by Fall semester immediately following the student's high school graduation date or receive an approved deferral or leave of absence from the Board under subsection 8.7 of this rule.

4.4. Citizenship Requirement: A recipient shall be a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen who is eligible to receive federal student aid.

4.5. No Criminal Record Requirement: A recipient shall not have a criminal record, with the exception of a misdemeanor traffic citation.

4.6. Regents' Scholarship: A recipient shall not receive both an award and the Regents' Scholarship established in Utah Code Section 53B-8-108.

R765-604-5. Application Procedures.

5.1. Application Contact: Qualifying students shall apply for the award through the Board.

5.2. General procedure: An application for an award shall contain the following:

5.2.1. Application Form: the official application will become available on the New Century Web site each November prior to the February 1 deadline; and

5.2.2. College Transcript: an official college transcript showing college courses, Advanced Placement and transfer work an applicant has completed to meet the requirements for the associate's degree and verification of the date the award was earned; and

5.2.3. High School Transcript: an official high school transcript with high school graduation dated posted (if applicable).

5.2.4. ACT Score: a copy of the student's verified ACT score (if applicable).

5.3. Registrar Verification: If an applicant is enrolled at an institution which does not offer an associate's degree or an institution that will not award the associate's degree until the academic on-campus residency requirement has been met, the registrar must verify that the applicant has completed the equivalent academic requirements under 4.1.1.

5.4. Application Deadline: Applicants shall meet the following deadlines to qualify for an award:

5.4.1. Application Submission: Applicants must submit a scholarship application to the Scholarship Review Committee no later than February 1 of the year of their high school graduation date or the year they would have graduated from high school.

5.4.2. Support Documentation Submission: All necessary support documentation shall be submitted on or before September 1 following the applicant's high school graduation date. In some cases exceptions may be made as Advanced Placement and transfer work verification may be delayed at an institutional level and no fault of the applicant. Scholarship awards may be denied if all documentation is not complete and submitted by the specified deadlines. If any documentation demonstrates that the applicant did not satisfactorily fulfill all coursework and GPA requirements or if any information, including the attestation of criminal record and citizenship status, proves to be falsified, awards may be denied.

5.4.3. Priority Deadline: A priority deadline may be established each year. Applicants who meet the priority deadline may be given first priority of consideration for awards.

5.5. Incomplete Documentation: Applications or other submissions that have missing information or missing documents are considered incomplete, will not be considered, and may result in failure to meet a deadline.

R765-604-6. Awards.

6.1. Value of the Award: The award is up to the amount provided by the law and determined each Spring by the Board based on legislative funding and number of applicants. The total value may change in accordance with subsection 6.2. The award shall be disbursed semester-by-semester over the shortest of the following time periods:

6.1.1. Four semesters of full-time enrollment (minimum of twelve credit hours per semester).

6.1.2. Sixty credit hours.

6.1.3. Until the student meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

6.2. The Board May Decrease Award: If the appropriation from the Utah Legislature for the scholarship is insufficient to cover the costs associated with the scholarship, the Board may reduce or limit the award.

6.3. Eligible Institutions: An award may be used at either

6.3.1. Public Institution: a four-year institution within the Utah System of Higher Education that offers baccalaureate programs; or

6.3.2. Private Nonprofit Institution: a private not-for-profit higher education four-year institution in the state of Utah accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges that offers baccalaureate programs.

6.4. Enrollment at Multiple Institutions: The award may be used at more than one of the eligible institutions within the same semester for the academic year 2010-11. Starting in 2011 when the award goes to a flat rate the award may only be used at the institution from which the student is earning a baccalaureate degree.

6.5. Student Transfer: The award may be transferred to a different eligible institution upon request of the recipient.

6.6. Financial Aid and other Scholarships: With the exception of the Regents' Scholarship (as detailed in subsection 4.6 of this policy) tuition waivers, financial aid, or other scholarships will not affect a recipient's total award amount.

R765-604-7. Disbursement of Award.

7.1. Disbursement Schedule of Award: The award shall be disbursed semester-by-semester over the shortest of the following time periods:

7.1.1. Four semesters of full-time enrollment;

7.1.2. Sixty credit hours; or

7.1.3. Until the recipient meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

7.2. Enrollment Documentation: The recipient shall submit to the Scholarship Review Committee a copy of a class schedule verifying that the recipient is enrolled full-time (twelve or more credit hours) at an eligible institution. Documentation must include the student's name, the semester the recipient will attend, institution that they are attending and the number of credits for which the recipient is enrolled.

7.3. Award Payable to Institution: The award will be made payable to the institution. The institution shall pay over to the recipient any excess award funds not required for tuition payments. Award funds should be used for higher education expenses including tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction.

7.4. Dropped Hours After Award: If a recipient drops credit hours after having received the award which results in enrollment below full-time the scholarship will be revoked (see 8.1) unless the student needs fewer than twelve hours for completion of a degree.

R765-604-8. Continuing Eligibility.

8.1. Reasonable Progress Toward Degree Completion: The Board may cancel a recipient's scholarship if the student fails to :

8.1.1. Maintain 3.0 GPA: to maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher for each semester for which the student has received awards. If the recipient fails to maintain a 3.0 GPA, or higher, in a single semester the recipient is placed on probation and shall earn a 3.0 GPA, or better, the following semester to maintain eligibility; or

8.1.2. Reasonable Progress: to make reasonable progress (twelve credit hours) toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree and submit the documentation by the deadline as described in subsection 8.2. A recipient must apply and receive an approved deferral or leave of absence under subsection 8.7 if he or she will not enroll full-time in continuous fall and spring semesters.

8.2. Duty of Student to Report Reasonable Progress: Each semester, the recipient must submit to the Board a copy of his or her grades for verification of grade point average and completion of the required minimum of twelve semester credit hours. Recipients will not be paid for the coming semester until the requested documentation has been received. If the recipient at any time fails to maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher following probation or fails to enroll and complete twelve credit hours, the scholarship will be revoked. These documents must be submitted by the following dates:

8.2.1. Proof of enrollment for Fall Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by September 30.

8.2.2. Proof of enrollment for Spring Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by February 15.

8.2.3. Proof of enrollment for Summer Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by June 30.

8.2.4. Proof of enrollment if you are attending Brigham Young University during Winter Semester and proof of completion of the previous semester must be submitted by February 15.

8.2.5. Proof of enrollment if you are attending Brigham Young University during Spring Term and proof of completion

of the previous semester must be submitted by May 30.

8.2.6. Proof of enrollment if you are attending Brigham Young University during Summer Term and proof of completion of the previous semester or term must be submitted by July 30.

8.3. Probation: If a recipient earns less than a 3.0 grade point average in any single semester, the recipient must earn a 3.0 grade point average or better the following semester to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. If the recipient again at anytime earns less than a 3.0 grade point average the scholarship will be revoked.

8.4. Final Semester: A recipient will not be required to enroll full-time if the recipient can complete the degree program with fewer credits.

8.5. No Awards After Five Years: The Board will not make an award to a recipient for an academic term that begins more than five years after the recipient's high school graduation date.

8.6. No Guarantee of Degree Completion: An award does not guarantee that the recipient will complete his or her baccalaureate program within the recipient's scholarship eligibility period.

8.7. Deferral or Leave of Absence.

8.7.1. A recipient shall apply to the Board for a deferral of award or a leave of absence if they do not continuously enroll full-time.

8.7.2. A deferral or leave of absence will not extend the time limits of the scholarship under subsection 8.5.

8.7.3. Deferrals or leaves of absence may be granted, at the discretion of the Board, for military service, humanitarian/religious service, documented medical reasons, and other exigent reasons.

R765-604-9. Appeals.

9.1. Scholarship Determinations: Submission of a scholarship application does not guarantee a scholarship award. Individual scholarship applications will be reviewed, and award decisions made, at the discretion of a Scholarship Review Committee. Awards are based on available funding, applicant pool, and applicants' completion of scholarship criteria. Each applicant will receive a letter informing the applicant of the decision on his/her application.

9.2. Appeals: Applicants and recipients have the right to appeal an adverse decision.

9.2.1. Appeals shall be postmarked within 30 days of date of notification by submitting a completed Appeal Application found on the program Web site.

9.2.2. An appeal filed before the applicant/recipient receives official notification from the Scholarship Review Committee regarding their application, will not be considered.

9.2.3. The appeal shall provide evidence that an adverse decision was made in error, such as that in fact, the applicant/recipient met all scholarship requirements and submitted all requested documentation by the deadline.

9.2.4. Appeals are not accepted for late document submission.

9.2.5. A submission of an appeal does not guarantee a reversal of the original decision.

9.2.6. It is the applicant/recipient's responsibility to file the appeal, including all supplementary documentation. All documents shall be mailed to the New Century Scholarship address.

9.2.7. Appeals will be reviewed and decided by an appeals committee appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

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R850. School and Institutional Trust Lands, Administration.
R850-8. Adjudicative Proceedings.
R850-8-100. Authorities.

This rule implements Sections 6, 8, 10, and 12 of the Utah Enabling Act, Articles X and XX of the Utah Constitution, and Subsections 53C-1-204(3), 53C-1-204(10)(c), and Section 53C-1-304.

R850-8-200. Scope.

This rule governs adjudicative proceedings conducted by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Board of Trustees or any hearing examiner designated by the board, and judicial review of all such proceedings.

R850-8-300. Definitions.

1. Adjudicative proceeding - means a review by the board of a final agency action that directly determines the legal rights, duties, or other legal interests of one or more identifiable persons.

2. Board - means School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Board of Trustees. References to the board shall also apply to any hearing examiner appointed unless the context of rules requires otherwise.

3. Director's Minutes - means the weekly compendium of actions taken by the director and posted on the agency's website to provide public notice for record-keeping purposes.

4. Final agency action - means a written determination by the Trust Lands Administration of the legal rights, duties, or other legal interests of one or more identifiable persons. The determination may be in any form deemed appropriate by the Trust Lands Administration including, but not limited to, a notation on the Director's Minutes, a narrative record of decision, a notice that an instrument will be canceled for nonpayment issued pursuant to R850-5-200(5), or a decision letter. Decisions by the director or the agency to sell, exchange, or lease specific real property are not subject to administrative review pursuant to Subsection 53C-1-304(2)(b), and therefore do not constitute final agency actions.

5. Party - means the Trust Lands Administration or other person commencing an adjudicative proceeding, all respondents, all persons permitted by the board to intervene in the proceeding, and all persons authorized by statute or Trust Lands Administration rule to participate as parties in an adjudicative proceeding.

6. Person - means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, political subdivision or its units, governmental subdivision or its units, public or private organization or entity of any character, or another agency.

7. Petitioner - means a person who requests the initiation of any proceeding.

8. Respondent - means a person against whom an adjudicative proceeding is initiated, or whose property interest is directly affected by a proceeding initiated by the board or by another person.

R850-8-400. Liberal Construction.

This rule will be liberally construed to secure just, speedy, and economical determination of issues presented to the board.

R850-8-500. Deviation from Rules.

The board, in its sole discretion, may permit a deviation from this rule for good cause including, but not limited to, situations where compliance is impractical or unnecessary, or in the furtherance of due process or the statutory obligations of the board.

R850-8-600. Appearances and Representations.

1. Natural Persons.

A natural person may appear on his or her own behalf and represent himself or herself at hearings before the board.

2. Attorneys.

Except as provided in R850-8-600(1), representation at hearings before the board will be by attorneys licensed to practice law in the state of Utah, or in the discretion of the board, attorneys licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction.

R850-8-700. Conferences Encouraged.

This rule does not preclude the Trust Lands Administration or the board at any time from holding conferences with parties and interested persons to encourage settlement, clarify the issues, simplify the evidence, facilitate discovery in formal adjudicative proceedings, or otherwise expedite the proceedings.

R850-8-800. Filing of Pleadings.

An original and ten copies of all documents, including any exhibits, required or permitted to be filed, shall be filed at the office of the director. The director shall not accept less than the required number of copies. Each party filing documents with the director shall send one copy by first class mail to each other party to the proceeding.

R850-8-900. Final Agency Action.

1. The final agency action shall be in writing. Except for a notice that an instrument will be canceled for nonpayment issued pursuant to R850-5-200(5), the final agency action shall be signed by the director or his designee.

2. Nothing in this rule 850-8 shall require the agency to mail notice of routine administrative and record-keeping matters otherwise noted on the Director's Minutes to any person including, without limitation, assignments, reinstatements, notifications of the expiration of any lease or instrument by its own terms, cancellations of instruments for nonpayment after a notice of cancellation issued pursuant to R850-5-200(5), voluntary relinquishments or amendments, approvals of range improvements or grazing permit renewals, or fee waivers.

3. Final agency actions requiring the payment of funds; providing notice pursuant to R850-5-200(5) that an instrument will be subject to cancellation unless payment of funds is made; exercising any discretionary right of the agency to readjust or otherwise modify an existing agreement; declaring any default under an existing agreement; declining or conditioning any assignment; making rule-based determinations where administrative review is provided by rule; or otherwise directly determining the legal rights or obligations of a person will be mailed to that person and any other person with a right to notice by statute, rule or contract.

R850-8-1000. Appeal of Final Agency Action.

1. The Trust Lands Administration may by rule specifically designate certain categories of Trust Lands Administration actions that are not subject to appeal.

2. Except where no appeal is available pursuant to statute or rule, an appeal may be initiated only by a party to a contract that is the subject of a final agency action, or whose legal interests are directly determined by the final agency action. A written petition must be filed within 14 days of the mailing date of the final agency action requesting an adjudicative proceeding, unless a longer date is specified in writing in the final agency action or required by statute, rule, or contract. In the event an appeal is not filed in the applicable time period, the final Trust Lands Administration action shall become unappealable. The petition for an adjudicative proceeding shall be filed according to the following requirements:

(a) the petition shall be filed at the office of the director pursuant to R850-8-800.

(b) the petition shall state:

i) all facts upon which the petition is based;

ii) any statute, rule, contract provision, or board policy

which the final agency action is alleged to violate;

iii) the nature of the violation of the final agency action with the statute, rule, contractual provision or board policy, and the injury that is specific to the petitioner arising from the final agency action. If the injury identified by the petition is not peculiar to the petitioner as a result of the action, the board will decline to hear the appeal; and

iv) the relief requested.

3. Upon receipt of a petition, the director shall initially stay any further actions with respect to the matter for which the adjudicative proceeding is being sought by the petitioner. The board, in its discretion, may lift such suspension or condition the continuation of the stay upon filing of a surety, in an amount specified by the board, sufficient to protect the interests of the beneficiaries.

4. Upon receipt the director shall promptly mail the petition to the board.

5. When the date of mailing is at least ten days prior to a regularly scheduled board meeting, the board may consider the petition at that meeting. In the event that the date of mailing is within ten days of a regularly scheduled board meeting, the petition will be considered at the next succeeding board meeting.

6. In its initial consideration of any petition, the board may schedule the petition for hearing at a future date, make determinations concerning whether the adjudicative proceeding will be formal or informal, address procedural matters such as stays, discovery, etc., or hear the matter on the merits.

7. The board may decline to conduct adjudicative proceedings in response to a petition, in which case the petitioner shall be entitled to judicial review pursuant to Section 63G-4-402.

R850-8-1100. Designation of Adjudicative Proceedings as Formal or Informal.

1. The board, in its discretion, shall determine whether to conduct an adjudicative proceeding formally or informally.

2. Any time before a final order is issued in any adjudicative proceeding, the board may convert a formal adjudicative proceeding to an informal adjudicative proceeding, or an informal adjudicative proceeding to a formal adjudicative proceeding if conversion of the proceeding does not unfairly prejudice the rights of any party.

R850-8-1200. Procedures for Informal Adjudicative Proceedings.

1. The Trust Lands Administration may, but is not required, to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the allegations contained in the petition.

2. The parties to the proceeding shall be permitted to testify, present evidence, and comment on the issues.

3. Hearings will be held only after timely notice to all parties.

4. Discovery is prohibited, but, the board may issue subpoenas or other orders to compel production of necessary evidence.

5. All parties shall have access to information contained in the Trust Lands Administration's files and to all materials and information gathered in any investigation, to the extent permitted by law.

6. Intervention shall be in accordance with R850-8-1400.

7. All hearings shall be open to all parties.

8. Within a reasonable time after the close of an informal adjudicative proceeding, the board shall issue a signed order in writing that states the following:

(a) the decision, and when appropriate, the reasons for the decision;

(b) a notice of any right of judicial review available to the parties;

(c) the time limits for filing an appeal.

9. A copy of the board's order shall be promptly mailed to each of the parties.

10. Recordation of Hearing.

(a) The board may record or have a transcript prepared of any hearing.

(b) Any party, at its own expense may record or have a reporter approved by the board prepare a transcript of the hearing, subject to any restrictions that the board is permitted by statute to impose to protect confidential information disclosed at the hearing.

R850-8-1300. Procedures for Formal Adjudicative Proceedings.

1. An original and ten copies of all papers permitted or required to be filed shall be filed with the Trust Lands Administration and one copy shall be sent by mail to each party.

2. In addition to the final agency action, and the petition for the appeal of the final agency action, additional motions may be submitted for the board's decision on either written or oral argument and the filing of affidavits in support or contravention may be permitted. Any written motion may be accompanied by a supporting memorandum of fact and law.

3. The board may permit or require pleadings in addition to the final agency action and the appeal of the final agency action.

4. Upon motion of a party, and for good cause shown, the board may authorize discovery against another party, including the Trust Lands Administration, in the manner provided by the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

5. Subpoenas and other orders to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of evidence shall be issued by the board when requested by any party, or may be issued upon its own motion.

6. Hearing procedure.

(a) The board shall regulate the course of the hearing to obtain full disclosure of relevant facts and to afford all the parties reasonable opportunity to present their positions.

(b) On its own motion or upon objection by a party, the board:

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

ii) shall exclude evidence privileged in the courts of Utah;

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

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

(c) The board may not exclude evidence solely because it is hearsay.

(d) The board shall afford to all parties the opportunity to present evidence, argue, respond, conduct cross-examination, and submit rebuttal evidence.

(e) The board may give persons not a party to the adjudicative proceeding the opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

(f) All testimony presented at the hearing, if offered as evidence to be considered in reaching a decision on the merits, shall be given under oath.

(g) The hearing shall be recorded at the board's expense.

(h) Any party, at his own expense, may have a person approved by the board prepare a transcript of the hearing, subject to any restrictions that the board is permitted by statute to impose to protect confidential information disclosed at the hearing.

(i) All hearings shall be open to all parties.

(j) This section does not preclude the presiding officer

from taking appropriate measures necessary to preserve the integrity of the hearing.

7. Intervention shall be in accordance with R850-8-1400.

8. Orders.

(a) Within a reasonable time after the hearing, or after the filing of any post-hearing papers permitted by the board, the board shall sign and issue an order that includes:

i) a statement of the board's findings of fact based exclusively on the evidence of record in the adjudicative proceedings, or on facts officially noted;

ii) a statement of the board's conclusions of law;

iii) a statement of the reasons for the board's decision;

iv) a statement of any relief ordered by the board;

v) a notice of any right to judicial review of the order available to aggrieved parties;

vi) the time limits applicable to any review (or reconsideration).

(b) The board may use its experience, technical competence, and specialized knowledge to evaluate the evidence.

(c) No finding of fact that was contested may be based solely on hearsay evidence unless that evidence is admissible under Utah Rules of Evidence.

(d) This section does not preclude the board from issuing interim orders to:

i) notify the parties of further hearings;

ii) notify the parties of provisional rulings on a portion of the issues presented; or

iii) otherwise provide for the fair and efficient conduct of the adjudicative proceeding.

R850-8-1400. Informal or Formal Adjudicative Proceedings - Intervention.

1. Any person not a party may file a signed, written petition to intervene in an adjudicative proceeding with the Trust Lands Administration.

2. The person who wishes to intervene shall mail a copy of the petition to each party. The petition shall include:

(a) a statement of facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights or interests are substantially affected by the formal adjudicative proceeding, or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and

(b) a statement of the relief that the petitioner seeks from the Trust Lands Administration.

3. The board shall grant a petition for intervention if it determines that:

(a) the petitioner's legal interests may be substantially affected by the formal adjudicative proceeding; and

(b) the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the adjudicative proceedings will not be materially impaired by allowing intervention.

4.

(a) Any order granting or denying a petition to intervene shall be in writing and sent by mail to the petitioner and each party.

(b) An order permitting intervention may impose conditions on the intervenor's participation in the adjudicative proceeding that are necessary for a just, orderly, and prompt conduct of the adjudicative proceeding.

(c) the board may impose the conditions at any time after the intervention.

R850-8-1500. Formal Adjudicative Proceeding - Designation of Hearing Examiner.

1. The board may in its discretion, on its own motion or motion of one of the parties, designate a hearing examiner for purposes of taking evidence and recommending findings of fact and conclusion of law to the board. Any member of the board, or any person designated by the board may serve as a hearing examiner, other than an employee of the Trust Lands Administration.

2. Powers.

The order appointing a hearing examiner may specify or limit the hearing examiner's powers and may direct the hearing examiner to report only upon particular issues: to do or perform particular acts or to receive and report evidence only; and to fix the time and place for beginning and closing the hearing and for filing a report. Unless the hearing examiners's authority is limited the hearing examiner will be vested general authority to conduct hearings in an orderly and judicial matter, including authority to:

(a) summon and subpoena witnesses;

(b) administer oaths, call and question witnesses;

(c) require the production of records, books and documents;

(d) take such other action in connection with the hearing as may be prescribed by the board.

(e) make evidentiary rulings and propose findings of fact and conclusions of law.

3. Conduct of hearings.

Except as limited by the board's order, hearings will be conducted under the same rules and in the same manner as hearings before the board.

4. Rulings, Findings, and Conclusions of the hearing examiner.

During the hearing, objections to evidence will be ruled upon by the hearing examiner. Where a ruling sustains objections to an admission of evidence, the party affected may insert in the record, as a tender of proof, a summary written statement of the evidence excluded and the objecting party may then make an offer of proof in rebuttal. Upon completion of the hearing, the hearing examiner will prepare a written summary of all such rulings and will make proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in a proposed order in conformance with R850-8-1300(8). All such proposed rulings, findings, and conclusions will be distributed to the parties and filed with the board.

R850-8-1600. Default.

1. The board may enter an order of default against a party if:

(a) a party in an informal adjudicative proceeding fails to participate in the adjudicative proceeding: or

(b) a party to a formal adjudicative proceeding fails to attend or participate in a properly scheduled hearing after being given proper notice.

2. An order of default shall include a statement of the grounds for default and shall be mailed to all parties.

3.

(a) A defaulted party may seek to have the Trust Lands Administration set aside the default order, and any order in the adjudicative order, by following the procedures outlined in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) A motion to set aside a default and any subsequent order shall be made to the board.

4.

(a) In an adjudicative proceeding that has other parties besides the party in default, the board shall, after issuing the order of default, conduct any further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudicative proceeding without the participation of the party in default.

R850-8-1700. Reconsideration and Modification of Existing Orders.

1. Any person affected by a final order or decision of the board may file a petition for reconsideration within 20 days after the date the order was issued.

2. A copy of the request for reconsideration shall be sent

by mail to each party by the person making the request.

3. The petition for reconsideration will set forth specifically the particulars in which it is claimed the board's order or decision is unlawful, unreasonable, or unfair. If the petition is based upon a claim that the board failed to consider certain evidence, it will include an abstract of that evidence. If the petition is based upon newly discovered evidence, then the petition will be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the nature and extent of such evidence, its relevancy to the issues involved, and a statement that the party could not with reasonable diligence have discovered the evidence prior to the hearing.

4. All other parties to the proceeding upon which a reconsideration is sought may file a response to the petition with the director at any time prior to the hearing at which the petition will be considered by the board. Such responses will be served on the petitioner at or before the hearing.

5. The board will act upon the petition for a rehearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the date of its filing. If no action is taken by the board within such time, the petition will be deemed to be denied. The board may set a time for a hearing on said petition or may summarily grant or deny the petition.

6. The filing of the request is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review of the order.

R850-8-1800. Judicial Review - Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies.

1. A party aggrieved may obtain judicial review of a final order issued in an adjudicative proceeding, except where judicial review is expressly prohibited by statute.

2. A party may seek judicial review only after exhausting all administrative remedies available, except that a party seeking judicial review need not exhaust administrative remedies if any statute or rule states that exhaustion is not required.

3.

(a) A party shall file a petition for judicial review of a final order issued by the board within 30 days after the date that the order is issued or considered issued.

(b) The petition shall name the Trust Lands Administration and all other appropriate parties as respondents.

R850-8-1900. Judicial Review.

To seek judicial review of a final board action resulting from informal or formal adjudicative proceedings, the petitioner shall file a petition for review of a board order with the appropriate court in the manner required by Sections 63G-4-402 and 63G-4-403, as appropriate.

R850-8-2000. Judicial Review - Stay and Other Temporary Remedies Pending Final Disposition.

1. The board may grant a stay of its order or other temporary remedy during the pendency of judicial review if it determines a stay would be in the interest of justice and would not unduly harm the beneficiaries. The board, in its discretion, may condition the continuation of the stay upon filing of a surety, in an amount specified by the board, sufficient to protect the interests of the beneficiaries.

2. If the board denies a stay or denies other temporary remedies requested by a party, the board's order of denial shall be mailed to all parties and shall specify the reasons why the stay or other temporary remedy was not granted.

R850-8-2100. Emergency Adjudicative Proceedings.

1. The board may issue an order on an emergency basis without complying with the requirements of this section if:

(a) the facts known by the board or presented to the board show that an immediate and significant danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists; or

(b) an immediate and irreparable threat to the beneficiaries exists; and

(c) the threat requires immediate action by the board.

2. In issuing its emergency order, the board shall:

(a) limit its order to require only the action necessary to prevent or avoid the danger to the public health, safety, or welfare; or

(b) the immediate and irreparable threat to the beneficiaries; and

(c) issue promptly a written order, effective immediately, that includes a brief statement of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and reasons for the agency's utilization of emergency adjudicative proceedings; and

(d) give immediate notice to the persons who are required to comply with the order.

3. If the emergency order issued under this section will result in the continued infringement or impairment of any legal right or interest of any party, the board shall commence an adjudicative proceeding in accordance with the other provisions of this section.

R850-8-2200. Waivers.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, any procedural matter, including any right to notice or hearing, may be waived by the affected person by a signed, written waiver in a form acceptable to the board.

R850-8-2300. Severability.

In the event that any provision, section, subsection or phrase of these rules is determined by a court or body of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions, sections, subsections or phrases shall remain in full force and effect.

R850-8-2400. Time Periods.

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to restrict the director, or, the board from lengthening or shortening any time period prescribed herein.

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R850. School and Institutional Trust Lands, Administration.
R850-21. Oil, Gas and Hydrocarbon Resources.
R850-21-100. Authorities.

This rule implements Sections 6, 8, 10, and 12 of the Utah Enabling Act, Articles X and XX of the Utah Constitution, and Utah Code Title 53C et seq. which authorize the Director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to establish rules for the issuance of oil, gas and hydrocarbon leases and management of trust-owned lands and oil, gas and hydrocarbon resources.

R850-21-150. Planning.

Pursuant to Subsection 53C-2-201(1)(a), this category of activity carries no planning obligations by the agency beyond existing rule-based analysis and approval processes. Oil, gas and hydrocarbon development activities are regulated pursuant to R649.

R850-21-175. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in Section R850-21 shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated:

1. Act: Utah Code 53C-1 et seq.

2. Agency: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration or its predecessor agency.

3. Anniversary Date: the same day and month in succeeding years as the effective date of the lease.

4. Assignment(s): a conveyance of all or a portion of the lessee's record title, non-working interest, or working interest in a lease.

(a) Certification of Net Revenue Interest: the certification by oath of an assignor to the agency that the total net working revenue interest (NRI) in the lease which the assignment affects has not been reduced to less than 80 per cent of 100 per cent NRI. Certification shall only be required for leases issued after April1, 2005.

(b) Mass Assignment: an assignment that affects more than one lease, including assignments which affect record title, working or non-working interests.

(c) Non-Working Interest Assignment: an assignment of interest in production from a lease other than the agency's royalty, the record title, or the working interest including but not limited to overriding royalties, production payments, net profits interests, and carried interests assignments but excluding liens and security interests.

(d) Record Title Assignment: an assignment of the lessee's interest in a lease which includes the obligation to pay rent, the rights to assign/or relinquish the lease, and the ultimate responsibility to the agency for obligations under the lease.

(e) Working Interest Assignment: a transfer of a non-record title interest in a lease, including but not limited to wellbore assignments, but excepting overriding royalty, oil payment, net-profit, or carried interests or other non-working interests.

5. Board of Trustees: the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees created under Section 53C-1-202.

6. Bonus Bid: a payment reflecting an amount to be paid by an applicant in addition to the delay rentals and royalties set forth in a lease in an application as consideration for the issuance of such lease.

7. Committed Lands: a consolidation of all or a portion of lands subject to a lease approved by the director for pooling or unitization which form a logical unit for exploration, development or drilling operations.

8. Delay Rental: a sum of money as prescribed in the lease payable to the agency for the privilege of deferring the commencement of drilling operations or the commencement of production during the term of the lease.

9. Designated Operator: the person or entity that has been granted authority by the record title interest owner(s) in a lease and has been approved by the agency to conduct operations on the lease or a portion thereof.

10. Director: the person designated within the agency who manages the agency in fulfillment of its purposes as set forth in the Act.

11. Effective Date: unless otherwise defined in the lease, the effective date shall be the first day of the month following the date a lease is executed by the agency. An amended, extended or segregated lease will retain the effective date of the original lease.

12. Gas Well: a well capable of producing volumes exceeding 100,000 cubic feet of gas to each barrel of oil from the same producing horizon where both oil and gas are produced; or, a well producing gas only from a formation or producing horizon.

13. Lease: an oil, gas and hydrocarbon lease covering the commodities defined in R850-21-200(1) issued by the agency.

14. Lease Year: the twelve-month period commencing at 12:01 a.m. on the month and day of the effective date of the lease and ending on the last day of the twelfth month at 12 midnight.

15. Leasing Unit: a parcel of trust land lying within one or more sections that is offered for lease as an indivisible unit through a competitive oil and gas lease application process which would constitute one lease when issued.

16. Lessee: a person or entity holding a record title interest in a lease.

17. NGL: natural gas liquids.

18. Other Business Arrangement ("OBA"): an agreement entered into between the agency and a person or entity consistent with the purposes of the Act and approved by the Board of Trustees. By way of example, but not of limitation, OBAs may be for farmout agreements or joint venture agreements. An agreement for an OBA may be initiated by the agency or by a proponent of an agreement by filing a proposal for an OBA with the agency.

19. Paying Quantities: the gross income from the leased substances produced and sold (after deduction for taxes and lessor's royalty) that exceeds the cost of operation.

20. Qualified Interest Owner: a person or legal entity who meets the requirements of R850-3-200 of these rules.

21. Rental: the amount due and payable on the anniversary of the effective date of a lease to maintain the lease in full force and effect for the following lease year.

22. Shut-in Gas Well: a gas well which is physically capable of producing gas in paying quantities, but, for which the producible gas cannot be marketed at a reasonable price due to existing marketing or transportation conditions.

23. Shut-In or Minimum Royalty: the amount of money accruing and payable to the agency in lieu of rental or delay rental beginning from the first anniversary date of the lease on or after the initial discovery of oil or gas in paying quantities on the leasehold or the allocation of production to the leasehold. Minimum royalty accrues beginning from the anniversary date of a lease but is not payable until the end of the year. Actual royalty accruing from a lease or allocated to a unitized or communitized lease during the lease year is credited against the minimum royalty obligation for the lease year. If the royalty from production does not equal or exceed the required minimum royalty for the lease year, the lessee is obligated to pay the difference.

24. Surveyed Lot: an irregular part of a section identified by cadastral survey and maintained in the official records of the agency.

25. Trust Lands: those lands and mineral resources granted by the United States in the Utah Enabling Act to the State of Utah in trust, and other lands and mineral resources acquired by the trust, which must be managed for the benefit of

the state's public education system or the institutions designated as beneficiaries.

26. UDOGM: the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of the Utah State Department of Natural Resources.

27. Except as specifically defined above, the definitions set forth at R850-1-200 shall also be applicable.

R850-21-200. Classification of Oil, Gas and Hydrocarbons.

Oil, Gas, and Hydrocarbon leases shall cover oil, natural gas, including gas producible from coal formations or associated with coal bearing formations, and other hydrocarbons (whether the same is found in solid, semi-solid, liquid, vaporous, or any other form) and also including sulfur, helium and other gases not individually described. The oil, gas, and hydrocarbon category shall not include coal, oil shale, tar sands or gilsonite.

R850-21-300. Lease Application Process.

1. The agency may issue leases competitively, non-competitively or enter into OBAs with qualified interest owners for the development of oil, gas and hydrocarbon resources.

(a) Competitive Bid Offering: when the agency designates leasing units for competitive bidding it shall award leases on the basis of the highest bonus bid per acre made by qualified application.

(i) Minimum Bonus Bid Amount: the minimum acceptable bonus bid for competitive bid offering for leasing units shall be not less than $1.00 per acre, or fractional acre thereof, which will constitute the (advance) rental for the first year of the lease.

(ii) Notice of Offering: notices of the offering of lands for competitive bid shall:

(A) run for a period of not less than fifteen (15) consecutive days after the notice is posted in the agency's office;

(B) describe the leasing unit;

(C) indicate the resource available for leasing; and

(D) state the last date on which bids may be received.

(iii) Opening of Bid Applications: bid applications shall be opened in the agency's office at 10 a.m. of the first business day following the last day on which bids may be received.

(iv) Content of Applications: each application shall be submitted in a sealed envelope which clearly identifies:

(A) the competitive bid;

(B) leasing unit number; and,

(C) the date of offering for which the bid is submitted.

(v) The application envelope must:

(A) describe only one leasing unit per application; and,

(B) contain one check for the application fee and a separate check for the amount of the bonus bid.

(vi) Withdrawal of Applications: applicants desiring to withdraw an application which has been filed under these competitive bid filing rules must submit a written request to the agency. If the request is received before sealed bids have been opened, all money tendered by the applicant, except the filing fee, shall be refunded. If a request is received after sealed bids have been opened, and if the applicant is awarded the bid, then unless the applicant accepts the offered lease, all money tendered shall be forfeited to the agency.

(vii) Non-Complying Applications: if the agency determines prior to lease issuance that an application did not comply with these rules at the time of bid opening, the application fee shall be retained by the agency and the application returned to the applicant without further consideration by the agency.

(viii) Identical Bids: in the case of identical successful bids, the agency may award the lease by public drawing or oral auction between the identical bidders, held at the agency's offices.

(b) Non-Competitive Leasing By Over-The-Counter Filing.

(i) The director may designate lands for non-competitive leasing by over-the-counter application if the lands have been offered in a competitive offering and have received no bids. Designated lands may be offered for a period of three (3) months from the date of the opening of bids for which no bid was received for said lands under the competitive bid offering.

(ii) The minimum acceptable offer for over-the-counter applications to lease designated lands shall be not less than $1 per acre, or fractional acre thereof, which will constitute the delay rental for the first year of the lease.

(iii) Applications for over-the-counter leases, when authorized, shall be filed on approved forms received from the office of the agency or as made available on its web site and delivered for filing in the main office of the agency during office hours. Except as provided, all over-the-counter applications received by personal delivery over the counter, are to be immediately stamped with the exact date and time of filing. All applications presented for filing at the opening of the office for business on any business day are stamped received as of 8 a.m., on that day. All applications received in the first delivery of the U.S. Mail of each business day are stamped received as of 8 a.m. on that day. The time indicated on the time stamp is deemed the time of filing unless the director determines that the application is materially deficient in any particular way. If an application is determined to be deficient, it will be returned to the applicant with a notice of the deficiency.

If an application is returned as deficient and is resubmitted in compliance with the rules within fifteen (15) days from the date of the determination of deficiency, it shall retain its original filing time. If the application is resubmitted at any later time, it is deemed filed at the time of resubmission.

(iv) Where two or more applications for the same lease contain identical bids and bear a time stamp showing the said applications were filed at the same time, the agency may award the lease by public drawing or oral auction between the identical bidders held at the agency's office.

(v) If an application or any part thereof is rejected, any money tendered for rental of the rejected portion shall be refunded or credited to the applicant minus the application fee.

(vi) An applicant who desires to withdraw its application must submit a written request to the agency. If the request is received prior to the time the agency approves the application, all money tendered by the applicant, except the application fee, shall be refunded. If the request is received after approval of the application, then, unless the applicant accepts the offered lease, all money tendered is forfeited to the agency.

(c) Competitive Leasing by Electronic Leasing.

(i) The director may designate leasing units for bidding by electronic means as a vehicle for competitive leasing. Leases will be awarded to the highest bonus bid per acre made by a qualified application. Electronic leasing may be in addition to or in place of the bidding processes set out at R850-21-300(1)(a) or (b) at the discretion of the director. A list of available leasing units and a link to the bidding form will be provided at the agency website.

R850-21-400. Availability of Lands for Lease Issuance.

1. A lease shall not be issued for lands comprising less than a quarter-quarter section or surveyed lot, unless the trust-owned land managed by the agency within any quarter-quarter section or surveyed lot is less than the whole thereof, in which case the lease will be issued only on the entire area owned and available for lease within the quarter-quarter section or surveyed lot.

2. Leases shall be limited to no more than 2560 acres or four sections and must all be located within the same township and range unless a waiver is approved by the director.

3. Any lease may be terminated by the agency in whole or in part upon lessee's failure to comply with any lease term or

covenant or applicable laws and rules. Subject to the terms of any lease issued hereunder, any final agency action is appealable pursuant to Section 53C-2-409, in accordance with the provisions of the rules of the agency.

R850-21-500. Lease Provisions.

The following provisions, terms and conditions shall apply to all leases granted by the agency:

1. Delay Rentals and Rental Credits.

(a) The delay rental rate shall not be for less than $1 per acre, or fractional acre thereof, per year at the time the lease is offered.

(b) The minimum annual delay rental on any lease, regardless of the amount of acreage, shall in no case be less than $40.

(c) Delay rental payments shall be paid each year on or before the lease anniversary date, unless otherwise stated in the lease.

(d) Any overpayment of delay rental occurring from the lease applicant's incorrect calculation of acreage of lands described in the lease may, at the option of the agency, be credited toward the applicant's rental account.

(e) The agency may accept lease payments made by any party provided, however, that the acceptance of such payment(s) shall not be deemed to be recognition by the agency of any interest of the payee in the lease. Ultimate responsibility for such payments remains with the record title interest owner.

(f) Rental credits, if any, shall be governed by the terms of the lease which provide for such credits.

2. Royalty Provisions: the production royalty rate shall not be less than 12.5% of gross proceeds minus costs of transportation off lease, at the time the lease is offered.

3. Primary Lease Term: no lease shall establish a primary term in excess of ten (10) years.

4. Continuance of a Lease after Expiration of the Primary Term.

(a) A lease shall be continued after the primary term has expired so long as:

(i) the leased substance is being produced in paying quantities from the leased premises or from other lands pooled, communitized or unitized with committed lands; or

(ii) the agency determines that the lessee or designated operator:

(A) is engaged in diligent operations which are determined by the director to be reasonably calculated to advance or restore production of the leased substance from the leased premises or from other lands pooled, communitized, or unitized with committed lands; and

(B) pays the annual minimum royalty set forth in the lease.

(b) Diligent operations may include cessation of operations not to exceed 90 days in duration or a cumulative period of 180 days in one calendar year.

5. Pooling, Communitization or Unitization of Leases.

(a) Lessees, upon prior written authorization of the director, may commit leased trust lands or portions of such lands to unit, cooperative or other plans of development with other lands.

(b) The director may, with the consent of the lessee, modify any term of a lease for lands that are committed to a unit, cooperative, or other plan of development.

(c) Production allocated to leased trust lands under the terms of a unit, cooperative, or other plan of development shall be considered produced from the leased lands whether or not the point of production is located on the leased trust lands.

(d) The term of all leases included in any cooperative or unit plan of oil and gas development or operation in which the agency has joined, or shall hereafter join, shall be extended automatically for the term of the unit or cooperative agreement. Rentals on leases so extended shall be at the rate specified in the lease, subject to change in rates at the discretion of the director or as may be prescribed in the terms of the lease.

(e) Any lease eliminated from any cooperative or unit plan of development or operation, or any lease which is in effect at the termination of a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation, unless relinquished, shall continue in effect for the fixed term of the lease, or for two (2) years after its elimination from the plan or agreement or the termination thereof, whichever is longer, and so long thereafter as the leased substances are produced in paying quantities. Rentals under such leases shall continue at the rate specified in the lease.

6. Shut-in Gas Wells Producing Gas in Paying Quantities: to qualify as a shut-in gas well capable of producing gas in paying quantities:

(a) a minimum royalty shall be paid in an amount not less than the current annual minimum royalty provided for in the lease;

(b) the terms of the lease shall provide the basis upon which the minimum royalty is to be paid by the lessee for a shut-in gas well; and

(c) the director may, at any time, require written justification from the lessee that a well qualifies as a shut-in gas well. A shut-in gas well will not extend a lease more than five years beyond the original primary term of the lease.

7. Oil/Condensate/Gas/NGL Reporting and Records Retention.

(a) Notwithstanding the terms of the lease agreements, gas and NGL report payments are required to be received by the agency on or before the last day of the second month succeeding the month of production.

(b) The extension of payment and reporting time for gas and NGL's does not alter the payment and reporting time for oil and condensate royalty which must be received by the agency on or before the last day of the calendar month succeeding the month of production as currently provided in the lease form.

(c) A lessee, operator, or other person directly involved in developing, producing or disposing of oil or gas under a lease through the point of first sale or point of royalty computation, whichever is later, shall establish and maintain records of such activities and make any reports requested by the director to implement or require compliance with these rules. Upon request by the director or the director's designee, appropriate reports, records or other information shall be made available for inspection and duplication.

(d) Records of production, transportation and sales shall be maintained for six (6) years after the records are generated unless the director notifies the record holder that an audit has been initiated or an investigation begun, involving such records. When so notified, records shall be maintained until the director releases the record holder of the obligation to maintain such records.

8. When the agency approves the amendment of an existing lease by substituting a new lease form for the existing form(s), the amended lease will retain the effective date of the original lease.

9. Other lease provisions.

The agency may require, in addition to the lease provisions required by these rules, any other reasonable provisions to be included in the lease as it deems necessary, but which does not substantially impair the lessees' rights under the lease.

R850-21-600. Transfer by Assignment or Operation of Law.

1. Any lease may be assigned as to all or part of the acreage, to any person, firm, association, or corporation qualified to hold a lease provided, however, that all assignments must be approved by the director. No assignment is effective until approval is given. Any attempted or purported assignment made without approval by the director is void.

2. Transfer by Assignment.

(a) An assignment of either a record title, working or non-working interest in a lease must:

(i) be expressed in a good and sufficient written legal instrument;

(ii) be properly executed, acknowledged and clearly set forth:

(A) the serial number of the lease;

(B) the land involved;

(C) the name and address of the assignee;

(D) the name of the assignor;

(E) the interest transferred;

(iii) be accompanied by a certification that the assignee is a qualified interest owner; and

(iv) include a certification of net revenue interest.

(b) Lessees who are assigning a lease shall:

(i) prepare and execute the assignments in duplicate, complete with acknowledgments;

(ii) provide that each copy of the assignment have attached thereto an acceptance of assignment duly executed by the assignee; and

(iii) provide that all assignments forwarded to or deposited with the agency be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(c) The director shall approve any assignment of interest which has been properly executed; if the required filing fee is paid for each separate lease in which an interest is assigned, and the assignment complies with the law and these rules, so long as the director determines that approval would not be detrimental to the interests of the trust beneficiaries.

(d) If approval of any assignment is withheld by the director, the transferee shall be notified of such decision and its basis. Any decision to withhold approval may be appealed pursuant to Rule R850-8 or any similar rule in place at the time of such decision.

(e) Any assignment of a portion of a lease, whether of a record title, working or non-working interest, covering less than a quarter-quarter section, a surveyed lot, or an assignment of a separate zone or a separate deposit, shall not be approved.

(f) An assignment shall be effective the first day of the month following the approval of the assignment by the director. The assignor or surety, if any, shall continue to be responsible for performance of any and all obligations as if no assignment had been executed until the effective date of the assignment. After 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 lessee, any conditions in the assignment to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that the approved record title interest owner(s) shall retain ultimate responsibility to the agency for all lease obligations.

(g) A record title assignment of an undivided 100% record title interest in less than the total acreage covered by the lease shall cause a segregation of the assigned and retained portions. After the effective date of the approved assignment, the assignor shall be released or discharged from any obligation thereafter accruing to the assigned lands. Segregated leases shall continue in full force and effect for the primary term of the original lease or as further extended pursuant to the terms of the lease. The agency may re-issue a lease with a new lease number covering the assigned lands for the remaining unexpired primary term. The agency may, in lieu of re-issuing a lease, note the assignment in its records with all lands covered by the original lease maintained with the original lease number, and with each separate tract or interest resulting from an assignment with an additional identifying designation to the original number.

(h) Any assignment which would create a cumulative royalty and other non-working interest in excess of twenty per cent (20%) thereby reducing the net revenue interest in the lease to less than eighty per cent (80%) NRI shall not be approved by the agency.

(i) Mass assignments are allowed, provided:

(i) the requirements set forth in paragraph R850-21-600(2) are met;

(ii) the serial number, the lands covered thereby, and the percent of interest assigned therein are expressly described in an attached exhibit;

(iii) the prescribed fee is paid for each lease affected; and

(iv) a separate mass assignment is filed for each type of interest (record title, working or non-working interest) that is assigned.

(j) The agency shall not accept for filing, mortgages, deeds of trust, financing statements or lien filings affecting leases. To the extent a legal foreclosure upon interests in leases occurs under the terms of such agreements, assignments must be prepared as set forth in this section and filed with the agency, which will then be reviewed and approved in due course.

(k) The agency by approving an assignment does not adjudicate the validity of any assignment as it may affect third parties, nor estop the agency from challenging any assignment which is later adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or ineffectual.

3. Transfer by Operation of Law.

(a) Death: if an applicant or lessee dies, his/her rights shall be transferred to the heirs, devisees, executor or administrator of the estate, as appropriate, upon the filing of:

(i) a certified copy of the death certificate together with other appropriate documentation to verify change of ownership as required under the probate laws of the state of Utah (Section 75-1-101 et seq.);

(ii) a list containing the serial number of each lease interest affected;

(iii) a statement that the transferee(s) is a qualified interest owner;

(iv) the required filing fee for each separate lease in which an interest is transferred; and

(v) a bond rider or replacement bond for any bond(s) previously furnished by the decedent.

(b) Corporate Merger: if a corporate merger affects any interest in a lease because of the transfer of property of the dissolving corporation to the surviving corporation by operation of law, no assignment of any affected lease is required. A notification of the merger, together with a certified copy of the certificate of merger issued by the Utah Department of Commerce, shall be furnished to the agency, together with a list by serial number of all lease interests affected. The required filing fee must be paid for each separate lease in which an interest is transferred. A bond rider or replacement bond conditioned to cover the obligations of all affected corporations will be required as a prerequisite to recognition of the merger.

(c) Corporate Name Change: if a change of name of a corporate lessee affects any interest in a lease, the notice of name change shall be submitted in writing with a certificate from the Utah Department of Commerce evidencing its recognition of the name change accompanied by a list of lease serial numbers affected by the name change. The required filing fee must be paid for each separate lease in which an interest is transferred. A bond rider or replacement bond, conditioned to cover the obligations of all affected corporations, is required as a prerequisite to recognition of the name change.

R850-21-700. Operations Plan and Reclamation.

1. The lessee or designated operator shall submit to, and must receive the approval of, the agency for a plan of operations prior to any surface disturbance, drilling or other operations which disturb the surface of lands contained in a lease. Said plan shall include, at a minimum, all proposed access and infrastructure locations and proposed site reclamation. Prior to approval, the agency may require the lessee or designated operator to adopt a special rehabilitation program for the particular property in question. Before the lessee or designated

operator shall commence actual drilling operations on any well or prior to commencing any surface disturbance associated with the activity on lands contained within a lease, the operator or lessee or designated operator shall provide a plan of operations to the agency simultaneously with the filing of the application for a permit to drill (APD) with UDOGM. The agency will review any request for drilling operations and will grant approval providing that the contemplated location and operations are not in violation of any rules or order of the agency. Agency approval of the APD for oil, gas or hydrocarbon resources administered by the agency is required prior to approval by UDOGM. Notice of approval by the agency shall be given in an expeditious manner to UDOGM.

2. Prior to approval of the APD, the agency shall require the lessee or designated operator to:

(a) provide when requested, a cultural, paleontological and biological survey on lands under an oil, gas and hydrocarbon lease, including providing the agency a copy of any survey(s) required by other governmental agencies;

(b) provide for reasonable mitigation of impacts to other trust resources occasioned by surface or sub-surface operations on the lease;

(c) negotiate with the agency a surface use agreement, right-of-way agreement, or both for trust lands other than the leased lands where the surface of said lands are necessary for the development of the lease; and

(d) keep a log of geologic data accumulated or acquired by the lessee or designated operator about the land described in the lease. This log shall show the formations encountered and any other geologic information reasonably required by lessor and shall be available upon request by the agency. A copy of the log, as well as any data related to exploration drill holes shall be deposited with the agency at the agency's request.

3. Oil and gas drilling, or other operations which disturb the surface of lands contained within or on the leased lands shall require surface rehabilitation of the disturbed area as described in the plan of operations approved by the agency, and as required by the rules and regulations administered by the UDOGM.

In all cases, the lessee or designated operator shall agree to establish a slope on all excavations to a ratio not steeper than one foot vertically for each two feet of horizontal distance, unless otherwise approved by the agency prior to commencement of operations. This sloping shall be a concurrent part of the operation of the leased premises to the extent that the operation shall not at any time constitute a hazard. All pits, excavations, roads and pads shall be shaped to facilitate drainage and control erosion by following the best management practices. In no case shall the pits or excavations be allowed to become a hazard to persons or livestock. All material removed from the premises shall be stockpiled and be used to fill the pits and for leveling and reclamation of roads and pads, unless consent of the agency to do otherwise is obtained, so at the termination of the lease, the land will as nearly as practicable approximate its original configuration. All drill holes must be plugged in accordance with rules promulgated by UDOGM.

The agency shall require that all topsoil in the affected area be removed, stockpiled, and stabilized on the leased premises until the completion of operations. Upon reclamation, the stockpiled topsoil will be redistributed on the affected area and the land revegetated as prescribed by the agency. All mud pits shall be filled and materials and debris removed from the site.

4. All lessees or designated operators under oil, gas and hydrocarbon leases shall be responsible for compliance with all laws and notification requirements and operating rules promulgated by UDOGM with regard to oil, gas and hydrocarbon exploration, or drilling on lands within the state of Utah under The Oil and Gas Conservation Act (Section 40-6-1 et seq.). Lessees or designated operators shall fully comply with all the rules or requirements of agencies having jurisdiction and provide timely notifications of operations plans, well completion reports, or other information as may be requested or required by the agency.

R850-21-800. Bonding.

1. Bond Obligations.

(a) Prior to commencement of any operations which will disturb the surface of the land covered by a lease, the lessee or designated operator shall post with UDOGM a bond in a form and in the amount set forth in R649-3-1 et seq. and approved by UDOGM to assure compliance with those terms and conditions of the lease and these rules, involving costs of reclamation, damages to the surface and improvements on the surface and all other related requirements and standards set forth in the lease, rules, procedures and policies of the agency and UDOGM.

(b) A separate bond shall be posted with the agency by the lessee or the designated operator to assure compliance with all remaining terms and conditions of the lease not covered by the bond to be filed with UDOGM, including, but not limited to payment of royalties.

(c) These bonds shall be in effect even if the lessee or designated operator has conveyed all or part of the leasehold interest to an assignee(s) or subsequent operator(s), until the bonds are released by UDOGM and the agency either because the lessee or designated operator has fully satisfied bonding obligations set forth in this section or the bond is replaced with a new bond posted by an assignee or designated operator.

(d) Bonds held by the agency shall be in the form and subject to the requirements set forth herein:

(i) Surety Bonds.

Surety bonds shall be issued by a qualified surety company, approved by the agency and registered in the state of Utah;

(ii) Personal Bonds.

Personal bonds shall be accompanied by:

(A) a cash deposit to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. The agency will not be responsible for any investment returns on cash deposits. Such interest will be retained in the account and applied to the bond value of the account unless the agency has approved the payment of interest to the operator; or

(B) a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; or

(C) negotiable bonds of the United States, a state, or a municipality. The negotiable bond shall be endorsed only to the order of, and placed in the possession of, the agency. The agency shall value the negotiable bond at its current market value, not at the face value; or

(D) negotiable certificates of deposit. The certificates shall be issued by a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah. The certificates shall be made payable or assigned only to the agency both in writing and upon the records of the bank issuing the certificate. The certificates shall be placed in the possession of the agency or held by a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah. If assigned, the agency shall require the banks issuing the certificates to waive all rights of setoff or liens against those certificates; or

(E) an irrevocable letter of credit: Letters of credit shall be issued by a federally insured bank authorized to do business in Utah and will be irrevocable during their terms. Letters of credit shall be placed in the possession of and payable upon demand only to the agency. Letters of credit shall be automatically renewable or the operator shall ensure continuous bond coverage by replacing letters of credit, if necessary, at least thirty (30) days before their expiration date with other acceptable bond types or letters of credit; or

(F) any other type of surety approved by the agency.

2. Bond Amounts.

The bond amount required for an oil, gas and hydrocarbon exploration project to be held by the agency for those lease obligations not covered by the bond held by UDOGM shall be:

(a) a statewide blanket bond in the minimum amount of $15,000 covering exploration and production operations on all agency leases held by lessee; or

(b) a project bond covering an individual, single-well exploration project involving one or more leases. The amount of the project bond will be determined by the agency at the time lessee gives notice of proposed operations. This bond shall not be less than $5,000 unless waived in writing by the director.

3. Bond Default.

(a) Where, upon default, the surety makes a payment to the agency of an obligation incurred under the terms of a lease, the face of the bond and surety's liability shall be reduced by the amount of such payment.

(b) After default, where the obligation in default equals or is less than the face amount of the bond(s), the lessee or designated operator shall either post a new bond, restore the existing bond to the amount previously held, or post an adjusted amount as determined by the agency. Alternatively, the lessee or designated operator shall make full payment to the agency for all obligations incurred that are in excess of the face amount of the bond and shall post a new bond in the amount previously held or such other amount as determined by the agency. Operations shall be discontinued until the restoration of a bond or posting of a new bond occurs. Failure to comply with these requirements may subject all leases covered by such bond(s) to be cancelled by the agency.

(c) The agency will not give consent to termination of the period of liability of any bond unless an acceptable replacement bond has been filed or until all terms and conditions of the lease have been met.

(d) Any lessee or designated operator forfeiting a bond is denied approval of any future oil, gas or hydrocarbon exploration on agency lands except by compensating the agency for previous defaults and posting the full bond amount for reclamation or lease performance on subsequent operations as determined by the agency.

4. Bonds may be increased at any time in reasonable amounts as the agency may order, providing the agency first gives lessee thirty (30) days written notice stating the increase and the reason for the increase.

5. The agency may waive the filing of a bond for any period during which a bond meeting the requirements of this section is on file with another agency.

R850-21-1000. Multiple Mineral Development (MMD) Area Designation.

1. The agency may designate any land under its authority as a multiple mineral development area. In designated multiple mineral development areas the agency may require, in addition to all other terms and conditions of the lease, that the lessee furnish a bond or evidence of financial responsibility as specified by the agency, to assure that the agency and other lessees shall be indemnified and held harmless from and against unreasonable and all unnecessary damage to mineral deposits or improvements caused by the conduct of the lessee on trust lands. Written notice shall be given to all oil, gas and hydrocarbon and other mineral lessees holding a lease for any mineral commodity within the multiple mineral development area. Thereafter, in order to preserve the value of mineral resources the agency may impose any reasonable requirements upon any oil, gas and hydrocarbon or other mineral lessee who intends to conduct any mineral activity within the multiple mineral development area. The lessee is required to submit advance written notice of any activities to occur within the multiple mineral development area to the agency and any other information that the agency may request. All activities within the multiple mineral development area are to be deferred until the agency has specified the terms and conditions under which the mineral activity is to occur and has granted specific permission to conduct the activity. The agency may hold public meetings regarding mineral development within the multiple mineral development area.

2. The agency may grant a lease extension under a multiple mineral development area designation, providing that the lessee or designated operator requests an extension to the agency prior to the lease expiration date, and that the lessee or designated operator would have otherwise been able to request a lease extension as provided in Subsection 53C-2-405(4).

KEY: oil gas and hydrocarbons, administrative procedures, lease provisions, operations

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Notice of Continuation April 1, 2010 53C-2 et seq.

R856. Science Technology and Research Governing Authority (USTAR), Administration.
R856-1. Formation and Funding of Utah Science Technology and Research Innovation Teams.
R856-1-1. Authority.

This rule is issued pursuant to Title 63-38g-302(f).

R856-1-2. Scope of Rule.

This rule relates to all funds allocated to Utah Science Technology and Research innovation teams by the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority.

R856-1-3. Definitions.

(A) "Capital equipment" means an article of non-expendable tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of $5,000 or more per unit.

(B) "Core operating support" means telephone administrative support and equipment, consumables, and other recurring support of Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team hire.

(C) "Executive director" means the person appointed by the governing authority under Section 63-38g-301.

(D) "Governing authority" means the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority created in Section 63-38g-301.

(E) "Program budget" means the budget proposed by each Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team and approved by the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority.

(F) "Start-up funds" means Utah Science Technology and Research money allocated to pay for Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team hire's recruiting, moving, capital equipment, laboratory and office space build-out, and other expenses necessary for Utah Science Technology and Research project.

(G) "Utah Science Technology and Research Project" means the buildings and activities described in Title 63-38g Part 2, Utah Science Technology and Research Project.

(H) "Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team" means the research teams recruited and hired through the Utah Science Technology and Research initiative to conduct science and technology research within the framework set forward by the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority.

(I) "Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team hire" means the researchers recruited and hired directly through the Utah Science Technology and Research initiative to conduct science and technology research within the framework set forward by the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority.

R856-1-4. Initial Allocation of Funds to Utah Science Technology and Research Innovation Team.

(A) 10% of program money is released for Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team when initial position is considered necessary and approved for by the governing authority.

(1) Total amount of program money is determined by pro forma program budget approved by the governing authority.

R856-1-5. Secondary Allocation of Funds to Utah Science Technology and Research Innovation Team.

(A) The remaining 90% of program money is eligible for release to Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team when a memorandum of understanding of first team hire is presented to the governing authority and the detailed program budget is deemed to be within the guidelines of the governing authority.

(B) Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team hire and the appropriate university representatives such as department head, dean, provost, or vice president for research will agree upon and enter into a memorandum of understanding detailing:

(1) capital equipment and other start-up requirements;

(2) salary and benefits requirements;

(3) core operating support requirements;

(4) how the expected Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team will be organized;

(5) Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team requirements and expectations;

(6) other points important to Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team hire and university.

R856-1-6. Ongoing Funding for Utah Science Technology and Research Innovation Team.

(A) Innovation team funding will have non-lapsing status based on the previous years funding, until:

(1) the governing authority cancels the Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team; or

(2) the governing authority approves a motion to reduce innovation team budget; or

(3) program changes are mutually proposed by the authorized university representative and the executive director and approved by the governing authority.

R856-1-7. Unused Funds for Utah Science Technology and Research Innovation Team.

(A) Utah Science Technology and Research innovation team funds allocated as start-up funds according to memorandum of understanding will have non-lapsing status between fiscal years for the first 3 fiscal years based on the date of the memorandum of understanding.

(1) Start-up funds unused after the first 3 fiscal years will revert back to the Utah Science Technology and Research General Fund.

(B) Core operating support and salary and benefit funds unused by the end of the fiscal year will have a threshold 10% automatic carry over into the subsequent fiscal year.

(1) Institutions may request carry forward of the unused funds over the 10% threshold subject to executive director approval.

KEY: USTAR, technology funding, research funding
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R856. Science Technology and Research Governing Authority (USTAR), Administration.
R856-2. Distribution of Utah Science Technology and Research Commercialization Revenues.
R856-2-1. Authority.

This rule is issued pursuant to Subsection 63M-2-302(1)(f).

R856-2-2. Scope of Rule.

This rule relates to all revenues generated through the Utah Science Technology and Research Project.

R856-2-3. Definitions.

(A) "Commercialization revenues" means dividends, realized capital gains, license fees, royalty fees, and other revenues received by a university as a result of commercial applications developed from the project, less:

(1) the portion of those revenues allocated to the inventor; and

(2) expenditures incurred by the university to legally protect the intellectual property beyond that paid out of the outreach program.

(B) "Executive director" means the person appointed by the governing authority under Section 63M-2-301.

(C) "Governing authority" means the Utah Science Technology and Research Governing Authority created in Section 63M-2-301.

(D) "Utah Science Technology and Research Project" means the buildings and activities described in Title 63M, Chapter 2, Part 2, Utah Science Technology and Research Project.

R856-2-4. Collection and Allocation of Initial Commercialization Revenues Generated Through the University of Utah and Utah State University.

(A) The University of Utah and Utah State University will collect commercialization revenues generated through the Utah Science Technology and Research project conducted at each respective university.

(B) The University of Utah and Utah State University will report commercialization revenues to the executive director on an annual basis 45 days after the end of the fiscal year.

(1) Annually, the money will be distributed 2/3 to Utah State University and the University of Utah, with the monies distributed proportionately based upon which university conducted the research that generated the license fees and royalty fees; and 1/3 to the Technology Commercialization and Innovation Program created by Title 63M, Chapter 1, Part 7, Technology Commercialization and Innovation Act.

(C) The University of Utah and Utah State University will continue to report commercialization revenues until the total reaches $15,000,000; at which point the allocation described in R856-2-5 will be commenced:

R856-2-5. Collection and Allocation of Subsequent Commercialization Revenues Generated Through the University of Utah and Utah State University.

(A) Subsequent to the initial $15,000,000 of commercialization revenues received, the University of Utah and Utah State University will collect commercialization revenues generated through the Utah Science Technology and Research project conducted at each respective university, and will report commercialization revenues to the executive director on an annual basis.

(1) Annually, the money will be distributed 50% to Utah State University and the University of Utah with the monies distributed proportionately based upon which university conducted the research that generated the commercialization revenues; and 50% to the governing authority or other entity designated by the state to be used for:

(i) the Technology Commercialization and Innovation Program created by Title 63M, Chapter 1, Part 7, Technology Commercialization and Innovation Act;

(ii) replacement or maintenance of equipment in the research buildings;

(iii) recruiting and paying additional research teams;

(iv) construction of additional research buildings; and

(v) other activities approved by the governing authority.

(2) the University of Utah and Utah State University will collect revenues generated through the Utah Science Technology and Research project conducted at each respective university.

(3) the University of Utah and Utah State University will report commercialization revenues to the executive director on an annual basis.

(4) the University of Utah and Utah State University will deposit the commercialization revenues at their discretion until:

(i) commercialization revenues are allocated according to the schedule set by the governing authority.

KEY: USTAR, commercialization revenues, distribution of revenues
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R861. Tax Commission, Administration.
R861-1A. Administrative Procedures.
R861-1A-2. Rulemaking Power Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210 and 63-46a-4.

A. Policy and Scope. In accordance with the responsibility placed upon it by law, the Commission shall enact appropriate rules. These rules shall prescribe practices and procedures for the Commission and other state and county officials and agencies over which the Commission has supervisory power and shall interpret laws the Commission is charged with administering when such interpretation is deemed necessary and in the public interest.

B. Preparation. In the preparation of rules the Commission may refer to appropriate materials and consult such parties as it deems advisable, whether or not such persons are employees of the Commission. Drafts of proposed rules may be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for examination as to legality and form.

C. Notice and Hearing. The Commission may publish, by means of local communication, notice of its intent to exercise its rulemaking power in a particular area. Notice therein will be given of a scheduled hearing or hearings not sooner than 15 days after such notice, at which hearing or hearings any party who would be substantially affected by such exercise may present argument in support thereof or in objection thereto. Such notice and hearing or hearings will be instituted when the Commission deems them to be of substantial value and in the public interest or in accordance with Utah Code Ann. Section 63-46a-5. Such notice and hearing or hearings shall not be a prerequisite to the validity of any rule.

D. Adoption. Rules will be adopted by the Commission at formal meetings with a quorum present. Adopted rules will be written and entered into the official minutes of the Commission, which minutes are a public record available for examination by interested members of the public at the Commission offices. This proceeding and no other will be necessary for validity, unless otherwise required by the rulemaking procedures.

E. Effective Date. In accordance with Utah Code Ann. Section 63-46a-4.

F. Publication. Copies of adopted rules will be prepared and made available to interested parties requesting the same. Such rules may also be published periodically in booklets and bulletins. It shall be the policy of the Commission to provide for publication of all new rules at the time of each compilation of rules in the particular area. No rule, however, shall be deemed invalid by failure to prepare copies for distribution or to provide for publication in the manner herein described.

G. Petitions for Exercise of Rulemaking Power. The Commission may be petitioned to exercise its power to adopt a rule of general application. Such petition shall be submitted in writing by any party who would be substantially and directly affected by such rule. The Commission will have wide discretion in this area and will exercise this rulemaking power upon petition only when it deems that such exercise would be of substantial value to the citizens of Utah. If the Commission accepts such a petition, it may adopt such rule as it deems appropriate; however, the petitioning party may submit a proposed rule for the consideration of the Commission. If the Commission acts favorably upon such a petition, it will adopt and publish the rule in the manner hereinabove described, and in addition notify the petitioner of such adoption by mail at his last known address. If the Commission declines to act on such petition, it will so notify the petitioning party in the same manner.

H. Repeal and Amendment. The procedure above described for the enactment of rules shall also be followed for the amendment or repeal of existing rules.

R861-1A-3. Division Conferences Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210 and 63G-4-102.

Any party directly affected by a commission action or contemplated action may request a conference with the supervisor or designated officer of the division involved in that action.

(1) A request may be oral or written.

(2) A conference will be conducted in an informal manner in an effort to clarify and narrow the issues and problems involved.

(3) The party requesting a conference will be notified of the result:

(a) orally or in writing;

(b) in person or through counsel; and

(c) at the conclusion of the conference or within a reasonable time thereafter.

(4) A conference may be held at any time prior to a hearing, whether or not a petition for hearing, appeal, or other commencement of an adjudicative proceeding has been filed.

R861-1A-9. State Board of Equalization Procedures Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-212, 59-2-1004, and 59-2-1006.

(1) The commission sits as the state board of equalization in discharge of the equalization responsibilities given it by law. The commission may sit on its own initiative to correct the valuation of property that has been overassessed, underassessed, or nonassessed as described in Section 59-2-212, and as a board of appeal from the various county boards of equalization described in Section 59-2-1004.

(2) Appeals to the commission shall include:

(a) a copy of the recommendation of a hearing officer if a hearing officer heard the appeal;

(b) a copy of the notice required under Section 59-2-919;

(c) a copy of the minutes of the board of equalization;

(d) a copy of the property record maintained by the assessor;

(e) if the county board of equalization does not include the record in its minutes, a copy of the record of the appeal required under R884-24P-66;

(f) a copy of the evidence submitted by the parties to the board of equalization;

(g) a copy of the petition for redetermination; and

(h) a copy of the decision of the board of equalization.

(3) A notice of appeal filed by the taxpayer with the auditor pursuant to Section 59-2-1006 shall be presumed to have been timely filed unless the county provides convincing evidence to the contrary. In the absence of evidence of the date of mailing of the county board of equalization decision by the county auditor to the taxpayer, it shall be presumed that the decision was mailed three days after the meeting of the county board of equalization at which the decision was made.

(4) Appeals to the commission shall be scheduled for hearing pursuant to commission rules.

(5) Appeals to the commission shall be on the merits except for the following:

(a) dismissal for lack of jurisdiction;

(b) dismissal for lack of timeliness;

(c) dismissal for lack of evidence to support a claim for relief.

(6)(a) The commission shall consider, but is not limited to, the facts and evidence submitted to the county board.

(b) A party may raise a new issue before the commission.

(7) On an appeal from a dismissal by a county board for the exceptions under Subsection (5), the only matter that will be reviewed by the commission is the dismissal itself, not the merits of the appeal.

(8) An appeal filed with the commission may be remanded to the county board of equalization for further proceedings if the commission determines that:

(a) dismissal under Subsection (5)(a) or (c) was improper;

(b) the taxpayer failed to exhaust all administrative remedies at the county level;

(c) in the interest of administrative efficiency, the matter can best be resolved by the county board;

(d) the commission determines that dismissal under Subsection (5)(a)(c) is improper under R884-24P-66; or

(e) a new issue is raised before the commission by a party.

(9) The provisions of this rule apply only to appeals to the commission as the state board of equalization. For information regarding appeals to the county board of equalization, please see Section 59-2-1004 and R884-24P-66.

R861-1A-10. Miscellaneous Provisions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Rights of Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed to remove or diminish any right of any party under the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Utah, or any existing law.

B. Effect of Partial Invalidation. If any part of these rules be declared unconstitutional or in conflict with existing statutory law by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

C. Enactment of Inconsistent Legislation. Any statute passed by the Utah Legislature inconsistent with these rules or any part thereof will effect a repeal of that part of these rules with which it is inconsistent, but of no other part.

D. Presumption of Familiarity. It will be presumed that parties dealing with the Commission are familiar with:

1. these rules and the provisions thereof,

2. the revenue laws of the state of Utah, and

3. all rules enacted by the Commission in its administration thereof.

R861-1A-11. Appeal of Corrective Action Order Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-704.

A. Appeal of Corrective Action Order. Any county appealing a corrective action order issued pursuant to Section 59-2-704, shall, within 10 days of the mailing of the order, request in writing a hearing before the Commission. The Commission shall immediately set the time and place of the hearing, which shall be held no later than June 30 of the tax year to which the corrective action order applies.

B. Hearings. Hearings on corrective action order appeals shall be conducted as formal hearings and shall be governed by the procedures contained in these rules. If the parties are able to stipulate to a modification of the corrective action order, and it is evident that there is a reasonable basis for modifying the corrective action order, an amended corrective action order may be executed by the Commission. One or more commissioners may preside at a hearing under this rule with the same force and effect as if a quorum of the Commission were present. However, a decision must be made and an order signed by a quorum of the Commission.

C. Decisions and Orders. The Commission shall render its decision and order no later than July 10 of the tax year to which the corrective action order applies. Upon reaching a decision, the Commission shall immediately notify the clerk of the county board of equalization and the county assessor of that decision.

D. Sales Information. Access to Commission property sales information shall be available by written agreement with the Commission to any clerk of the county board of equalization and county assessor appealing under this rule. All other reasonable and necessary information shall be available upon request, according to Commission guidelines.

E. Conflict with Other Rules. This rule supersedes all other rules that may otherwise govern these proceedings before the Commission.

R861-1A-12. Policies and Procedures Regarding Public Disclosure Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

This rule outlines the policies and procedures of the Commission regarding the public disclosure of and access to documents, workpapers, decisions, and other information prepared by the Commission under provisions of Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Property Tax Orders. Property tax orders signed by the Commission will be mailed to the appropriately named parties in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure. Property tax orders may also be made available to persons other than the named parties upon written request to the Commission. Nonparty requests will be subject to the following limitations.

1. If, upon consultation with the taxpayer, the Commission determines that a particular property tax order contains information which, if disclosed, would constitute a significant competitive disadvantage to the taxpayer, the Commission may either prohibit the disclosure of the order or require that applicable information be removed from the order prior to it being made publicly available.

2. The limitation in subsection 1. does not apply if the taxpayer affirmatively waives protection against disclosure of the information.

B. Other Tax Orders. Written orders signed by the Commission relating to all tax appeals other than property tax matters will also be mailed to the appropriately named parties in accordance with the Commission rules of procedure. Copies of these orders or information about them will not be provided to any person other than the named parties except for the following circumstances:

1. if the Commission determines that the parties have affirmatively waived any claims to confidentiality; or

2. if the Commission determines that the orders may be effectively sanitized through the deletion of references to the parties, specific tax amounts, or any other information attributable to a return filed with the Commission.

C. Imposition and Waiver of Penalty and Interest.

1. All facts surrounding the imposition of penalty and interest charges as well as requests for waiver of penalty and interest charges are considered confidential and will not be disclosed to any persons other than the parties specifically involved. These facts include the names of the involved parties, the amount of penalty and interest, type of tax involved, amount of the tax owed, reasons for the imposition of the penalty and interest, and any other information relating to imposition of the penalty and interest, except as follows:

(a) if the Commission affirmatively determines that a finding of fraud is involved and seeks the imposition of the appropriate fraud penalties, the Commission may make all pertinent facts available to the public once legal action against the parties has been commenced; or

(b) if the Commission determines that the parties have affirmatively waived their rights to confidentiality, the Commission will make all pertinent facts available to the public.

D. Commission Notes and Workpapers.

1. All workpapers, notes, and other material prepared by the commissioners, as well as staff and employees of the Commission, are to be considered confidential, and access to the specific material is restricted to employees of the Commission and its legal counsel only. Examples of this restricted material include audit workpapers and notes, ad valorem appraisal worksheets, and notes taken during hearings and deliberations. In the case of information prepared as part of an audit, the auditing division will, upon request, provide summary information of the findings to the taxpayer. These items will not be available to any person or party by discovery carried out pursuant to these rules or the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. Relevant workpapers of the property tax division prepared in connection with the assessment of property by the

Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-217, shall be provided to the owner of the property to which the assessment relates, at the owner's request.

E. Reciprocal Agreements. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-537, 59-10-545 and 59-12-109, the Commission may enter into individual reciprocal agreements to share specific tax information with authorized representatives of the United States Internal Revenue Service, tax officials of other states, and representatives of local governments within the state of Utah; provided, however, that no information will be provided to any governmental entity if providing such information would violate any statute or any agreement with the Internal Revenue Service.

F. Other Agreements. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-109, the Commission may provide departments and political subdivisions of the state of Utah with copies of returns and other information required by Chapter 12 of Title 59. This information is available only in official matters and must be requested in writing by the head of the department or political subdivision. The request must specifically indicate the information being sought and how the information will be used. The Commission will respond in writing to the request and shall impose conditions of confidentiality on the use of the information disclosed.

G. Multistate Tax Commission. The Commission is authorized to share specific tax information for audit purposes with the Multistate Tax Commission.

H. Statistical Information. The Commission authorizes the preparation and publication of statistical information regarding the payment and collection of state taxes. The information will be prepared by the various divisions of the Commission and made available after review and approval of the Commission.

I. Public Record Information. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 59-1-403(3)(c), the Commission may publicize the name and other appropriate information, as contained in the public record, concerning delinquent taxpayers, including their addresses, the amount of money owed by tax type, as well as any legal action taken by the Commission, including charges filed, property seized, etc. No information will be released which is not part of the existing public record.

R861-1A-13. Requests for Accommodation and Grievance Procedures Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-3-201, 28 CFR 35.107 1992 edition, and 42 USC 12201.

(1) Individuals with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to services, programs, or activities, or a job or work environment in the following manner.

(a) Requests shall be directed to:

Accommodations Coordinator
Utah State Tax Commission
210 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84134
Telephone: 801-297-3811 TDD: 801-297-3819 or relay at 711

(b) Requests shall be made at least three working days prior to any deadline by which the accommodation is needed.

(c) Requests shall include the following information:

(i) the individual's name and address;

(ii) a notation that the request is made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act;

(iii) a description of the nature and extent of the individual's disability;

(iv) a description of the service, program, activity, or job or work environment for which an accommodation is requested; and

(v) a description of the requested accommodation if an accommodation has been identified.

(2) The accommodations coordinator shall review all requests for accommodation with the applicable division director and shall issue a reply within two working days.

(a) The reply shall advise the individual that:

(i) the requested accommodation is being supplied; or

(ii) the requested accommodation is not being supplied because it would cause an undue hardship, and shall suggest alternative accommodations. Alternative accommodations must be described; or

(iii) the request for accommodation is denied. A reason for the denial must be included; or

(iv) additional time is necessary to review the request. A projected response date must be included.

(b) All denials of requests under Subsections (2)(a)(ii) and (2)(a)(iii) shall be approved by the executive director or designee.

(c) All replies shall be made in a suitable format. If the suitable format is a format other than writing, the reply shall also be made in writing.

(3) Individuals with a disability who are dissatisfied with the reply to their request for accommodation may file a request for review with the executive director in the following manner.

(a) Requests for review shall be directed to:

Executive Director
Utah State Tax Commission
210 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84134
Telephone: 801-297-3841 TDD: 801-297-3819 or relay at 711

(b) A request for review must be filed within 180 days of the accommodations coordinator's reply.

(c) The request for review shall include:

(i) the individual's name and address;

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

(iii) a copy of the accommodation coordinator's reply;

(iv) a statement explaining why the reply to the individual's request for accommodation was unsatisfactory;

(v) a description of the accommodation desired; and

(vi) the signature of the individual or the individual's legal representative.

(4) The executive director shall review all requests for review and shall issue a reply within 15 working days after receipt of the request for review.

(a) If unable to reach a decision within the 15 working day period, the executive director shall notify the individual with a disability that the decision is being delayed and the amount of additional time necessary to reach a decision.

(b) All replies shall be made in a suitable format. If the suitable format is a format other than writing, the reply shall also be made in writing.

(5) The record of each request for review, and all written records produced or received as part of each request for review, shall be classified as protected under Section 63G-2-305 until the executive director issues a decision.

(6) Once the executive director issues a decision, any portions of the record that pertain to the individual's medical condition shall remain classified as private under Section 63G-2-302 or controlled under Section 63G-2-304, whichever is appropriate. All other information gathered as part of the appeal shall be classified as private information. Only the written decision of the executive director shall be classified as public information.

(7) Individuals with a disability who are dissatisfied with the executive director's decision may appeal that decision to the commission in the manner provided in Sections 63G-4-102 through 63G-4-105.

R861-1A-15. Requirement of Social Security and Federal Identification Numbers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Taxpayers shall provide the Tax Commission with their social security number or federal identification number, as

required by the Tax Commission.

B. Sole proprietor and partnership applicants shall provide the Tax Commission with the following information for every owner or partner of the applying entity:

1. name;

2. home address;

3. social security number and federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

C. Corporation and limited liability applicants shall provide the Tax Commission with the following information for every officer or managing member of the applying entity:

1. name;

2. home address; and

3. social security number and federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

D. Business trust applicants shall provide the Tax Commission with the following information for the responsible trustees:

1. name;

2. home address; and

3. social security number and federal identification number, as required by the Tax Commission.

R861-1A-16. Utah State Tax Commission Management Plan Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-207.

(1) The executive director reports to the commission. The executive director shall meet with the commission periodically to report on the status and progress of this agreement, update the commission on the affairs of the agency and seek policy guidance. The chairman of the commission shall designate a liaison of the commission to coordinate with the executive director in the execution of this agreement.

(2) The structure of the agency is as follows:

(a) The Office of the Commission, including the commissioners and the following units that report to the commission:

(i) Internal Audit;

(ii) Appeals;

(iii) Economic and Statistical; and

(iv) Public Information.

(b) The Office of the Executive Director, including the executive director's staff and the following divisions that report to the executive director:

(i) Administration;

(ii) Taxpayer Services;

(iii) Motor Vehicle;

(iv) Auditing;

(v) Property Tax;

(vi) Processing; and

(vii) Motor Vehicle Enforcement.

(3) The Executive Director shall oversee service agreements from other departments, including the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Technology Services.

(4) The commission hereby delegates full authority for the following functions to the executive director:

(a) general supervision and management of the day to day management of the operations and business of the agency conducted through the Office of the Executive Director and through the divisions set out in Subsection (2)(b);

(b) management of the day to day relationships with the customers of the agency;

(c) all original assessments, including adjustments to audit, assessment, and collection actions, except as provided in Subsections (4)(d) and (5);

(d) in conformance with standards established by the commission, waivers of penalty and interest pursuant to Section 59-1-401 in amounts under $10,000, or offers in compromise agreements in amounts under $10,000;

(e) except as provided in Subsection (5)(g), voluntary disclosure agreements with companies, including multilevel marketers;

(f) determination of whether a county or taxing entity has satisfied its statutory obligations with respect to taxes and fees administered by the commission;

(g) human resource management functions, including employee relations, final agency action on employee grievances, and development of internal policies and procedures; and

(h) administration of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

(5) The executive director shall prepare and, upon approval by the commission, implement the following actions, agreements, and documents:

(a) the agency budget;

(b) the strategic plan of the agency;

(c) administrative rules and bulletins;

(d) waivers of penalty and interest in amounts of $10,000 or more pursuant to Section 59-1-401 as per the waiver of penalty and interest policy;

(e) offer in compromise agreements that abate tax, penalty and interest over $10,000 as per the offer in compromise policy;

(f) stipulated or negotiated agreements that dispose of matters on appeal; and

(g) voluntary disclosure agreements that meet the following criteria:

(i) the company participating in the agreement is not licensed in Utah and does not collect or remit Utah sales or corporate income tax; and

(ii) the agreement forgives a known past tax liability of $10,000 or more.

(6) The commission shall retain authority for the following functions:

(a) rulemaking;

(b) adjudicative proceedings;

(c) private letter rulings issued in response to requests from individual taxpayers for guidance on specific facts and circumstances;

(d) internal audit processes;

(e) liaison with the governor's office;

(i) Correspondence received from the governor's office relating to tax policy will be directed to the Office of the Commission for response. Correspondence received from the governor's office that relates to operating issues of the agency will be directed to the Office of the Executive Director for research and appropriate action. The executive director shall prepare a timely response for the governor with notice to the commission as appropriate.

(ii) The executive director and staff may have other contact with the governor's office upon appropriate notice to the commission; and

(f) liaison with the Legislature.

(i) The commission will set legislative priorities and communicate those priorities to the executive director.

(ii) Under the direction of the executive director, staff may be assigned to assist the commission and the executive director in monitoring legislative meetings and assisting legislators with policy issues relating to the agency.

(7) Correspondence that has been directed to the commission or individual commissioners that relates to matters delegated to the executive director shall be forwarded to a staff member of the Office of the Executive Director for research and appropriate action. A log shall be maintained of all correspondence and periodically the executive director will review with the commission the volume, nature, and resolution of all correspondence from all sources.

(8) The executive director's staff may occasionally act as support staff to the commission for purposes of conducting research or making recommendations on tax issues.

(a) Official communications or assignments from the commission or individual commissioners to the staff reporting to the executive director shall be made through the executive director.

(b) The commissioners and the Office of the Commission staff reserve the right to contact agency staff directly to facilitate a collegial working environment and maintain communications within the agency. These contacts will exclude direct commands, specific policy implementation guidance, or human resource administration.

(9) The commission shall meet with the executive director periodically for the purpose of exchanging information and coordinating operations.

(a) The commission shall discuss with the executive director all policy decisions, appeal decisions or other commission actions that affect the day to day operations of the agency.

(b) The executive director shall keep the commission apprised of significant actions or issues arising in the course of the daily operation of the agency.

(c) When confronted with circumstances that are not covered by established policy or by instances of real or potential conflicts of interest, the executive director shall refer the matter to the commission.

R861-1A-18. Allocations of Remittances Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210 and 59-1-705.

A. Remittances received by the commission shall be applied first to penalty, then interest, and then to tax for the filing period and account designated by the taxpayer.

B. If no designation for period is made, the commission shall allocate the remittance so as to satisfy all penalty, interest, and tax for the oldest period before applying any excess to other periods.

C. Fees associated with Tax Commission collection activities shall be allocated from remittances in the manner designated by statute. If a statute does not provide for the manner of allocating those fees from remittances, the commission shall apply the remittance first to the collection activity fees, then to penalty, then interest, and then to tax for the filing period.

R861-1A-20. Time of Appeal Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-301, 59-1-501, 59-2-1007, 59-7-517, 59-10-532, 59-10-533, 59-10-535, 59-12-114, 59-13-210, 63G-4-201, 63G-4-401, 68-3-7, and 68-3-8.5.

(1) A request for a hearing to correct a centrally assessed property tax assessment pursuant to Section 59-2-1007 must be in writing. The request is deemed to be timely if:

(a) it is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the time frame provided by statute; or

(b) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before June 1.

(c) A request for a hearing that is mailed but not received in the commission offices shall be considered timely filed if the sender complies with the provisions of Subsection 68-3-8.5(2)(b) and (c).

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a petition for redetermination of a deficiency must be received in the commission offices no later than 30 days from the date of a notice that creates the right to appeal. The petition is deemed to be timely if:

(a) in the case of mailed or hand-delivered documents:

(i) the petition is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the 30-day period; or

(ii) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before the last day of the 30-day period; or

(b) in the case of electronically-filed documents, the petition is received no later than midnight of the last day of the 30-day period.

(c) A petition for redetermination that is mailed but not received in the commission offices shall be considered timely filed if the sender complies with the provisions of Subsection 68-3-8.5(2)(b) and (c).

(3) A petition for redetermination of a claim for refund filed in accordance with Sections 59-10-532 or 59-10-533 is deemed to be timely if:

(a) in the case of mailed or hand-delivered documents:

(i) the petition is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the time frame provided by statute; or

(ii) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before the last day of the time frame provided by statute; or

(b) in the case of electronically-filed documents, the petition is received no later than midnight of the last day of the time frame provided by statute.

(c) A petition for redetermination of a claim for refund that is mailed but not received in the commission offices shall be considered timely filed if the sender complies with the provisions of Subsection 68-3-8.5(2)(b) and (c).

(4)(a) An appeal of an action taken by the Motor Vehicle Division under Title 41, Chapter 1a, or the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division under Title 41, Chapter 3, must be received in the commission offices no later than 30 days from the date of a notice that creates the right to appeal.

(b) An appeal under Subsection (4)(a) is deemed to be timely if:

(i) in the case of mailed or hand-delivered documents:

(A) the petition is received in the commission offices on or before the close of business of the last day of the 30-day time period; or

(B) the date of the postmark on the envelope or cover indicates that the request was mailed on or before the last day of the 30-day time period; or

(ii) in the case of electronically-filed documents, the petition is received no later than midnight of the last day of the 30-day time period.

(c) An appeal of an action that is mailed but not received in the commission offices shall be considered timely filed if the sender complies with the provisions of Subsection 68-3-8.5(2)(b) and (c).

(5) Any party adversely affected by an order of the commission may seek judicial review within the time frame provided by statute. Copies of the appeal shall be served upon the commission and upon the Office of the Attorney General.

R861-1A-22. Petitions for Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-501, and 63G-4-201.

(1) Time for Petition. Unless otherwise provided by Utah statute, petitions for adjudicative actions shall be filed within the time frames specified in R861-1A-20. If the last day of the 30-day period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period shall run until the end of the next Tax Commission business day.

(2) Contents. A petition for adjudicative action need not be in any particular form, but shall be in writing and, in addition to the requirements of 63G-4-201, shall contain the following:

(a) name and street address and, if available, a fax number or e-mail address of petitioner or the petitioner's representative;

(b) a telephone number where the petitioning party or that party's representative can be reached during regular business hours;

(c) petitioner's tax identification, social security number or

other relevant identification number, such as real property parcel number or vehicle identification number;

(d) particular tax or issue involved, period of alleged liability, amount of tax in dispute, and, in the case of a property tax issue, the lien date;

(e) if the petition results from a letter or notice, the petition will include the date of the letter or notice and the originating division or officer; and

(f) in the case of property tax cases, the assessed value sought.

(3) Effect of Nonconformance. The commission will not reject a petition because of nonconformance in form or content, but may require an amended or substitute petition meeting the requirements of this section when such defects are present. An amended or substitute petition must be filed within 15 days after notice of the defect from the commission.

R861-1A-23. Designation of Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-202.

(1) All matters shall be designated as formal proceedings and set for an initial hearing, a status conference, or a scheduling conference pursuant to R861-1A-26.

(2) A matter may be diverted to a mediation process pursuant to R861-1A-32 upon agreement of the parties and the presiding officer.

R861-1A-24. Formal Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-502.5, 63G-4-206, and 63G-4-208.

(1) The following may preside at a formal proceeding:

(a) a commissioner;

(b) an administrative law judge appointed by the commission; or

(c) in the case of a formal proceeding that relates to a matter that is not a tax, fee, or charge as defined under Section 59-1-1402:

(i) a commissioner;

(ii) an administrative law judge appointed by the commission; or

(iii) a hearing officer appointed by the commission.

(2) Assignment of a presiding officer to a case will be made pursuant to agency procedures and not at the request of any party to the appeal.

(a) A party may request that one or more commissioners be present at any hearing. However, the decision of whether the request is granted rests with the commission.

(b) If more than one commissioner, administrative law judge, or hearing officer is present at any hearing, the hearing will be conducted by the presiding officer assigned to the appeal, unless otherwise determined by the commission.

(3) A formal proceeding includes an initial hearing pursuant to Section 59-1-502.5, unless it is waived upon agreement of all parties, and a formal hearing on the record, if the initial hearing is waived or if a party appeals the initial hearing decision.

(a) Initial Hearing.

(i) An initial hearing pursuant to Section 59-1-502.5 shall be in the form of a conference.

(ii) In accordance with Section 59-1-502.5, the commission shall make no record of an initial hearing.

(iii) Any issue may be settled in the initial hearing, but any party has a right to a formal hearing on matters that remain in dispute after the initial hearing decision is issued.

(iv) Any party dissatisfied with the result of the initial hearing must file a timely request for a formal hearing before pursuing judicial review of unsettled matters.

(b) Formal Hearing.

(i) The commission shall make a record of all formal hearings, which may include a written record or an audio recording of the proceeding.

(ii) Evidence presented at the initial hearing will not be included in the record of the formal hearing, unless specifically requested by a party and admitted by the presiding officer.

R861-1A-26. Procedures for Formal Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-501 and 63G-4-204 through 63G-4-209.

(1) A scheduling or status conference may be held.

(a) At the conference, the parties and the presiding officer may:

(i) establish deadlines and procedures for discovery;

(ii) discuss scheduling;

(iii) clarify other issues;

(iv) determine whether to refer the action to a mediation process; and

(v) determine whether the initial hearing will be waived.

(b) The scheduling or status conference may be converted to an initial hearing upon agreement of the parties.

(2) Notice of Hearing. At least ten days prior to a hearing date, the Commission shall notify the petitioning party or the petitioning party's representative by mail, e-mail, or facsimile of the date, time and place of any hearing or proceeding.

(3) Proceedings Conducted by Telephone. Any proceeding may be held with one or more of the parties on the telephone if the presiding officer determines that it will be more convenient or expeditious for one or more of the parties and does not unfairly prejudice the rights of any party. Each party to the proceeding is responsible for notifying the presiding officer of the telephone number where contact can be made for purposes of conducting the hearing.

(4) Representation.

(a) A party may pursue an appeal before the commission without assistance of legal counsel or other representation. However, a party may be represented by legal counsel or other representation at every stage of adjudication. Failure to obtain legal representation shall not be grounds for complaint at a later stage in the adjudicative proceeding or for relief on appeal from an order of the commission.

(i) For appeals concerning Utah corporate franchise and income taxes or Utah individual income taxes, legal counsel must file a power of attorney or the taxpayer must submit a signed petition for redetermination (Tax Commission form TC-738) on which the taxpayer has authorized legal counsel to represent him or her in the appeal. For all other appeals, legal counsel may, as an alternative, submit an entry of appearance.

(ii) Any representative other than legal counsel must submit a signed power of attorney authorizing the representative to act on the party's behalf and binding the party by the representative's action, unless the taxpayer submits a signed petition for redetermination (Tax Commission form TC-738) on which the taxpayer has authorized the representative to represent him or her in the appeal.

(iii) If a party is represented by legal counsel or other representation, all documents will be directed to the party's representative. Documents will be mailed to the representative's street or other address as shown in documents submitted by the representative. Documents may also be transmitted by facsimile number, e-mail address or other electronic means. A request by a party that documents be transmitted by e-mail shall constitute a waiver of confidentiality of any confidential information disclosed in that e-mail.

(b) Any division of the commission named as party to the proceeding may be represented by the Attorney General's Office upon an attorney of that office submitting an entry of appearance.

(5) Subpoena Power.

(a) Issuance. Subpoenas may be issued to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of evidence.

(i) If all parties are represented by counsel, an attorney admitted to practice law in Utah may issue and sign the subpoena.

(ii) In all other cases, the party requesting the subpoena must prepare it and submit it to the presiding officer for review and, if appropriate, signature. The presiding officer may inform a party of its rights under the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Service. Service of the subpoena shall be made by the party requesting it in a manner consistent with the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(6) Motions.

(a) Consolidation. The presiding officer has discretion to consolidate cases when the same tax assessment, series of assessments, or issues are involved in each, or where the fact situations and the legal questions presented are virtually identical.

(b) Continuance. A continuance may be granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

(i) In the absence of a scheduling order:

(A) Each party to an appeal may receive one continuance, upon request, prior to the initial hearing.

(B) If the initial hearing is waived or a formal hearing is timely requested after an initial hearing decision is issued, each party may receive one continuance, upon request, prior to the formal hearing.

(C) A request must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the proceeding for which the continuance is requested and may be denied if a party is prejudiced by the continuance.

(ii) If a scheduling order has been issued or the requesting party has already been granted a continuance, a continuance request must be submitted in writing to the presiding officer. The request must set forth specific reasons for the continuance. After reviewing the request with one or more commissioners, the presiding officer shall grant the request only if the presiding officer determines that adequate cause has been shown and that no other party or parties will be unduly prejudiced.

(c) Default. The presiding officer may enter an order of default against a party in accordance with Section 63G-4-209.

(i) The default order shall include a statement of the grounds for default and shall be delivered to all parties.

(ii) A defaulted party may seek to have the default set aside according to procedures set forth in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(d) Ruling on Motions. Motions may be made during the hearing or by written motion.

(i) Each motion shall include the grounds upon which it is based and the relief or order sought. Copies of written motions shall be served upon all other parties to the proceeding.

(ii) Upon the filing of any motion, the presiding officer may:

(A) grant or deny the motion; or

(B) set the matter for briefing, hearing, or further proceedings.

(iii) If a hearing on a motion is held that may dispose of all or a portion of the appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal, the commission shall make a record of the proceeding, which may include a written record or an audio recording of the proceeding.

(e) Requests to Withdraw Locally-Assessed Property Tax Appeals.

(i) A party who appeals a county board of equalization decision to the commission may unilaterally withdraw its appeal if:

(A) it submits a written request to withdraw the appeal 20 or more days prior to:

(I) the initial hearing; or

(II) the formal hearing, if the parties waived the initial hearing or participated in a mediation conference in lieu of the initial hearing; and

(B) no other party has filed a timely appeal of the county board of equalization decision.

(ii) A party who appeals an initial hearing decision issued by the commission may unilaterally withdraw its appeal if:

(A) it submits a written request to withdraw 20 or more days prior to the formal hearing, regardless of whether the party who appealed the initial hearing order is also the party who appealed the county board of equalization decision; and

(B) no other party has filed a timely appeal of the initial hearing decision.

R861-1A-27. Discovery Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-205.

(1) Discovery procedures in formal proceedings shall be established during the scheduling, and status conference in accordance with the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure and other applicable statutory authority.

(2) The party requesting information or documents may be required to pay in advance the costs of obtaining or reproducing such information or documents.

R861-1A-28. Evidence in Adjudicative Proceedings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210, 63G-4-206, 76-8-502, and 76-8-503.

(1) Except as otherwise stated in this rule, formal proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Utah Rules of Evidence, and the degree of proof in a hearing before the commission shall be the same as in a judicial proceeding in the state courts of Utah.

(2) Every party to an adjudicative proceeding has the right to introduce evidence. The evidence may be oral or written, real or demonstrative, direct or circumstantial.

(a) The presiding officer may admit any reliable evidence possessing probative value which would be accepted by a reasonably prudent person in the conduct of his affairs.

(b) The presiding officer may admit hearsay evidence. However, no decision of the commission will be based solely on hearsay evidence.

(c) If a party attempts to introduce evidence into a hearing, and that evidence is excluded, the party may proffer the excluded testimony or evidence to allow the reviewing judicial authority to pass on the correctness of the ruling of exclusion on appeal.

(3) At the discretion of the presiding officer or upon stipulation of the parties, the parties may be required to reduce their testimony to writing and to prefile the testimony.

(a) Prefiled testimony may be placed on the record without being read into the record if the opposing parties have had reasonable access to the testimony before it is presented. Except upon finding of good cause, reasonable access shall be not less than ten working days.

(b) Prefiled testimony shall have line numbers inserted at the left margin and shall be authenticated by affidavit of the witness.

(c) The presiding officer may require the witness to present a summary of the prefiled testimony. In that case, the witness shall reduce the summary to writing and either file it with the prefiled testimony or serve it on all parties within 10 days after filing the testimony.

(d) If an opposing party intends to cross-examine the witness on prefiled testimony or the summary of prefiled testimony, that party must file a notice of intent to cross-examine at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing so that witness can be scheduled to appear or within a time frame agreed upon by the parties.

(4) The presiding officer shall rule and sign orders on matters concerning the evidentiary and procedural conduct of the proceeding.

(5) Oral testimony at a formal hearing will be sworn. The

oath will be administered by the presiding officer or a person designated by him. Anyone testifying falsely under oath may be subject to prosecution for perjury in accordance with the provisions of Sections 76-8-502 and 76-8-503.

(6) Any party appearing in an adjudicative proceeding may submit a memorandum of authorities. The presiding officer may request a memorandum from any party if deemed necessary for a full and informed consideration of the issues.

R861-1A-29. Decisions, Orders, and Reconsideration Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-205 and 63G-4-302.

(1) "Taxpayer" for purposes of the requirement under Section 59-1-205 that in a tie vote of the commission the position of the taxpayer is considered to have prevailed, includes:

(a) a person that has received a license issued by the commission; or

(b) an applicant for a license issued by the commission.

(2) Decisions and Orders.

(a) Initial hearing decisions, formal hearing decisions, and other dispositive orders.

(i) A quorum of the commission shall deliberate all hearing decisions and other orders that could dispose of all or a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(ii) A quorum of the commission shall sign all hearing decisions and other orders that dispose of all or a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(iii) An administrative law judge, if he or she was the presiding officer for an appeal, may elect not to sign the commission's hearing decisions and other orders that dispose of all or a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(iv) An initial hearing decision shall become final upon the expiration of 30 days after the date of its issuance, except in any case where a party has earlier requested a formal hearing in writing. The date a party requests a formal hearing is the earlier of the date the envelope containing the request is postmarked or the date the request is received at the commission.

(b) Orders that are not dispositive.

(i) A quorum of the commission is not required to participate in an order that does not dispose of a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(ii) The presiding officer is authorized to sign all orders that do not dispose of a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(iii) The commission may, at its option, sign any order that does not dispose of a portion of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal.

(3) Reconsideration. Within 20 days after the date that an order that is dispositive of a portion or all of an appeal or any claim or defense in the appeal is issued, any party may file a written request for reconsideration alleging mistake of law or fact, or discovery of new evidence.

(a) The commission shall respond to the petition within 20 days after the date that it was received in the appeals unit to notify the petitioner whether the reconsideration is granted or denied, or is under review.

(i) If no notice is issued within the 20-day period, the commission's lack of action on the request shall be deemed to be a denial and a final order.

(ii) For purposes of calculating the 30-day limitation period for pursuing judicial review, the date of the commission's order on the reconsideration or the order of denial is the date of the final agency action.

(b) If no petition for reconsideration is made, the 30-day limitation period for pursuing judicial review begins to run from the date of the final agency action.

R861-1A-30. Ex Parte Communications Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 63G-4-203 and 63G-4-206.

(1) No commissioner or administrative law judge shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any party to an appeal any communication relevant to the merits of a matter under appeal unless notice and an opportunity to be heard are afforded to all parties.

(2) No party shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any commissioner or administrative law judge an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of a matter under appeal for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the appeal. Discussion of procedural matters are not considered ex parte communication relevant to the merits of the appeal.

(3) A presiding officer may receive aid from staff assistants if:

(a) the assistants do not receive ex parte communications of a type that the presiding officer is prohibited from receiving, and,

(b) in an instance where assistants present information which augments the evidence in the record, all parties shall have reasonable notice and opportunity to respond to that information.

(4) Any commissioner or administrative law judge who receives an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of a matter under appeal shall place the communication into the case file and afford all parties an opportunity to comment on the information.

R861-1A-31. Declaratory Orders Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 63G-4-503.

(1) A party has standing to bring a declaratory action if that party is directly and adversely affected or aggrieved by an agency action within the meaning of the relevant statute.

(2) A party with standing may petition for a declaratory order to challenge:

(a) the commission's interpretation of statutory language as stated in an administrative rule; or

(b) the commission's grant of authority under a statute.

(3) The commission shall not accept a petition for declaratory order on matters pending before the commission in an audit assessment, refund request, collections action or other agency action, or on matters pending before the court on judicial review of a commission decision.

(4) The commission may refuse to render a declaratory order if the order will not completely resolve the controversy giving rise to the proceeding or if the petitioner has other remedies through the administrative appeals processes. The commission's decision to accept or reject a petition for declaratory order rests in part on the petitioner's standing to raise the issue and on a determination that the petitioner has not already incurred tax liability under the statutes or rules challenged.

(5) A declaratory order that invalidates all or part of an administrative rule shall trigger the rulemaking process to amend the rule.

R861-1A-32. Mediation Process Pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-4-102.

(1) Except as otherwise precluded by law, a resolution to any matter of dispute may be pursued through mediation.

(a) The parties may agree to pursue mediation any time before the formal hearing on the record.

(b) The choice of mediator and the apportionment of costs shall be determined by agreement of the parties.

(2) If mediation produces a settlement agreement, the agreement shall be submitted to the presiding officer pursuant to R861-1A-33.

(a) The settlement agreement shall be prepared by the parties or by the mediator, and promptly filed with the presiding

officer.

(b) The settlement agreement shall be adopted by the commission if it is not contrary to law.

(c) If the mediation does not resolve all of the issues, the parties shall prepare a stipulation that identifies the issues resolved and the issues that remain in dispute.

(d) If any issues remain unresolved, the appeal will be scheduled for a formal hearing pursuant to R861-1A-23.

R861-1A-33. Settlement Agreements Pursuant to Utah Code Sections 59-1-210 and 59-1- 502.5.

A. "Settlement agreement" means a stipulation, consent decree, settlement agreement or any other legally binding document or representation that resolves a dispute or issue between the parties.

B. Procedure:

1. Parties with an interest in a matter pending before a division of the Tax Commission may submit a settlement agreement for review and approval, whether or not a petition for hearing has been filed.

2. Parties to an appeal pending before the commission may submit a settlement agreement to the presiding officer for review and approval.

3. Each settlement agreement shall be in writing and executed by each party or each party's legal representative, if any, and shall contain:

a) the nature of the claim being settled and any claims remaining in dispute;

b) a proposed order for commission approval; and

c) a statement that each party has been notified of, and allowed to participate in settlement negotiations.

4. A settlement agreement terminates the administrative action on the issues settled before all administrative remedies are exhausted, and, therefore, precludes judicial review of the issues. Each settlement agreement shall contain a statement that the agreement is binding and constitutes full resolution of all issues agreed upon in the settlement agreement.

5. The signed agreement shall stay further proceedings on the issues agreed upon in the settlement until the agreement is accepted or rejected by the commission or the commission's designee.

a) If approved, the settlement agreement shall take effect by its own terms.

b) If rejected, action on the claim shall proceed as if no settlement agreement had been reached. Offers made during the negotiation process will not be used as an admission against that party in further adjudicative proceedings.

R861-1A-34. Private Letter Rulings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-210.

A. Private letter rulings are written, informational statements of the commission's interpretation of statutes or administrative rules, or informational statements concerning the application of statutes and rules to specific facts and circumstances.

1. Private letter rulings address questions that have not otherwise been addressed in statutes, rules, or decisions issued by the commission.

2. The commission shall not knowingly issue a private letter ruling on a matter pending before the commission in an audit assessment, refund request, or other agency action, or regarding matters that are pending before the court on judicial review of a commission decision. Any private letter ruling inadvertently issued on a matter pending agency or judicial action shall be set aside until the conclusion of that action.

3. Requests for private letter rulings must be addressed to the commission in writing. If the requesting party is dissatisfied with the ruling, that party may resubmit the request along with new facts or information for commission review.

B. The weight afforded a private letter ruling in a subsequent audit or administrative appeal depends upon the degree to which the underlying facts addressed in the ruling were adequate to allow thorough consideration of the issues and interests involved.

C. A private letter ruling is not a final agency action. Petitioner must use the designated appeal process to address judiciable controversies arising from the issuance of a private letter ruling.

1. If the private letter ruling leads to a denial of a claim, an audit assessment, or some other agency action at a divisional level, the taxpayer must use the appeals procedures to challenge that action within 30 days of the final division decision.

2. If the only matter at issue in the private letter ruling is a challenge to the commission's interpretation of statutory language or a challenge to the commission's authority under a statute, the matter may come before the commission as a petition for declaratory order submitted within 30 days of the date of the ruling challenged.

R861-1A-35. Manner of Retaining Records Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-210, 59-5-104, 59-5-204, 59-6-104, 59-7-506, 59-8-105, 59-8a-105, 59-10-501, 59-12-111, 59-13-211, 59-13-312, 59-13-403, 59-14-303, and 59-15-105.

A. Definitions.

1. "Database Management System" means a software system that controls, relates, retrieves, and provides accessibility to data stored in a database.

2. "Electronic data interchange" or "EDI technology" means the computer-to-computer exchange of business transactions in a standardized, structured electronic format.

3. "Hard copy" means any documents, records, reports, or other data printed on paper.

4. "Machine-sensible record" means a collection of related information in an electronic format. Machine-sensible records do not include hard-copy records that are created or recorded on paper or stored in or by an imaging system such as microfilm, microfiche, or storage-only imaging systems.

5. "Storage-only imaging system" means a system of computer hardware and software that provides for the storage, retention, and retrieval of documents originally created on paper. It does not include any system, or part of a system, that manipulates or processes any information or data contained on the document in any manner other than to reproduce the document in hard copy or as an optical image.

6. "Taxpayer" means the person required, under Title 59 or other statutes administered by the Tax Commission, to collect, remit, or pay the tax or fee to the Tax Commission.

B. If a taxpayer retains records in both machine-sensible and hard-copy formats, the taxpayer shall make the records available to the commission in machine-sensible format upon request by the commission.

C. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit a taxpayer from demonstrating tax compliance with traditional hard-copy documents or reproductions thereof, in whole or in part, whether or not the taxpayer also has retained or has the capability to retain records on electronic or other storage media in accordance with this rule. However, this does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to comply with B.

D. Recordkeeping requirements for machine-sensible records.

1. Machine-sensible records used to establish tax compliance shall contain sufficient transaction-level detail information so that the details underlying the machine-sensible records can be identified and made available to the commission upon request. A taxpayer has discretion to discard duplicated records and redundant information provided its responsibilities under this rule are met.

2. At the time of an examination, the retained records must

be capable of being retrieved and converted to a standard record format.

3. Taxpayers are not required to construct machine-sensible records other than those created in the ordinary course of business. A taxpayer who does not create the electronic equivalent of a traditional paper document in the ordinary course of business is not required to construct such a record for tax purposes.

4. Electronic Data Interchange Requirements.

a) Where a taxpayer uses electronic data interchange processes and technology, the level of record detail, in combination with other records related to the transactions, must be equivalent to that contained in an acceptable paper record.

b) For example, the retained records should contain such information as vendor name, invoice date, product description, quantity purchased, price, amount of tax, indication of tax status, and shipping detail. Codes may be used to identify some or all of the data elements, provided that the taxpayer provides a method that allows the commission to interpret the coded information.

c) The taxpayer may capture the information necessary to satisfy D.4.b) at any level within the accounting system and need not retain the original EDI transaction records provided the audit trail, authenticity, and integrity of the retained records can be established. For example, a taxpayer using electronic data interchange technology receives electronic invoices from its suppliers. The taxpayer decides to retain the invoice data from completed and verified EDI transactions in its accounts payable system rather than to retain the EDI transactions themselves. Since neither the EDI transaction nor the accounts payable system captures information from the invoice pertaining to product description and vendor name, i.e., they contain only codes for that information, the taxpayer also retains other records, such as its vendor master file and product code description lists and makes them available to the commission. In this example, the taxpayer need not retain its EDI transaction for tax purposes.

5. Electronic data processing systems requirements.

a) The requirements for an electronic data processing accounting system should be similar to that of a manual accounting system, in that an adequately designed accounting system should incorporate methods and records that will satisfy the requirements of this rule.

6. Business process information.

a) Upon the request of the commission, the taxpayer shall provide a description of the business process that created the retained records. The description shall include the relationship between the records and the tax documents prepared by the taxpayer, and the measures employed to ensure the integrity of the records.

b) The taxpayer shall be capable of demonstrating:

(1) the functions being performed as they relate to the flow of data through the system;

(2) the internal controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing; and

(3) the internal controls used to prevent unauthorized addition, alteration, or deletion of retained records.

c) The following specific documentation is required for machine-sensible records retained pursuant to this rule:

(1) record formats or layouts;

(2) field definitions, including the meaning of all codes used to represent information;

(3) file descriptions, e.g., data set name; and

(4) detailed charts of accounts and account descriptions.

E. Records maintenance requirements.

1. The commission recommends but does not require that taxpayers refer to the National Archives and Record Administration's (NARA) standards for guidance on the maintenance and storage of electronic records, such as labeling of records, the location and security of the storage environment, the creation of back-up copies, and the use of periodic testing to confirm the continued integrity of the records. The NARA standards may be found at 36 C.F.R., Section 1234,(1995).

2. The taxpayer's computer hardware or software shall accommodate the extraction and conversion of retained machine-sensible records.

F. Access to machine-sensible records.

1. The manner in which the commission is provided access to machine-sensible records as required in B. may be satisfied through a variety of means that shall take into account a taxpayer's facts and circumstances through consultation with the taxpayer.

2. Access will be provided in one or more of the following manners:

a) The taxpayer may arrange to provide the commission with the hardware, software, and personnel resources necessary to access the machine-sensible records.

b) The taxpayer may arrange for a third party to provide the hardware, software, and personnel resources necessary to access the machine-sensible records.

c) The taxpayer may convert the machine-sensible records to a standard record format specified by the commission, including copies of files, on a magnetic medium that is agreed to by the commission.

d) The taxpayer and the commission may agree on other means of providing access to the machine-sensible records.

G. Taxpayer responsibility and discretionary authority.

1. In conjunction with meeting the requirements of D., a taxpayer may create files solely for the use of the commission. For example, if a data base management system is used, it is consistent with this rule for the taxpayer to create and retain a file that contains the transaction-level detail from the data base management system and meets the requirements of D. The taxpayer should document the process that created the separate file to show the relationship between that file and the original records.

2. A taxpayer may contract with a third party to provide custodial or management services of the records. The contract shall not relieve the taxpayer of its responsibilities under this rule.

H. Alternative storage media.

1. For purposes of storage and retention, taxpayers may convert hard-copy documents received or produced in the normal course of business and required to be retained under this rule to microfilm, microfiche or other storage-only imaging systems and may discard the original hard-copy documents, provided the conditions of this section are met. Documents that may be stored on these media include general books of account, journals, voucher registers, general and subsidiary ledgers, and supporting records of details, such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, exemption certificates, and credit memoranda.

2. Microfilm, microfiche and other storage-only imaging systems shall meet the following requirements:

a) Documentation establishing the procedures for converting the hard-copy documents to microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging system must be maintained and made available on request. This documentation shall, at a minimum, contain a sufficient description to allow an original document to be followed through the conversion system as well as internal procedures established for inspection and quality assurance.

b) Procedures must be established for the effective identification, processing, storage, and preservation of the stored documents and for making them available for the period they are required to be retained.

c) Upon request by the commission, a taxpayer must provide facilities and equipment for reading, locating, and reproducing any documents maintained on microfilm,

microfiche, or other storage-only imaging system.

d) When displayed on equipment or reproduced on paper, the documents must exhibit a high degree of legibility and readability. For this purpose, legibility is defined as the quality of a letter or numeral that enables the observer to identify it positively and quickly to the exclusion of all other letters or numerals. Readability is defined as the quality of a group of letters or numerals being recognizable as words or complete numbers.

e) All data stored on microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging systems must be maintained and arranged in a manner that permits the location of any particular record.

f) There is no substantial evidence that the microfilm, microfiche or other storage-only imaging system lacks authenticity or integrity.

I. Effect on hard-copy recordkeeping requirements.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of this rule do not relieve taxpayers of the responsibility to retain hard-copy records that are created or received in the ordinary course of business as required by existing law and regulations. Hard-copy records may be retained on a recordkeeping medium as provided in H.

2. Hard-copy records not produced or received in the ordinary course of transacting business, e.g., when the taxpayer uses electronic data interchange technology, need not be created.

3. Hard-copy records generated at the time of a transaction using a credit or debit card must be retained unless all the details necessary to determine correct tax liability relating to the transaction are subsequently received and retained by the taxpayer in accordance with this rule. These details include those listed in D.4.a) and D.4.b).

4. Computer printouts that are created for validation, control, or other temporary purposes need not be retained.

5. Nothing in this section shall prevent the commission from requesting hard-copy printouts in lieu of retained machine-sensible records at the time of examination.

R861-1A-36. Signatures Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-209, 59-7-505, 59-10-512, 59-12-107, 59-13-206, and 59-13-307.

(1) Individuals who submit an application to renew their vehicle registration on the Internet web site authorized by the Tax Commission shall use the Tax Commission assigned personal identification number included with their registration renewal information as their signature for the renewal application submitted over the Internet.

(2) Taxpayers who use the Tax Commission authorized Internet web site to file tax return information for tax types that may be filed on that web site shall use the personal identification number provided by the Tax Commission as their signature for the tax return information filed on that web site.

(3) Taxpayers who file a tax return under Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, electronically and who meet the signature requirement of the Internal Revenue Service shall be deemed to meet the signature requirement of Section 59-10-512.

(4) Taxpayers who file a corporate franchise and income tax return electronically and who meet the signature requirement of the Internal Revenue Service shall be deemed to meet the signature requirement of Section 59-7-505.

R861-1A-37. Provisions Relating to Disclosure of Commercial Information Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-404.

(1) The provisions of this rule apply to the disclosure of commercial information under Section 59-1-404. For disclosure of information other than commercial information, see rule R861-1A-12.

(2) For purposes of Section 59-1-404, "assessed value of the property" includes any value proposed for a property.

(3) For purposes of Subsection 59-1-404(2), "disclosure" does not include the issuance by the commission of a decision, order, or private letter ruling containing commercial information to a:

(a) named party of a decision or order;

(b) party requesting a private letter ruling; or

(c) designated representative of a party described in (3)(a) or (3)(b).

(4) For purposes of Subsection 59-1-404(6), "published decision" does not include the issuance by the commission of a decision, order, or private letter ruling containing commercial information to a:

(a) named party of a decision or order;

(b) party requesting a private letter ruling; or

(c) designated representative of a party described in (4)(a) or (4)(b).

(5) Information that may be disclosed under Section 59-1-404(3) includes:

(a) the following information related to the property's tax exempt status:

(i) information provided on the application for property tax exempt status;

(ii) information used in the determination of whether a property tax exemption should be granted or revoked; and

(iii) any other information related to a property's property tax exemption;

(b) the following information related to penalty or interest relating to property taxes that the commission or county legislative body determines should be abated:

(i) the amount of penalty or interest that is abated;

(ii) information provided on an application or request for abatement of penalty or interest;

(iii) information used in the determination of the abatement of penalty or interest; and

(iv) any other information related to the amount of penalty or interest that is abated; and

(c) the following information related to the amount of property tax due on property:

(i) the amount of taxes refunded or deducted as an erroneous or illegal assessment under Section 59-2-1321;

(ii) information provided on an application or request that property has been erroneously or illegally assessed under Section 59-2-1321; and

(iii) any other information related to the amount of taxes refunded or deducted under (5)(c)(i).

(6)(a) Except as provided in (6)(b), commercial information disclosed during an action or proceeding may not be disclosed outside the action or proceeding by any person conducting or participating in the action or proceeding.

(b) Notwithstanding (6)(a), commercial information contained in a decision issued by the commission may be disclosed outside the action or proceeding if all of the parties named in the decision agree in writing to the disclosure.

(7) The commission may disclose commercial information in a published decision as follows.

(a) If the property taxpayer that provided the commercial information does not respond in writing to the commission within 30 days of the decision's issuance, requesting that the commercial information not be published and identifying the specific commercial information the taxpayer wants protected, the commission may publish the entire decision.

(b) If the property taxpayer that provided the commercial information indicates to the commission in writing the specific commercial information that the taxpayer wants protected, the commission may publish a version of the decision that contains commercial information not identified by the taxpayer under (7)(a).

(8) The commission may share commercial information gathered from returns and other written statements with the

federal government, any other state, any of the political subdivisions of another state, or any political subdivision of this state, if these political subdivisions, or the federal government grant substantially similar privileges to this state.

R861-1A-38. Class Actions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-304.

A. Unless the limitations of Section 59-1-304(2) apply, the commission may expedite the exhaustion of administrative remedies required by individuals desiring to be included as a member of the class.

B. In expediting exhaustion of administrative remedies, the commission may take any of the following actions:

1. publish sample claim forms that provide the information necessary to process a claim in a form that will reduce the burden on members of the putative class and expedite processing by the commission;

2. provide for waiver of initial hearings where requested by any party;

3. provide for expedited rulings on motions for summary judgment where the facts are not contested and the legal issues have been previously determined by the commission in ruling on the case brought by class representatives. The parties may waive oral hearing and have final orders issued based upon information submitted in the claims and division responses;

4. consolidate the cases for hearing at the commission, where a group of claims presents identical legal issues and it is agreed by the parties that the resolution of the legal issues would be dispositive of the claims;

5. designate a claim as a test or sample claim with any rulings on that test or sample claim to be applicable to all other similar claims, upon agreement of the claiming parties; or

6. any other action not listed in this rule if that action is not contrary to procedures required by statute.

R861-1A-39. Penalty for Failure to File a Return Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 10-1-405, 59-1-401, 59-12-118, and 69-2-5.

(1)(a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), "failure to file a tax return," for purposes of the penalty for failure to file a tax return under Subsection 59-1-401(1) includes a tax return that does not contain information necessary for the commission to make a correct distribution of tax revenues to counties, cities, and towns.

(b) Subsection (1)(a) applies to a tax return filed under:

(i) Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act;

(ii) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act; or

(iii) Title 69, Chapter 2, Emergency Telephone Service Law.

(2)(a) "Unpaid tax," for purposes of the penalty for failure to file a tax return under Subsection 59-1-401(1) includes tax remitted to the commission under Subsection (2)(b) that is:

(i) not accompanied by a tax return; or

(ii) accompanied by a tax return that is subject to the penalty for failure to file a tax return.

(b) Subsection (2)(a) applies to a tax remitted under:

(i) Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act;

(ii) Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act; or

(iii) Title 69, Chapter 2, Emergency Telephone Service Law.

R861-1A-40. Waiver of Requirement to Post Security Prior to Judicial Review Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-611.

(1) "Post security" is as defined in Section 59-1-611.

(2)(a) A taxpayer that seeks judicial review of a final commission determination of a deficiency may apply for a waiver of the requirement to post security with the commission by:

(i) submitting a letter requesting the waiver;

(ii) providing financial information requested by the commission; and

(iii) providing a copy of the financial information to the attorney general that is representing the commission in the judicial review.

(b) The financial information described in Subsection (2)(a) shall be signed by the taxpayer under penalties of perjury.

(3) Upon review of the financial information described in Subsection (2), the commission shall:

(a) determine whether the taxpayer qualifies for a waiver of the requirement to post security with the commission; or

(b) if unable to make the determination under Subsection (3)(a) from the financial information, request additional information from the taxpayer as necessary to make that determination.

R861-1A-42. Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Reasonable Cause Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-401.

(1) Procedure.

(a) A taxpayer may request a waiver of penalties or interest for reasonable cause under Section 59-1-401 if the following conditions are met:

(i) the taxpayer provides a signed statement, with appropriate supporting documentation, requesting a waiver;

(ii) the total tax owed for the period has been paid;

(iii) the tax liability is based on a return the taxpayer filed with the commission, and not on an estimate provided by the taxpayer or the commission;

(iv) the taxpayer has not previously received a waiver review for the same period; and

(v) the taxpayer demonstrates that there is reasonable cause for waiver of the penalty or interest.

(b) Upon receipt of a waiver request, the commission shall:

(i) review the request;

(ii) notify the taxpayer if additional documentation is needed to consider the waiver request; and

(iii) review the account history for prior waiver requests, taxpayer deficiencies, and historical support for the reason given.

(c) Each request for waiver is judged on its individual merits.

(d) If the request for waiver of penalty or interest is denied, the taxpayer has a right to appeal. Procedures for filing appeals are found in Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, and commission rules.

(2) Reasonable Cause for Waiver of Interest. Grounds for waiving interest are more stringent than for penalty. To be granted a waiver of interest, the taxpayer must prove that the commission gave the taxpayer erroneous information or took inappropriate action that contributed to the error.

(3) Reasonable Cause for Waiver of Penalty. The following clearly documented circumstances may constitute reasonable cause for a waiver of penalty:

(a) Timely Mailing:

(i) The taxpayer mailed the return with payment to the commission by the due date and it was not timely delivered by the post office through no fault of the taxpayer.

(ii) In cases where the taxpayer cannot document a post office error, the penalties may be waived if the taxpayer:

(A) has an excellent history of compliance;

(B) proves that sufficient funds were in the bank as of the date of payment, and the check was written in numerical order; and

(C) presents documentation showing that the return or payment was mailed timely.

(b) Wrong Filing Place: The return or payment was filed on time, but was delivered to the wrong office or agency.

(c) Death or Serious Illness:

(i) The death or serious illness of a taxpayer or a member of the taxpayer's immediate family caused the delay.

(ii) With respect to a business, trust or estate, the death or illness must have been of the individual, or the immediate family of the individual, who had sole authority to file the return.

(iii) The death or illness must have occurred on or immediately prior to the due date of the return.

(d) Unavoidable Absence: The person having sole responsibility to file the return was absent from the state due to circumstances beyond his or her control.

(e) Disaster Relief:

(i) A delay in reporting, filing, or paying was due either to a federal or state declared disaster or to a natural disaster, such as fire or accident, that results in the destruction of records or disruption of business.

(ii) If delinquency or delay is due to a federally declared disaster, federal relief guidelines shall be followed.

(iii) In the absence of federal guidelines, and for other listed disasters, the taxpayer must demonstrate the matter was corrected within a reasonable time, given the circumstances.

(f) Reliance on Erroneous Tax Commission Information:

(i) Underpayments and late filings or payments were attributable to incorrect advice obtained from the commission, unless the taxpayer gave the commission inaccurate or insufficient information.

(ii) Proof of erroneous information may be based on written communication provided by the commission or, if the taxpayer clearly documents, verbal communication. Clear documentation of verbal communication should include the dates, times, and names of commission employees who provided the erroneous information.

(iii) A failure to comply will also be excused if it is demonstrated that the taxpayer requested the necessary tax forms and instructions timely, and the commission failed to timely provide the forms and instructions requested.

(g) Tax Commission Office Visit: The taxpayer proves that before expiration of the time for filing the return or making the payment, the taxpayer visited a commission office for information or help in preparing the return and a commission employee was not available for consultation.

(h) Unobtainable Records: For reasons beyond the taxpayer's control, the taxpayer was unable to obtain records to determine the amount of tax due.

(i) Reliance on Competent Tax Advisor:

(i) The taxpayer fails to file a return after furnishing all necessary and relevant information to a competent tax advisor, who incorrectly advised the taxpayer that a return was not required.

(ii) The taxpayer is required, and has an obligation, to file the return. Reliance on a tax advisor to prepare a return does not automatically constitute reasonable cause for failure to file or pay. The taxpayer must demonstrate that ordinary business care, prudence, and diligence were exercised in determining whether to seek further advice.

(j) First Time Filer:

(i) It is the first return required to be filed and the taxes were filed and paid within a reasonable time after the due date.

(ii) The commission may also consider waiving penalties on the first return after a filing period change if the return is filed and tax is paid within a reasonable time after the due date.

(k) Bank Error:

(i) The taxpayer's bank has made an error in returning a check, making a deposit or transferring money.

(ii) A letter from the bank verifying its error is required.

(l) Compliance History:

(i) The commission will consider the taxpayer's recent history for payment, filing, and delinquencies in determining whether a penalty may be waived.

(ii) The commission will also consider whether other tax returns or reports are overdue at the time the waiver is requested.

(m) Employee Embezzlement: The taxpayer shows that failure to pay was due to employee embezzlement of the tax funds and the taxpayer was unable to obtain replacement funds from any other source.

(n) Recent Tax Law Change: The taxpayer's failure to file and pay was due to a recent change in tax law that the taxpayer could not reasonably be expected to be aware of.

(4) Other Considerations for Determining Reasonable Cause.

(a) The commission allows for equitable considerations in determining whether reasonable cause exists to waive a penalty. Equitable considerations include:

(i) whether the commission had to take legal means to collect the taxes;

(ii) if the error is caught and corrected by the taxpayer;

(iii) the length of time between the event cited and the filing date;

(iv) typographical or other written errors; and

(v) other factors the commission deems appropriate.

(b) Other clearly supported extraordinary and unanticipated reasons for late filing or payment, which demonstrate reasonable cause and the inability to comply, may justify a waiver of the penalty.

(c) In most cases, ignorance of the law, carelessness, or forgetfulness does not constitute reasonable cause for waiver. Nonetheless, other supporting circumstances may indicate that reasonable cause for waiver exists.

(d) Intentional disregard, evasion, or fraud does not constitute reasonable cause for waiver under any circumstance.

R861-1A-43. Electronic Meetings Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 52-4-207.

(1) A commissioner may participate electronically in a meeting open to the public under Section 52-4-207 if:

(a) two commissioners are present at a single anchor location; or

(b) one commissioner is present at the anchor location.

(2) If Subsection (1)(b) applies, the commissioner at the anchor location shall conduct the meeting.

(3)(a) The commission shall indicate in a public notice if the public may participate electronically in a meeting open to the public under Section 52-4-207.

(b) A notice provided under Subsection (3)(a) shall direct the public on how to participate electronically in the meeting.

R861-1A-44. Definition of Delivery Service Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-1404.

For purposes of determining the date on which a document has been mailed under Section 59-1-1404, "delivery service" means the following delivery services the Internal Revenue Service has determined to be a designated delivery service under Section 7502, Internal Revenue Code:

(1) DHL Express (DHL):

(a) DHL Same Day Service;

(b) DHL Next Day 10:30 a.m.;

(c) DHL Next Day 12:00 p.m.;

(d) DHL DHL Next Day 3:00 p.m.; and

(e) DHL 2nd Day Service;

(2) Federal Express (FedEx):

(a) FedEx Priority Overnight;

(b) FedEx Standard Overnight;

(c) FedEx 2 Day;

(d) FedEx International Priority; and

(e) FedEx International First; and

(3) United Parcel Service (UPS):
(a) UPS Next Day Air;
(b) UPS Next Day Air Saver;
(c) UPS 2nd Day Air;
(c) UPS 2nd Day Air A.M.;
(d) UPS Worldwide Express Plus; and
(e) UPS Worldwide Express.

R861-1A-45. Procedures for Commission Meetings Not Open to the Public Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-405.

(1) When the commission holds a meeting that is not open to the public pursuant to Section 59-1-405, the commission shall:

(a) follow the procedures set forth in commission rules:

(i) R861-1A-9, Tax Commission as Board of Equalization;

(ii) R861-1A-11, Appeal of Corrective Action;

(iii) R861-1A-20, Time of Appeal;

(iv) R861-1A-22, Petitions for Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings;

(v) R861-1A-23, Designation of Adjudicative Proceedings;

(vi) R861-1A-24, Formal Adjudicative Proceedings;

(vii) R861-1A-26, Procedures for Formal Adjudicative Proceedings;

(viii) R861-1A-27, Discovery;

(ix) R861-1A-28, Evidence in Adjudicative Proceedings;

(x) R861-1A-29, Decision, Orders, and Reconsideration;

(xi) R861-1A-30, Ex Parte Communications;

(xii) R861-1A-31, Declaratory Orders;

(xiii) R861-1A-32, Mediation Process;

(xiv) R861-1A-33, Settlement Agreements;

(xv) R861-1A-34, Private Letter Rulings;

(xvi) R861-1A-38, Class Actions;

(xvii) R861-1A-40, Waiver of Requirement to Post Security Prior to Judicial Review; and

(xviii) R861-1A-42, Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Reasonable Cause; and

(b) for all meetings other than initial hearings, or the deliberating and issuing of an order relating to adjudicative proceedings, keep confidential written minutes and a confidential recording of the meeting.

(2) Written minutes of a meeting under Subsection (1)(b) shall include:

(a) the date, time, and place of the meeting;

(b) the names of each person present at the meeting;

(c) the substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided by the commission, which may include a summary of comments made by the commissioners;

(d) a record, by commissioner, of each vote taken by the commission;

(e) a summary of comments made by a person, other than a commissioner, present at the meeting; and

(f) any other information that is a record of the proceedings of the meeting that any commissioner requests be entered in the minutes or recording.

(3) Recorded minutes of a meeting under Subsection (1)(b) shall be:

(a) properly labeled or identified with the date, time, and place of the meeting; and

(b) a complete and unedited record of the meeting.

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R865-6F-1. Corporation Franchise Privilege - Right to Do Business - Nature of Liability and How Terminated Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 16-10a-1501 through 16-10a-1533.

A. The Utah franchise tax is imposed upon corporations qualified or incorporated under the laws of Utah, whether or not they do business therein, and also upon corporations doing business in Utah, whether or not they are qualified or incorporated under the laws of Utah.

1. An unqualified foreign corporation doing business in this state is liable for Utah corporation franchise tax in the same amount as if it had duly applied for and received a certificate of authority to transact business in this state pursuant to Section 16-10a-1501.

2. An unqualified foreign corporation deriving income from this state, but not doing business in this state within the contemplation of the Utah corporation franchise tax law is subject to the Utah corporation income tax on income derived from this state under the provisions of Sections 59-7-201 to 59-7-207.

B. If a corporation received its corporate authority to do business in Utah prior to January 1, 1973, and is a member of an affiliated group filing a combined report under Section 59-7-402 or 59-7-403, and legally terminates its corporate authority, it must include its activity during the final year in the combined report of the group. The tax is imposed upon the income of the group rather than the income of the individual corporations.

C. A corporation that was incorporated, qualified, or that reinstated its corporate authority to do business in Utah after January 1, 1973 must file a corporation franchise tax return and pay the tax due with the return for the year in which it legally terminates its right to do business in this state. The Tax Commission shall not issue a tax clearance certificate until the final return has been filed and the amounts due for the final year are paid.

D. For Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, a foreign corporation terminates its corporate existence or the privileges for which the franchise tax is levied (unless it continues to do business) on the date on which:

1. a certificate of withdrawal is issued under the provisions of Section 16-10a-1520;

2. its corporate existence is legally terminated in its home state, provided authoritative evidence of that termination is filed;

3. a certificate of revocation of its authority to transact business in this state is issued under the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1530 and 16-10a-1531; or

4. the corporate powers, rights, and privileges are forfeited under the provisions of Section 59-7-534.

E. For Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, a corporation that is incorporated under the laws of this state terminates its corporate existence or the privilege of exercising its corporate franchise for which the franchise tax is levied on the date on which:

1. a certificate of dissolution is issued pursuant to a voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 16-10a-1401 or Sections 16-10a-1402 through 16-10a-1403;

2. a decree of dissolution is entered by the court pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1430 through 16-10a-1433;

3. a certificate of merger or of consolidation (which effects the termination of the separate corporate existence of the Utah corporation) is issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-10a-1101 through 16-10a-1107; or

4. the corporate rights and privileges are suspended under the provisions of Section 59-7-534.

F. If the corporation continues to do business in this state subsequent to any of the above dates, it is liable for franchise tax, even though doing business is not authorized, or may even be prohibited, by law. A corporation cannot avoid the franchise tax by doing business without authority which, if legally done, would subject the corporation to the tax.

R865-6F-2. Establishment of Taxable Year and Filing the First Return Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-501 and 59-7-505.

A. The period for which a corporation must file its returns for corporation franchise tax purposes is the same period under which its income is computed pursuant to Section 59-7-501.

B. The first return may cover a period of less than 12-calendar months, but may not exceed 12-calendar months. The period must end on the last day of a calendar month, except that the Tax Commission will accept returns being made using the 52-53 week method of reporting under Section 441(f), Internal Revenue Code.

C. If a corporation elects for federal purposes to end its filing period on a date that does not fall on the last day of a calendar month, the filing period for the purposes of effective dates of Utah laws ends on the last day of the month nearest to the federal year end. The Utah net income is computed based on the filing period for federal purposes, notwithstanding the Utah filing period ends on the last day of the month.

D. Except as provided in Section 59-7-505(8)(a), in the case of a domestic corporation, the first return period begins with the date of incorporation. Activity prior to date of incorporation must be reported on individual income or partnership returns or of such other entity as may be appropriate.

E. Except as provided in Section 59-7-505(8)(a), in the case of a foreign corporation, the first return period begins with the date the corporation is qualified to do business in Utah under Title 16, Chapter 10a, Part 15, or the date business within the state is commenced, whichever is the earlier.

R865-6F-6. Application of Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Acts to Qualified Corporations and to Nonqualified Foreign Corporations Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-104.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Ancillary activities" means those activities that serve no independent business function for the seller apart from their connection to the solicitation of orders.

(b) "De minimis activities" means those activities that, when taken together, establish only a trivial connection with the taxing state. An activity conducted within Utah on a regular or systematic basis or pursuant to a company policy, whether or not in writing, shall not normally be considered trivial.

(c) "In-home office" means an office or place of business located within the residence of the employee or representative of a company that satisfies the following conditions:

(i) The office may not be publicly attributed to the company, or to the employee or representative of the company in an employee or representative capacity.

(ii) The use of the office shall be limited to soliciting and receiving orders from customers; transmitting orders outside the state for acceptance or rejection by the company; or for other activities that are protected under Public Law 86-272, 15 U.S.C. 381-384 (hereafter P.L. 86-272) and this rule.

(iii) Neither the company nor the employee or representative shall maintain a telephone listing or other public listing for the company within the state, nor use advertising or business literature indicating that the company or its employee or representative can be contacted at a specific address within the state. However, the normal distribution and use of business cards and stationery identifying the employee's or representative's name, address, telephone, and fax numbers and affiliation with the company shall not, by itself, be considered

as advertising or otherwise publicly attributing an office to the company or its employee or representative.

(d) "Solicitation" means:

(i) speech or conduct that explicitly or implicitly invites an order; and

(ii) activities that neither explicitly nor implicitly invite an order, but are entirely ancillary to requests for an order.

(2) Every corporation doing business in Utah whether qualified or not, and every corporation incorporated or qualified in Utah whether or not doing business therein is subject to the Utah corporation franchise tax, unless exempted under the provisions of Section 59-7-102. If liability for the tax exists, the tax must be computed under the provisions of Section 59-7-104, at the rate provided by statute, but in no case shall the tax be less than the minimum tax prescribed.

(3) Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah which ship goods to customers in this state from points outside this state, pursuant to orders solicited but not accepted by agents or employees in this state, and which are not doing business in Utah are not taxable under the Utah Corporation Franchise Tax Act if:

(a) they maintain no office nor stocks of goods in Utah, and

(b) they engage in no other activities in Utah.

(4) Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah that make deliveries from stocks of goods located in this state are doing business in this state and are taxable under the Corporation Franchise Tax Act, even though they have no office or regular place of business in this state.

(5) Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise tax if performing the necessary duties to fulfill contracts or subcontracts in Utah, whether through their own employees or by furnishing of supervisory personnel.

(6) Corporations that own real property within this state and rent or lease such properties to others are subject to the franchise tax whether or not qualified under the laws of this state. This also applies to corporations deriving royalty, lease, or rental income from properties located within this state, whether or not such properties are owned by the corporation.

(7) Foreign corporations not qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise or income tax if they derive income from revenue-producing properties located in Utah or moving through Utah or from services performed by personnel in this state. This includes, but is not limited to, freight and transportation operations, sales of real property having a Utah situs, leasing or sales of franchises, sporting or entertaining events, etc.

(8) Corporations that participate in joint ventures or working and operating agreements which are performed in this state are subject to the franchise tax whether qualified or not.

(9) Foreign corporations qualified in Utah are subject to the franchise tax even though engaged solely in interstate commerce.

(10) P.L. 86-272 restricts a state from imposing a net income tax on income derived within its borders from interstate commerce if the only business activity of the company within the state consists of the solicitation of orders for sales of tangible personal property, which orders are sent outside the state for acceptance or rejection, and, if accepted, are filled by shipment or delivery from a point outside the state. The term "net income tax" includes a franchise tax measured by net income. If any sales of tangible personal property are made from Utah into a state which is precluded by P.L. 86-272 from taxing the income of the seller, such sales remain subject to throwback to Utah pursuant to Subsection 59-7-318(2). Similarly, a sale into Utah from another state would not subject a corporation to the Utah tax if the corporation's activities do not exceed those allowed under P.L. 86-272.

(a) Only the solicitation to sell personal property is afforded immunity under P.L. 86-272; therefore, the leasing, renting licensing or other disposition of tangible personal property, or transactions involving intangibles such as franchises, patents, copyrights, trade marks, service marks and the like, or any other type of property are not protected activities under P. L. 86-272. The sale or delivery and the solicitation for the sale or delivery of any type of service that is not either (1) ancillary to solicitation, or (2) otherwise set forth as a protected activity below is also not protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule.

(b) For the in-state activity to be a protected activity under P.L. 86-272, it must be limited solely to solicitation, except for de minimis activities and activities conducted by independent contractors as described below.

(11) The following in-state activities, assuming they are not of a de minimis level, will constitute doing business in Utah under P.L. 86-272 and will subject the corporation to the Utah corporation franchise tax:

(a) making repairs or providing maintenance or service to the property sold or to be sold;

(b) collecting current or delinquent accounts, whether directly or by third parties, through assignment or otherwise;

(c) investigating credit worthiness;

(d) installation or supervision of installation at or after shipment or delivery;

(e) conducting training courses, seminars, or lectures for personnel other than personnel involved only in solicitation;

(f) providing any kind of technical assistance or service including engineering assistance or design service, when one of the purposes thereof is other than the facilitation of the solicitation of orders;

(g) investigating, handling, or otherwise assisting in resolving customer complaints, other than mediating direct customer complaints when the sole purpose of such mediation is to ingratiate the sales personnel with the customer;

(h) approving or accepting orders;

(i) repossessing property;

(j) securing deposits on sales;

(k) picking up or replacing damaged or returned property;

(l) hiring, training, or supervising personnel, other than personnel involved only in solicitation;

(m) using agency stock checks or any other instrument or process by which sales are made within this state by sales personnel;

(n) maintaining a sample or display room in excess of two weeks (14 days) at any one location within the state during the tax year;

(o) carrying samples for sale, exchange or distribution in any manner for consideration or other value;

(p) owning, leasing, using, or maintaining any of the following facilities or property in-state:

(i) repair shop;

(ii) parts department;

(iii) any kind of office other than an in-home office;

(iv) warehouse;

(v) meeting place for directors, officers, or employees;

(vi) stock of goods other than samples for sales personnel or that are used entirely ancillary to solicitation;

(vii) telephone answering service that is publicly attributed to the company or to employees or agents of the company in their representative status;

(viii) mobile stores, i.e., vehicles with drivers who are sales personnel making sales from the vehicles;

(ix) real property or fixtures to real property of any kind;

(q) consigning stocks of goods or other tangible personal property to any person, including an independent contractor, for sale;

(r) maintaining, by either an in-state or an out-of-state resident employee, an office or place of business (in-home or otherwise) of any kind other than an in-home office;

(i) the maintenance of any office or other place of business in this state that does not strictly qualify as an in-home office under this subsection shall, by itself cause the loss of protection under this rule;

(ii) for purposes of this subsection it is not relevant whether the company pays directly, indirectly, or not at all for the cost of maintaining the in-home office;

(s) entering into franchising of licensing agreements; selling or otherwise disposing of franchises and licenses; or selling or otherwise transferring tangible personal property pursuant to such franchise or license by the franchisor or licensor to its franchisee or licensee within the state;

(t) conducting any activity not listed as a protected activity below which is not entirely ancillary to requests for orders, even if such activity helps to increase purchases.

(12) The following in-state activities will not cause the loss of protection for otherwise protected sales;

(a) soliciting orders for sales by any type of advertising;

(b) soliciting of orders by an in-state resident employee or representative of the company, so long as such person does not maintain or use any office or other place of business in the state other than an in-home office;

(c) carrying samples and promotional materials only for display or distribution without charge or other consideration;

(d) furnishing and setting up display racks and advising customers on the display of the company's products without charge or other consideration;

(e) providing automobiles to sales personnel for their use in conducting protected activities;

(f) passing orders, inquiries and complaints on to the home office;

(g) missionary sales activities, i.e. the solicitation of indirect customers for the company's goods. For example, a manufacturer's solicitation of retailers to buy the manufacturer's goods from the manufacturer's wholesale customers would be protected if such solicitation activities are otherwise immune;

(h) coordinating shipment or delivery without payment or other consideration and providing information relating thereto either prior or subsequent to the placement of an order;

(i) checking of customer's inventories without a charge therefore if performed for reorder, but not for other purposes such as a quality control;

(j) maintaining a sample or display room for two weeks (14 days) or less at any one location within the state during the tax year;

(k) recruiting, training or evaluating sales personnel, including occasionally using homes, hotels or similar places for meetings with sales personnel;

(l) mediating direct customer complaints when the purpose thereof is solely for ingratiating the sales personnel with the customer and facilitating requests for orders;

(m) owning, leasing, using or maintaining personal property for use in the employee or representative's in-home office or automobile that is solely limited to the conducting of protected activities. Therefore, the use of personal property such as a cellular telephone, facsimile machine, duplicating equipment, personal computer and computer software that is limited to the carrying on of protected solicitation and activity entirely ancillary to such solicitation or permitted by the provisions of this rule shall not, by itself, remove the protection of P.L. 86-272.

(13) P.L. 86-272 provides protection to certain in-state activities if conducted by an independent contractor that would not be afforded if performed by the company or its employees or other representatives.

(a) Independent contractors may engage in the following limited activities in the state without the company's loss of immunity;

(i) soliciting sales;

(ii) making sales;

(iii) maintaining an office.

(b) Sales representatives who represent a single principal are not considered to be independent contractors and are subject to the same limitations as those provided under P.L. 86-272 and this rule.

(c) Maintenance of stock of goods in the state by the independent contractor under consignment or any other type of arrangement with the company, except for purposes of display and solicitation, shall remove the protection.

(14) The Tax Commission will apply the provisions of P.L. 86-272 and of this rule to business activities conducted in foreign commerce. Therefore, whether business activities are conducted by (i) a foreign or domestic company selling tangible personal property into a county outside of the United States from a point within this state or by (ii) either company selling such property into this state from a point outside of the United States, the principles under this rule apply equally to determine whether the sales transactions are protected and the company immune from taxation in either this state or in the foreign county, as the case might be, and whether, if applicable, the throwback provisions of Subsection 59-7-318(2) will apply.

(15) The protection afforded by P.L. 86-272 and the provisions of this rule do not apply to any corporation that is incorporated or domiciled in this state.

(16) A company that registers or otherwise formally qualifies to do business within this state does not, by that fact alone, lose its protection under P.L. 86-272. Where, separate from or ancillary to such registration or qualification, the company receives and seeks to use or protect any additional benefit or protection from this state through activity not otherwise protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule, such protection shall be removed.

(17) The protection afforded under P.L. 86-272 and the provisions of this rule shall be determined on a year by year tax basis. Therefore, if at any time during a tax year the company conducts activities that are not protected under P.L. 86-272 or this rule, no sales in this state or income earned by the company attributed to this state during any part of said tax year shall be protected from taxation for purposes of the corporate franchise tax.

R865-6F-8. Allocation and Apportionment of Net Income (Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act) Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Allocation" means the assignment of nonbusiness income to a particular state.

(b) "Apportionment" means the division of business income between states by the use of a formula containing apportionment factors.

(c) "Base of operations" means the place of more or less permanent nature from which the employee starts work and to which the employee customarily returns in order to receive instructions from the taxpayer or communications from customers or other persons, or to replenish stock or other materials, repair equipment, or perform any other function necessary to the exercise of his trade or profession at some other point or points.

(d) "Business activity" refers to the transactions and activities occurring in the regular course of a particular trade or business of a taxpayer, or to the acquisition, management, and disposition of property that constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations.

(e) "Business income" means income of any type or class, and from any activity, that meets the relationship described in Subsection (2)(b), the transactional test, or Subsection (2)(c), the functional test. The classification of income by the labels occasionally used, such as manufacturing income, compensation

for services, sales income, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, gains, operating income, and nonoperating income is of no aid in determining whether income is business or nonbusiness income.

(f) "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services.

(g) "Employee" means an:

(i) officer of a corporation; or

(ii) individual who, under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee.

(h) "Gross receipts" are the gross amounts realized (the sum of money and the fair market value of other property or services received) on the sale or exchange of property, the performance of services, or the use of property or capital (including rents, royalties, interest and dividends) in a transaction that produces business income, in which the income or loss is recognized (or would be recognized if the transaction were in the United States) under the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts realized on the sale or exchange or property are not reduced for the cost of goods sold or the basis of property sold.

(i) Gross receipts, even if business income, do not include such items as, for example:

(A) repayment, maturity, or redemption of the principal of a loan, bond, or mutual fund or certificate of deposit or similar marketable instrument;

(B) the principal amount received under a repurchase agreement or other transaction properly characterized as a loan;

(C) proceeds from issuance of the taxpayer's own stock or from sale of treasury stock;

(D) damages and other amounts received as the result of litigation;

(E) property acquired by an agent on behalf of another;

(F) tax refunds and other tax benefit recoveries;

(G) pension reversions;

(H) contributions to capital (except for sales of securities by securities dealers);

(I) income from forgiveness of indebtedness; or

(J) amounts realized from exchanges of inventory that are not recognized by the Internal Revenue Code.

(ii) Exclusion of an item from the definition of "gross receipts" is not determinative of its character as business or nonbusiness income. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to modify, impair or supersede any provision of Subsection (11).

(i) "Nonbusiness income" means all income other than business income.

(j) "Place from which the service is directed or controlled" means the place from which the power to direct or control is exercised by the taxpayer.

(k) "Taxpayer" means a corporation as defined in Section 59-7-101.

(l) "To contribute materially" includes being used operationally in the taxpayer's trade or business. Whether property contributes materially is not determined by reference to the property's value or percentage of use. If an item of property contributes materially to the taxpayer's trade or business, the attributes, rights, or components of that property are also operationally used in that business. However, property that is held for mere financial betterment is not operationally used in the taxpayer's trade or business.

(m) "Trade or business" means the unitary business of the taxpayer, part of which is conducted within Utah.

(2) Business and Nonbusiness Income.

(a) Apportionment and Allocation. Section 59-7-303 requires that every item of income be classified as either business income or nonbusiness income. Income for purposes of classification as business or nonbusiness includes gains and losses. Business income is apportioned among jurisdictions by use of a formula. Nonbusiness income is specifically assigned or allocated to one or more specific jurisdictions pursuant to express rules. An item of income is classified as business income if it falls within the definition of business income. An item of income is nonbusiness income only if it does not meet the definitional requirements for being classified as business income.

(b) Transactional Test. Business income includes income arising from transactions and activity in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business.

(i) If the transaction or activity is in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, part of which trade or business is conducted within the state, the resulting income of the transaction or activity is business income for Utah purposes. Income may be business income even though the actual transaction or activity that gives rise to the income does not occur in this state.

(ii) For a transaction or activity to be in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, the transaction or activity need not be one that frequently occurs in the trade or business. Most, but not all, frequently occurring transactions or activities will be in the regular course of that trade or business and will, therefore, satisfy the transactional test. It is sufficient to classify a transaction or activity as being in the regular course of a trade or business if it is reasonable to conclude transactions of that type are customary in the kind of trade or business being conducted, or are within the scope of what that kind of trade or business does. However, even if a taxpayer frequently or customarily engages in investment activities, if those activities are for the taxpayer's mere financial betterment rather than for the operations of the trade or business, those activities do not satisfy the transactional test. The transactional test includes income from sales of inventory, property held for sale to customers, and services commonly sold by the trade or business. The transactional test also includes income from the sale of property used in the production of business income of a kind that is sold and replaced with some regularity, even if replaced less frequently than once a year.

(c) Functional Test. Business income also includes income from tangible and intangible property if the acquisition, management, and disposition of the property constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations.

(i) The following definitions apply to this Subsection (2)(c).

(A) "Acquisition" means the act of obtaining an interest in property.

(B) "Disposition" means the act, or the power, of relinquishing or transferring an interest in or control over property to another, either in whole or in part.

(C) "Integral part" means property that constitutes a part of the composite whole of the trade or business, each part of which gives value to every other part, in a manner that materially contributes to the production of business income.

(D) "Management" means the oversight, direction, or control, whether directly or by delegation, of the property for the use or benefit of the trade or business.

(E) "Property" includes an interest in, control over, or use of property, whether the interest is held directly, beneficially, by contract, or otherwise, that materially contributes to the production of business income.

(ii) Under the functional test, business income need not be derived from transactions or activities that are in the regular course of the taxpayer's own particular trade or business. It is sufficient, if the property from which the income is derived is or was an integral, functional, or operative component used in the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially contributed to the production of business income of the trade or business, part of which trade or business is or was conducted

within the state. Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use through the passage of a sufficiently lengthy period of time, generally five years, or that has been removed as an operational asset and is instead held by the taxpayer's trade or business exclusively for investment purposes, has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to this subsection. Property that was an integral part of the trade or business is not considered converted to investment purposes merely because it is placed for sale.

(iii) Income that is derived from isolated sales, leases, assignments, licenses, and other infrequently occurring dispositions, transfers, or transactions involving property, including transactions made in liquidation or the winding-up of business, is business income if the property is or was used in the taxpayer's trade or business operations.

(A) Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to Subsection (2)(c)(iii).

(B) Income from the licensing of an intangible asset, such as a patent, copyright, trademark, service mark, know-how, trade secrets, or the like, that was developed or acquired for use by the taxpayer in its trade or business operations, constitutes business income whether or not the licensing itself constituted the operation of a trade or business, and whether or not the taxpayer remains in the same trade or business from or for which the intangible asset was developed or acquired.

(iv) Under the functional test, income from intangible property is business income when the intangible property serves an operational function as opposed to solely an investment function. The relevant inquiry focuses on whether the property is or was held in furtherance of the taxpayer's trade or business, that is, on the objective characteristics of the intangible property's use or acquisition and its relation to the taxpayer and the taxpayer's activities. The functional test is not satisfied where the holding of the property is limited to solely an investment function as is the case where the holding of the property is limited to mere financial betterment of the taxpayer in general.

(v) If the property is or was held in furtherance of the taxpayer's trade or business beyond mere financial betterment, income from that property may be business income even though the actual transaction or activity involving the property that gives rise to the income does not occur in this state.

(vi) If with respect to an item of property a taxpayer takes a deduction from business income that is apportioned to this state, or includes the original cost in the property factor, it is presumed that the item of property is or was integral to the taxpayer's trade or business operations. No presumption arises from the absence of any of these actions.

(vii) Application of the functional test is generally unaffected by the form of the property, whether tangible or intangible, real or personal. Income arising from an intangible interest, for example, corporate stock or other intangible interest in a business or a group of assets, is business income when the intangible itself or the property underlying or associated with the intangible is or was an integral, functional, or operative component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations.

(A) Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to this Subsection (2)(c)(vii).

(B) While apportionment of income derived from transactions involving intangible property as business income may be supported by a finding that the issuer of the intangible property and the taxpayer are engaged in the same trade or business, that is, the same unitary business, establishment of that relationship is not the exclusive basis for concluding that the income is subject to apportionment.

(C) It is sufficient to support the finding of apportionable income if the holding of the intangible interest served an operational rather than an investment function of mere financial betterment.

(d) Relationship of Transactional Test and Functional Tests to the United States Constitution.

(i) The due process clause and the commerce clause of the United States Constitution restrict states from apportioning income as business income that has no rational relationship with the taxing state. The protection against extra-territorial state taxation afforded by these clauses is often described as the unitary business principle. The unitary business principle requires apportionable income to be derived from the same unitary business that is being conducted as least in part in the state.

(ii) The unitary business conducted in this state includes both a unitary business that the taxpayer alone may be conducting and a unitary business the taxpayer may conduct with any other person. Satisfaction of either the transactional test or the functional test complies with the unitary business principle, because each test requires that the transaction or activity, in the case of the transactional test, or the property, in the case of the functional test, to be tied to the same trade or business that is conducted within the state. Determination of the scope of the unitary business conducted in the state is without regard to the extent to which this state requires or permits combined reporting.

(e) Business and Nonbusiness Income Application of Definitions.

(i) Rents From Real and Tangible Personal Property. Rental income from real and tangible property is business income if the property with respect to which the rental income was received is or was used in the taxpayer's trade or business and therefore is includable in the property factor under Subsection (8)(a)(i). Property that has been converted to nonbusiness use has lost its character as a business asset and is not subject to this subsection.

(ii) Gains or Losses From Sales of Assets. Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real property or of tangible or intangible personal property constitutes business income if the property while owned by the taxpayer was used in, or was otherwise included in the property factor of the taxpayer's trade or business. However, if the property was utilized for the production of nonbusiness income or it was previously included in the property factor and later removed from the property factor before its sale, exchange, or other disposition, the gain or loss constitutes nonbusiness income. See Subsection (8)(a)(ii).

(iii) Interest. Interest income is business income where the intangible with respect to which the interest was received arises out of or was created in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or where the purpose for acquiring and holding the intangible is an integral, functional, or operative component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially contributes to the production of business income of the trade or business operations.

(iv) Dividends. Dividends are business income where the stock with respect to which the dividends were received arose out of or was acquired in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations or where the acquiring and holding of the stock is an integral, functional, or operative component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise materially contributes to the production of business income of the trade or business operations.

(v) Patent and Copyright Royalties. Patent and copyright royalties are business income where the patent or copyright with respect to which the royalties were received arose out of or was created in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business operations or where the acquiring and holding of the patent or copyright is an integral, functional, or operational component of the taxpayer's trade or business operations, or otherwise

materially contributes to the production of business income of the trade or business operations.

(vi) Proration of Deductions. In most cases, an allowable deduction of a taxpayer will be applicable only to the business income arising from a particular trade or business or to a particular item of nonbusiness income. In some cases, an allowable deduction may be applicable to the business incomes of more than one trade or business or several items of nonbusiness income. In those cases, the deduction shall be prorated among those trades or businesses and those items of nonbusiness income in a manner that fairly distributes the deduction among the classes of income to which it is applicable.

(f)(i) A schedule must be submitted with the return showing the:

(A) gross income from each class of income being allocated;

(B) amount of each class of applicable expenses, together with explanation or computations showing how amounts were arrived at;

(C) total amount of the applicable expenses for each income class; and

(D) net income of each income class.

(ii) The schedule shall indicate items of income and expenses allocated both to the state and outside the state.

(g) Year to Year Consistency. In filing returns with the state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner of prorating any deduction used in returns for prior years in a material way, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(h) State to State Consistency. If the returns or reports filed by a taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act are not uniform in the application or proration of any deduction, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of any material variance.

(3) Unitary Business.

(a) Unitary Business Principle.

(i) The Concept of a Unitary Business. A unitary business is a single economic enterprise that is made up of either separate parts of a single business entity or a group of business entities related through common ownership that are sufficiently interdependent, integrated and interrelated through their activities so as to provide a synergy and mutual benefit that produces a sharing or exchange of value among them and a significant flow of value to the separate parts. This flow of value to a business entity located in this state that comes from being part of a unitary business conducted both within and without the state is what provides the constitutional due process definite link and minimum connection necessary for the state to apportion business income of the unitary business, even if that income arises in part from activities conducted outside the state. The business income of the unitary business is then apportioned to this state using an apportionment percentage provided by Section 59-7-311. This sharing or exchange of value may also be described as requiring that the operation of one part of the business be dependent upon, or contribute to, the operation of another part of the business. Phrased in the disjunctive, the foregoing means that if the activities of one business either contribute to the activities of another business or are dependent upon the activities of another business, those businesses are part of a unitary business.

(ii) Constitutional Requirement for a Unitary Business. The sharing or exchange of value described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) that defines the scope of a unitary business requires more than the mere flow of funds arising out of a passive investment or from the financial strength contributed by a distinct business undertaking that has no operational relationship to the unitary business. In this state, the unitary business principle shall be applied to the fullest extent allowed by the United States Constitution. The unitary business principle shall not be applied to result in the combination of business activities or entities under circumstances where, if it were adverse to the taxpayer, the combination of those activities or entities would not be allowed by the United States Constitution.

(iii) Separate Trades or Businesses Conducted Within a Single Entity. A single entity may have more than one unitary business. In those cases, it is necessary to determine the business, or apportionable, income attributable to each separate unitary business as well as its nonbusiness income, which is specifically allocated. The business income of each unitary business is then apportioned by a formula that takes into consideration the in-state and out-of-state factors that relate to the respective unitary business whose income is being apportioned.

(iv) Unitary Business Unaffected by Formal Business Organization. A unitary business may exist within a single business entity or among a group of business entities related through common ownership, as defined in Section 59-7-101.

(b) Determination of a Unitary Business.

(i) A unitary business is characterized by significant flows of value evidenced by factors such as those described in Mobil Oil Corp. v. Vermont, 445 US 425 (1980): functional integration, centralization of management, and economies of scale. These factors provide evidence of whether the business activities operate as an integrated whole or exhibit substantial mutual interdependence. Facts suggesting the presence of the factors mentioned above should be analyzed in combination for their cumulative effect and not in isolation. A particular characteristic of a business operation may be suggestive of one or more of the factors mentioned above.

(ii) Description and Illustration of Functional Integration, Centralization of Management, and Economies of Scale.

(A) Functional Integration. Functional integration refers to transfers between, or pooling among, business activities that significantly affect the operation of the business activities. Functional integration includes transfers or pooling with respect to the unitary business's products or services, technical information, marketing information, distribution systems, purchasing, and intangibles such as patents, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, trade secrets, know-how, formulas, and processes. There is no specific type of functional integration that must be present. The following is a list of examples of business operations that support the finding of functional integration. The order of the list does not establish a hierarchy of importance.

(I) Sales, Exchanges, or Transfers. Sales, exchanges, or transfers (collectively "sales") of products, services, and intangibles between business activities provide evidence of functional integration. The significance of the intercompany sales to the finding of functional integration will be affected by the character of what is sold and the percentage of total sales or purchases represented by the intercompany sales. For example, sales among business entities that are part of a vertically integrated unitary business are indicative of functional integration. Functional integration is not negated by the use of a readily determinable market price to affect the intercompany sales, because those sales can represent an assured market for the seller or an assured source of supply for the purchaser.

(II) Common Marketing. The sharing of common marketing features among business entities is an indication of functional integration when the marketing results in significant mutual advantage. Common marketing exists when a substantial portion of the business entities' products, services, or intangibles are distributed or sold to a common customer, when the business entities use a common trade name or other common identification, or when the business entities seek to identify themselves to their customers as a member of the same

enterprise. The use of a common advertising agency or a commonly owned or controlled in-house advertising office does not by itself establish common marketing that is suggestive of functional integration. That activity, however, is relevant to determining the existence of economies of scale and centralization of management.

(III) Transfer or Pooling of Technical Information or Intellectual Property. Transfers or pooling of technical information or intellectual property, such as patents, copyrights, trademarks and service marks, trade secrets, processes or formulas, know-how, research, or development provide evidence of functional integration when the matter transferred is significant to the businesses' operations.

(IV) Common Distribution System. Use of a common distribution system by the business entities, under which inventory control and accounting, storage, trafficking, or transportation are controlled through a common network provides evidence of functional integration.

(V) Common Purchasing. Common purchasing of substantial quantities of products, services, or intangibles from the same source by the business entities, particularly where the purchasing results in significant cost savings and is significant to each entity's operations or sales, provides evidence of functional integration.

(VI) Common or Intercompany Financing. Significant common or intercompany financing, including the guarantee by, or the pledging of the credit of, one or more business entities for the benefit of another business entity or entities provides evidence of functional integration, if the financing activity serves an operational purpose of both borrower and lender. Lending that serves an investment purpose of the lender does not necessarily provide evidence of functional integration.

(B) Centralization of Management. Centralization of management exists when directors, officers, and other management employees jointly participate in the management decisions that affect the respective business activities and that may also operate to the benefit of the entire economic enterprise. Centralization of management can exist whether the centralization is effected from a parent entity to a subsidiary entity, from a subsidiary entity to a parent entity, from one subsidiary entity to another, from one division within a single business entity to another division within a business entity, or from any combination of the foregoing. Centralization of management may exist even when day-to-day management responsibility and accountability has been decentralized, so long as the management has an ongoing operational role with respect to the business activities. An operational role may be effected through mandates, consensus building, or an overall operational strategy of the business, or any other mechanism that establishes joint management.

(I) Facts Providing Evidence of Centralization of Management. Evidence of centralization of management is provided when common officers participate in the decisions relating to the business operations of the different segments. Centralization of management may exist when management shares or applies knowledge and expertise among the parts of the business. Existence of common officers and directors, while relevant to a showing of centralization of management, does not alone provide evidence of centralization of management. Common officers are more likely to provide evidence of centralization of management than are common directors.

(II) Stewardship Distinguished. Centralized efforts to fulfill stewardship oversight are not evidence of centralization of management. Stewardship oversight consists of those activities that any owner would take to review the performance of or safeguard an investment. Stewardship oversight is distinguished from those activities that an owner may take to enhance value by integrating one or more significant operating aspects of one business activity with the other business activities of the owner. For example, implementing reporting requirements or mere approval of capital expenditures may evidence only stewardship oversight.

(C) Economies of Scale. Economies of scale refers to a relation among and between business activities resulting in a significant decrease in the average per unit cost of operational or administrative functions due to the increase in operational size. Economies of scale may exist from the inherent cost savings that arise from the presence of functional integration or centralization of management. The following are examples of business operations that support the finding of economies of scale. The order of the list does not establish a hierarchy of importance.

(I) Centralized Purchasing. Centralized purchasing designed to achieve savings due to the volume of purchases, the timing of purchases, or the interchangeability of purchased items among the parts of the business engaging in the purchasing provides evidence of economies of scale.

(II) Centralized Administrative Functions. The performance of traditional corporate administrative functions, such as legal services, payroll services, pension and other employee benefit administration, in common among the parts of the business may result in some degree of economies of scale. A business entity that secures savings in the performance of corporate administrative services due to its affiliation with other business entities that it would not otherwise reasonably be able to secure on its own because of its size, financial resources, or available market provides evidence of economies of scale.

(c) Indicators of a Unitary Business.

(i) Business activities that are in the same general line of business generally constitute a single unitary business, as for example, a multistate grocery chain.

(ii) Business activities that are part of different steps in a vertically structured business almost always constitute a single unitary business. For example, a business engaged in the exploration, development, extraction, and processing of a natural resource and the subsequent sale of a product based upon the extracted natural resource, is engaged in a single unitary business, regardless of the fact that the various steps in the process are operated substantially independently of each other with only general supervision from the business's executive offices.

(iii) Business activities that might otherwise be considered as part of more than one unitary business may constitute one unitary business when the factors outlined in Subsection (3)(b) are present. For example, some businesses conducting diverse lines of business may properly be considered as engaged in only one unitary business when the central executive officers are actively involved in the operations of the various business activities and there are centralized offices that perform for the business the normal matters a truly independent business would perform for itself, such as personnel, purchasing, advertising, or financing.

(4) Apportionment and Allocation.

(a)(i) If the business activity with respect to the trade or business of a taxpayer occurs both within and without this state, and if by reason of that business activity the taxpayer is taxable in another state, the portion of the net income (or net loss) arising from the trade or business derived from sources within this state shall be determined by apportionment in accordance with Sections 59-7-311 to 59-7-319.

(ii) For purposes of determining the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to this state under Section 59-7-311:

(A) If a taxpayer makes an election to calculate its apportionment fraction under Subsection 59-7-311(2)(c) and one or more of the factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(2)(c)(i) is missing, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the

factors present and dividing that sum by the number of factors present.

(B) If a taxpayer makes an election to double weight the sales factor under Subsection 59-7-311(2)(d) and one or more of the factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(2)(d)(i) is missing, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the factors as provided in subsection 59-7-311(2)(d)(i), and dividing that sum by the denominator indicated in Subsection 59-7-311(2)(d)(ii), reduced by the sum of one if the property factor is missing, one if the payroll factor is missing, and two if the sales factor is missing.

(C) For a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2011, but begins on or before December 31, 2011, in the case of a sales factor weighted taxpayer, if one or more of the factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(a)(i) is missing and if the sales factor is present, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the factors as provided in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(a)(i), and dividing that sum by the denominator, indicated in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(a)(ii), reduced by the number of missing factors.

(D) For a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2012, but begins on or before December 31, 2012, in the case of a sales factor weighted taxpayer, if one or more of the factors listed in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(b)(i) is missing and if the sales factor is present, the fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined by adding the factors as provided in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(b)(i), and dividing that sum by the denominator, indicated in Subsection 59-7-311(3)(b)(ii), reduced by the number of missing factors.

(b) Allocation. Any taxpayer subject to the taxing jurisdiction of this state shall allocate all of its nonbusiness income or loss within or without this state in accordance with Sections 59-7-306 to 59-7-310.

(5) Consistency and Uniformity in Reporting. In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner in which income has been classified as business income or nonbusiness income in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification. If the returns or reports filed by a taxpayer for all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the classification of income as business or nonbusiness income, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(6) Taxable in Another State.

(a) In General. Under Section 59-7-303 the taxpayer is subject to the allocation and apportionment provisions of UDITPA if it has income from business activity that is taxable both within and without this state. A taxpayer's income from business activity is taxable without this state if the taxpayer, by reason of business activity (i.e., the transactions and activity occurring in the regular course of the trade or business), is taxable in another state within the meaning of Section 59-7-305. A taxpayer is taxable within another state if it meets either one of two tests:

(i) if by reason of business activity in another state the taxpayer is subject to one of the types of taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1), namely: a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, or a corporate stock tax; or

(ii) if by reason of business activity another state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax, regardless of whether the state imposes that tax on the taxpayer. A taxpayer is not taxable in another state with respect to the trade or business merely because the taxpayer conducts activities in that state pertaining to the production of nonbusiness income or business activities relating to a separate trade or business.

(b) When a Taxpayer Is Subject to a Tax Under Section 59-7-305. A taxpayer is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) if it carries on business activity in a state and that state imposes such a tax thereon. Any taxpayer that asserts that it is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) in another state shall furnish to the Tax Commission, upon its request, evidence to support that assertion. The Tax Commission may request that the evidence include proof that the taxpayer has filed the requisite tax return in the other state and has paid any taxes imposed under the law of the other state. The taxpayer's failure to produce that proof may be taken into account in determining whether the taxpayer is subject to one of the taxes specified in Section 59-7-305(1) in the other state. If the taxpayer voluntarily files and pays one or more taxes when not required to do so by the laws of that state or pays a minimal fee for qualification, organization, or for the privilege of doing business in that state, but

(i) does not actually engage in business activity in that state, or

(ii) does actually engage in some business activity, not sufficient for nexus, and the minimum tax bears no relation to the taxpayer's business activity within that state, the taxpayer is not subject to one of the taxes specified within the meaning of Section 59-7-305(1).

(c) When a State Has Jurisdiction to Subject a Taxpayer to a Net Income Tax. The second test, that of Section 59-7-305(2), applies if the taxpayer's business activity is sufficient to give the state jurisdiction to impose a net income tax by reason of business activity under the Constitution and statutes of the United States. Jurisdiction to tax is not present where the state is prohibited from imposing the tax by reason of the provisions of Public Law 86-272, 15 U. S. C. A. Sec. 381-385 (P.L. 86-272). In the case of any state as defined in Section 59-7-302, other than a state of the United States or political subdivision of a state, the determination of whether a state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a net income tax shall be made as though the jurisdictional standards applicable to a state of the United States applied in that state. If jurisdiction is otherwise present, the state is not considered as without jurisdiction by reason of the provisions of a treaty between that state and the United States.

(7) Apportionment Formula. All business income of the taxpayer shall be apportioned to this state by use of the apportionment formula set forth in Section 59-7-311. The elements of the apportionment formula are the property factor, see Subsection (8), the payroll factor, see Subsection (9), and the sales factor, see Subsection (10) of the trade or business of the taxpayer. For exceptions see Subsection (11).

(8) Property Factor.

(a) In General.

(i) The property factor of the apportionment formula shall include all real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used during the tax period in the regular course of its trade or business. Real and tangible personal property includes land, buildings, machinery, stocks of goods, equipment, and other real and tangible personal property but does not include coin or currency.

(ii) Property used in connection with the production of nonbusiness income shall be excluded from the property factor. Property used both in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business and in the production of nonbusiness income shall be included in the factor only to the extent the property is used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business. The method of determining the portion of the value to be included in the factor will depend upon the facts of each case.

(iii) The property factor shall reflect the average value of property includable in the factor. Refer to Subsection (8)(g).

(b) Property Used for the Production of Business Income. Property shall be included in the property factor if it is actually used or is available for or capable of being used during the tax period in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. Property held as reserves or standby facilities or

property held as a reserve source of materials shall be included in the factor. For example, a plant temporarily idle or raw material reserves not currently being processed are includable in the factor. Property or equipment under construction during the tax period, except inventoriable goods in process, shall be excluded from the factor until the property is actually used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. If the property is partially used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer while under construction, the value of the property to the extent used shall be included in the property factor. Property used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer shall remain in the property factor until its permanent withdrawal is established by an identifiable event such as its conversion to the production of nonbusiness income, its sale, or the lapse of an extended period of time, normally five years, during which the property is no longer held for use in the trade or business.

(c) Consistency in Reporting. In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the manner of valuing property, or of excluding or including property in the property factor, used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification. If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the valuation of property and in the exclusion or inclusion of property in the property factor, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(d) Property Factor Numerator. The numerator of the property factor shall include the average value of the real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in this state during the tax period in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer. Property in transit between locations of the taxpayer to which it belongs shall be considered to be at the destination for purposes of the property factor. Property in transit between a buyer and seller that is included by a taxpayer in the denominator of its property factor in accordance with its regular accounting practices shall be included in the numerator according to the state of destination. The value of mobile or movable property such as construction equipment, trucks, or leased electronic equipment that are located within and without this state during the tax period shall be determined for purposes of the numerator of the factor on the basis of total time within the state during the tax period. An automobile assigned to a traveling employee shall be included in the numerator of the factor of the state to which the employee's compensation is assigned under the payroll factor or in the numerator of the state in which the automobile is licensed.

(e) Valuation of Owned Property.

(i) Property owned by the taxpayer shall be valued at its original cost. As a general rule original cost is deemed to be the basis of the property for state franchise or income tax purposes (prior to any adjustments) at the time of acquisition by the taxpayer and adjusted by subsequent capital additions or improvements thereto and partial disposition thereof, by reasons including sale, exchange, and abandonment. However, capitalized intangible drilling and development costs shall be included in the property factor whether or not they have been expensed for either federal or state tax purposes.

(ii) Inventory of stock of goods shall be included in the factor in accordance with the valuation method used for state tax purposes.

(iii) Property acquired by gift or inheritance shall be included in the factor at its basis for determining depreciation.

(f) Valuation of Rented Property.

(i) Property rented by the taxpayer is valued at eight times its net annual rental rate. The net annual rental rate for any item of rented property is the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer for the property, less the aggregate annual subrental rates paid by subtenants of the taxpayer. See Subsection (11)(b) for special rules where the use of the net annual rental rate produces a negative or clearly inaccurate value or where property is used by the taxpayer at no charge or rented at a nominal rental rate.

(ii) Subrents are not deducted when the subrents constitute business income because the property that produces the subrents is used in the regular course of the trade or business of the taxpayer when it is producing the income. Accordingly there is no reduction in its value.

(iii) Annual rental rate is the amount paid as rental for property for a 12-month period; i.e., the amount of the annual rent. Where property is rented for less than a 12-month period, the rent paid for the actual period of rental shall constitute the annual rental rate for the tax period. However, where a taxpayer has rented property for a term of 12 or more months and the current tax period covers a period of less than 12 months (due, for example, to a reorganization or change of accounting period), the rent paid for the short tax period shall be annualized. If the rental term is for less than 12 months, the rent shall not be annualized beyond its term. Rent shall not be annualized because of the uncertain duration when the rental term is on a month to month basis.

(iv) Annual rent is the actual sum of money or other consideration payable, directly or indirectly, by the taxpayer or for its benefit for the use of the property and includes:

(A) Any amount payable for the use of real or tangible personal property, or any part thereof, whether designated as a fixed sum of money or as a percentage of sales, profits or otherwise.

(B) Any amount payable as additional rent or in lieu of rents, such as interest, taxes, insurance, repairs or any other items that are required to be paid by the terms of the lease or other arrangement, not including amounts paid as service charges, such as utilities, and janitor services. If a payment includes rent and other charges unsegregated, the amount of rent shall be determined by consideration of the relative values of the rent and other items.

(v) Annual rent does not include:

(A) incidental day-to-day expenses such as hotel or motel accommodations, or daily rental of automobiles;

(B) royalties based on extraction of natural resources, whether represented by delivery or purchase. For this purpose, a royalty includes any consideration conveyed or credited to a holder of an interest in property that constitutes a sharing of current or future production of natural resources from that property, irrespective of the method of payment or how that consideration may be characterized, whether as a royalty, advance royalty, rental, or otherwise.

(vi) Leasehold improvements shall, for the purposes of the property factor, be treated as property owned by the taxpayer regardless of whether the taxpayer is entitled to remove the improvements or the improvements revert to the lessor upon expiration of the lease. Hence, the original cost of leasehold improvements shall be included in the factor.

(g) Averaging Property Values. As a general rule, the average value of property owned by the taxpayer shall be determined by averaging the values at the beginning and end of the tax period. However, the Tax Commission may require or allow averaging by monthly values if that method of averaging is required to properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's property for the tax period.

(i) Averaging by monthly values will generally be applied if substantial fluctuations in the values of the property exist during the tax period or where property is acquired after the beginning of the tax period or disposed of before the end of the tax period.

(ii) Example: The monthly value of the taxpayer's property was as follows:

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January	$2,000
February	2,000
March	3,000
April	3,500
May	4,500
June	10,000
July	15,000
August	17,000
September	23,000
October	25,000
November	13,000
December	2,000
Total	$120,000

The average value of the taxpayer's property includable in the property factor for the income year is determined as follows:

$120,000 / 12 = $10,000

(iii) Averaging with respect to rented property is achieved automatically by the method of determining the net annual rental rate of the property as set forth in Subsection (8)(g).

(9) Payroll Factor.

(a) The payroll factor of the apportionment formula shall include the total amount paid by the taxpayer in the regular course of its trade or business for compensation during the tax period.

(b) The total amount paid to employees is determined upon the basis of the taxpayer's accounting method. If the taxpayer has adopted the accrual method of accounting, all compensation properly accrued shall be deemed to have been paid. Notwithstanding the taxpayer's method of accounting, at the election of the taxpayer, compensation paid to employees may be included in the payroll factor by use of the cash method if the taxpayer is required to report compensation under that method for unemployment compensation purposes. The compensation of any employee on account of activities that are connected with the production of nonbusiness income shall be excluded from the factor.

(c) Payments made to an independent contractor or any other person not properly classifiable as an employee are excluded from the payroll factor. Only amounts paid directly to employees are included in the payroll factor. Amounts considered paid directly include the value of board, rent, housing, lodging, and other benefits or services furnished to employees by the taxpayer in return for personal services.

(d) Generally, a person will be considered to be an employee if he is included by the taxpayer as an employee for purposes of the payroll taxes imposed by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. However, since certain individuals are included within the term employees in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act who would not be employees under the usual common law rules, it may be established that a person who is included as an employee for purposes of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act is not an employee for purposes of this rule.

(e)(A) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the treatment of compensation paid used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(B) If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the treatment of compensation paid, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(f) Denominator. The denominator of the payroll factor is the total compensation paid everywhere during the tax period. Accordingly, compensation paid to employees whose services are performed entirely in a state where the taxpayer is immune from taxation, for example, by P.L. 86-272, are included in the denominator of the payroll factor.

(g) Numerator. The numerator of the payroll factor is the total amount paid in this state during the tax period by the taxpayer for compensation. The tests in Section 59-7-316 to be applied in determining whether compensation is paid in this state are derived from the Model Unemployment Compensation Act. Accordingly, if compensation paid to employees is included in the payroll factor by use of the cash method of accounting or if the taxpayer is required to report compensation under that method for unemployment compensation purposes, it shall be presumed that the total wages reported by the taxpayer to this state for unemployment compensation purposes constitute compensation paid in this state except for compensation excluded under this Subsection (9). The presumption may be overcome by satisfactory evidence that an employee's compensation is not properly reportable to this state for unemployment compensation purposes.

(h) Compensation Paid in this State. Compensation is paid in this state if any one of the following tests applied consecutively are met:

(i) The employee's service is performed entirely within the state.

(ii) The employee's service is performed both within and without the state, but the service performed without the state is incidental to the employee's service within the state. The word incidental means any service that is temporary or transitory in nature, or that is rendered in connection with an isolated transaction.

(iii) If the employee's services are performed both within and without this state, the employee's compensation will be attributed to this state:

(A) if the employee's base of operations is in this state; or

(B) if there is no base of operations in any state in which some part of the service is performed, but the place from which the service is directed or controlled is in this state; or

(C) if the base of operations or the place from which the service is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the employee's residence is in this state.

(10) Sales Factor. In General.

(a) Section 59-7-302 defines the term "sales" to mean all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated under Section 59-7-306 through 59-7-310. Thus, for purposes of the sales factor of the apportionment formula for the trade or business of the taxpayer, the term sales means all gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of the trade or business. The following are rules determining sales in various situations.

(i) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in manufacturing and selling or purchasing and reselling goods or products, sales includes all gross receipts from the sales of goods or products (or other property of a kind that would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the tax period) held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business. Gross receipts for this purpose means gross sales, less returns and allowances and includes all interest income, service charges, carrying charges, or time-price differential charges incidental to sales. Federal and state excise taxes (including sales taxes) shall be included as part of receipts if taxes are passed on to the buyer or included as part of the selling price of the product.

(ii) In the case of cost plus fixed fee contracts, such as the operation of a government-owned plant for a fee, sales includes the entire reimbursed cost, plus the fee.

(iii) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in providing services, such as the operation of an advertising agency, or the performance of equipment service contracts, or research and development contracts, sales includes the gross receipts from the performance of services including fees, commissions, and similar items.

(iv) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in renting real or tangible property, sales includes the gross receipts from the

rental, lease or licensing of the use of the property.

(v) In the case of a taxpayer engaged in the sale, assignment, or licensing of intangible personal property such as patents and copyrights, sales includes the gross receipts therefrom.

(vi) If a taxpayer derives receipts from the sale of equipment used in its business, those receipts constitute sales. For example, a truck express company owns a fleet of trucks and sells its trucks under a regular replacement program. The gross receipts from the sales of the trucks are included in the sales factor.

(vii) In some cases certain gross receipts should be disregarded in determining the sales factor in order that the apportionment formula will operate fairly to apportion to this state the income of the taxpayer's trade or business. See Subsection (11)(c).

(viii) In filing returns with this state, if the taxpayer departs from or modifies the basis for excluding or including gross receipts in the sales factor used in returns for prior years, the taxpayer shall disclose in the return for the current year the nature and extent of the modification.

(ix) If the returns or reports filed by the taxpayer with all states to which the taxpayer reports under UDITPA are not uniform in the inclusion or exclusion of gross receipts, the taxpayer shall disclose in its return to this state the nature and extent of the variance.

(b) Denominator. The denominator of the sales factor shall include the total gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business, except receipts excluded under Subsection (11)(d).

(c) Numerator. The numerator of the sales factor shall include gross receipts attributable to this state and derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business. All interest income, service charges, carrying charges, or time-price differential charges incidental to gross receipts shall be included regardless of the place where the accounting records are maintained or the location of the contract or other evidence of indebtedness.

(d) Sales of Tangible Personal Property in this State.

(i) Gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property (except sales to the United States government; see Subsection (10)(e) are in this state:

(A) if the property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of sale; or

(B) if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser.

(ii) Property shall be deemed to be delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the recipient is located in this state, even though the property is ordered from outside this state.

(iii) Property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the shipment terminates in this state, even though the property is subsequently transferred by the purchaser to another state.

(iv) The term "purchaser within this state" shall include the ultimate recipient of the property if the taxpayer in this state, at the designation of the purchaser, delivers to or has the property shipped to the ultimate recipient within this state.

(v) When property being shipped by a seller from the state of origin to a consignee in another state is diverted while en route to a purchaser in this state, the sales are in this state.

(vi) If the taxpayer is not taxable in the state of the purchaser, the sale is attributed to this state if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state.

(vii) If a taxpayer whose salesman operates from an office located in this state makes a sale to a purchaser in another state in which the taxpayer is not taxable and the property is shipped directly by a third party to the purchaser, the following rules apply:

(A) If the taxpayer is taxable in the state from which the third party ships the property, then the sale is in that state.

(B) If the taxpayer is not taxable in the state from which the property is shipped, the sale is in this state.

(e)(i) Sales of Tangible Personal Property to United States Government in this state.

(ii) Gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property to the United States government are in this state if the property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage in this state. For purposes of this rule, only sales for which the United States government makes direct payment to the seller pursuant to the terms of a contract constitute sales to the United States government. Thus, as a general rule, sales by a subcontractor to the prime contractor, the party to the contract with the United States government, do not constitute sales to the United States government.

(f)(i) Sales Other than Sales of Tangible Personal Property in this State.

(ii) In general, Subsections 59-7-319(2) through (7) provide for the inclusion in the numerator of the sales factor of gross receipts from transactions other than sales of tangible personal property (including transactions with the United States government).

(g) Receipts from the Performance of Services.

(i) Under Subsection 59-7-319(3), gross receipts from the performance of a service are considered to be in this state if the purchaser of the service receives a greater benefit of the service in this state than in any other state. In general, the "benefit of the service" approach under the statute reflects a market based approach, and the greater benefit of the service is typically received in the state in which the market for the service exists and where the purchaser is located.

(ii) For businesses engaged in certain industries, specific sourcing rules and guidelines that address the attribution of gross receipts from the performance of a service have been adopted. See Subsection (11)(b).

(iii) The benefit from performance of a service is in this state if any of the following conditions are met:

(A) The service relates to tangible personal property and is performed at a purchaser's location in this state.

(B) The service relates to tangible personal property that the service provider delivers directly or indirectly to a purchaser in this state after the service is performed.

(C) The service is provided to an individual who is physically present in this state at the time the service is received.

(D) The service is provided to a purchaser exclusively engaged in a trade or business in this state and relates to that purchaser's business in this state.

(E) The service is provided to a purchaser that is present in this state and the service relates to that purchaser's activities in this state.

(iv) If the benefit of the service is received in more than one state, the gross receipts from the service are to be sourced using reasonable and consistent methods of analysis to determine in which state the greater benefit of the service is received. Such methods must be supported by the service provider's business records at the time the service was provided. If the benefit of a service is received in Utah and one or more other states and the state where the greater benefit of the service is received cannot otherwise be readily determined through the provisions of this rule, the following sourcing rules are applied in sequential order:

(A) The receipt is sourced to this state if the office from which the purchaser placed the order for the service is in this state.

(B) If the office from which the order was placed cannot be determined, the receipt is sourced to this state if the

purchaser's billing address is in this state.

(C) If the state of the purchaser's billing address cannot be determined, the receipt shall be included in the sales factor in this state.

(v) The term, "gross receipt from the performance of a service" applies to each individual sales transaction, and each sales transaction is considered a discrete transaction for purposes of determining whether the purchaser of the service receives a greater benefit of the service in this state than in any other state.

(vi) In determining whether the greater benefit from the performance of a service is received in this state, the benefit of the service in this state must be compared to the benefit of the service received in each individual state in which any benefit of the service is received, i.e., the benefit of the service received in Utah is not compared to the benefit of the service received in all other states combined.

(vii) In the context of a combined report, the sale of services between members of a unitary group included in a combined report shall be excluded from the combined report sales factor.

(viii) The following examples are provided to illustrate the application of Utah law in regard to receipts from the performance of a service:

(A) A company headquartered and primarily conducting business in Utah contracts for general accounting services with an accounting firm located in another state. The receipts for the accounting service are sourced to Utah regardless of where the services are performed, since the greater benefit of the services is received in this state.

(B) A Utah retailer hires a California agency to develop an advertising campaign targeting its Utah customers. The receipts for the advertising services are sourced to Utah regardless of where the services are actually performed.

(C) A multistate company hires a Colorado firm to perform an appraisal of its business properties in Utah and Colorado. The company has several locations in Utah. However, the headquarters of the company is in Colorado and the value of its properties located in Colorado exceed the value of its properties in Utah. The appraisal fee is not broken down by location of the assets or properties of the company. Use of the property values for each state to determine where the greater benefit of the appraisal services occurred is a reasonable method to determine where the appraisal service fees should be sourced and the service would be sourced to Colorado. However, if the appraisal fees are broken out separately for Colorado and Utah properties or the billing information by state is known, the appraisal fees pertaining to the Utah properties are sourced to Utah and the appraisal fees pertaining to the Colorado properties are sourced to Colorado.

(D) An Internet/cable television service provider provides services to purchasers in Utah as well as other surrounding states. As all of the benefit from the services provided to Utah purchasers is received at residences or business locations in Utah, the receipts from the services provided to Utah purchasers are sourced to Utah.

(E) Data processing services are performed for a company conducting interstate business. The services relate to computer systems that are mainly located in Utah although a few terminals are spread over several other states. Since the data processing services relate to the computer systems that are mainly located in Utah, the greater benefit of the service is considered to be received in Utah and the receipts from the services are sourced to Utah regardless of where the services are actually performed. The location of data processing equipment associated with the data processing services is a reasonable method of sourcing receipts from those services.

(F) Engineering services are performed in connection with a property being constructed in Utah. Since all of the benefit of the service is received in Utah where the construction takes place, the receipts from the engineering services are sourced to Utah regardless of where the actual engineering services are performed.

(G) A California law firm is retained to represent multiple plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit filed against a Utah corporation in a Utah court. Receipts received by the firm for the legal services are sourced to Utah notwithstanding the fact that some of the services were performed outside Utah. The greater benefit of the services is received in Utah since the lawsuit was filed against a Utah corporation in a Utah court.

(H) A moving company performs a moving service for an individual that has been transferred from New Jersey to Utah. The charges for services in connection with the move and unpacking services are sourced to Utah because the greater benefit of the moving services is received by the purchaser in the state to which the property is moved. However, any charges for specific services such as storage or packing that are performed outside of Utah, and that are separately stated, are not sourced to Utah.

(I) A car rental agency rents a vehicle that is picked up from and returned to one of its business locations in Utah. The receipts from the rental are sourced to Utah regardless of whether the vehicle leaves this state for the duration of the rental period.

(11) Special Rules:

(a) Section 59-7-320 provides that if the allocation and apportionment provisions of UDITPA do not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this state, the taxpayer may petition for, or the tax administrator may require, in respect to all or any part of the taxpayer's business activity, if reasonable:

(i) separate accounting;

(ii) the exclusion of any one or more of the factors;

(iii) the inclusion of one or more additional factors that will fairly represent the taxpayer's business activity in this state; or

(iv) the employment of any other method to effectuate an equitable allocation and apportionment of the taxpayer's income.

(b) For businesses engaged in one or more of the following industries, specific statutes, rules, and guidelines have been adopted:

(i) airlines see Sections 59-7-312, 59-7-315, and 59-7-317;

(ii) financial institutions see rule R865-6F-32;

(iii) long term construction contractors see rule R865-6F-16;

(iv) publishing companies see rule R865-6F-31;

(v) railroads see rule R865-6F-29;

(vi) registered securities or commodities brokers and dealers see rule R865-6F-36;

(vii) telecommunications companies see rule R865-6F-33; and

(viii) trucking companies see rule R865-6F-19;and

(ix) businesses or affiliates of businesses providing services to a regulated investment company see Section 59-7-319.

(c) Property Factor.

The following special rules are established in respect to the property factor of the apportionment formula:

(i) If the subrents taken into account in determining the net annual rental rate under Subsection (8)(f)(i) produce a negative or clearly inaccurate value for any item of property, another method that will properly reflect the value of rented property may be required by the Tax Commission or requested by the taxpayer. In no case however, shall the value be less than an amount that bears the same ratio to the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer for property as the fair market value of that portion of property used by the taxpayer bears to the total fair market

value of the rented property.

(ii) If property owned by others is used by the taxpayer at no charge or rented by the taxpayer for a nominal rate, the net annual rental rate for the property shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable market rental rate for that property.

(d) Sales Factors.

The following special rules are established in respect to the sales factor of the apportionment formula:

(i) Where substantial amounts of gross receipts arise from an incidental or occasional sale of a fixed asset used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business, those gross receipts shall be excluded from the sales factor. For example, gross receipts from the sale of a factory or plant will be excluded.

(ii) Insubstantial amounts of gross receipts arising from incidental or occasional transactions or activities may be excluded from the sales factor unless exclusion would materially affect the amount of income apportioned to this state. For example, the taxpayer ordinarily may include or exclude from the sales factor gross receipts from such transactions as the sale of office furniture, and business automobiles.

(iii) Where intangible property generates business income and the state in which that intangible property is being used can be determined, that income is included in the denominator of the sales factor and, if and to the extent that property is used in this state, in the numerator of the sales factor as well. For example, usually the state in which the intangible property is being used can be readily identified in respect to interest income received on deferred payments on sales of tangible property, see Subsection (10)(a)(i), and income from the sale, licensing or other use of intangible personal property.

(A) Where intangible property generates business income and the state in which that intangible property is being used cannot be determined, the income cannot be assigned to the numerator of the sales factor for any state and shall be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor. For example, where business income in the form of dividends received on stock, royalties received on patents or copyrights, or interest received on bonds, debentures or government securities results from the mere holding of the intangible personal property by the taxpayer, such dividends and interest shall be excluded from the denominator of the sales factor.

(B) Exclude from the denominator of the sales factor, receipts from the sales of securities unless the taxpayer is a dealer therein.

(iv) Where gains and losses on the sale of liquid assets are not excluded from the sales factor by other provisions under Subsections (11)(d)(i) through (iii), such gains or losses shall be treated as provided in this Subsection (11)(d)(iv). This Subsection (11)(d)(iv) does not provide rules relating to the treatment of other receipts produced from holding or managing such assets.

(A) If a taxpayer holds liquid assets in connection with one or more treasury functions of the taxpayer, and the liquid assets produce business income when sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed, the overall net gain from those transactions for each treasury function for the tax period is included in the sales factor. For purposes of this Subsection (11)(d)(iv), each treasury function will be considered separately.

(B) For purposes of this Subsection (11)(d)(iv), a liquid asset is an asset (other than functional currency or funds held in bank accounts) held to provide a relatively immediate source of funds to satisfy the liquidity needs of the trade or business. Liquid assets include:

(I) foreign currency (and trading positions therein) other than functional currency used in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business;

(II) marketable instruments (including stocks, bonds, debentures, options, warrants, futures contracts, etc.); and

(III) mutual funds which hold such liquid assets.

(C) An instrument is considered marketable if it is traded in an established stock or securities market and is regularly quoted by brokers or dealers in making a market. Stock in a corporation which is unitary with the taxpayer, or which has a substantial business relationship with the taxpayer, is not considered marketable stock.

(D) For purposes of this Subsection (11)(d)(iv)(D), a treasury function is the pooling and management of liquid assets for the purpose of satisfying the cash flow needs of the trade or business, such as providing liquidity for a taxpayer's business cycle, providing a reserve for business contingencies, business acquisitions, etc. A taxpayer principally engaged in the trade or business of purchasing and selling instruments or other items included in the definition of liquid assets set forth herein is not performing a treasury function with respect to income so produced.

(E) Overall net gain refers to the total net gain from all transactions incurred at each treasury function for the entire tax period, not the net gain from a specific transaction.

(e) Domestic International Sales Corporation (DISC). In any case in which a corporation, subject to the income tax jurisdiction of Utah, owns 50 percent or more of the voting power of the stock of a corporation classified as a DISC under the provisions of Sec. 992 Internal Revenue Code, a combined filing with the DISC corporation is required.

(f) Partnership or Joint Venture Income. Income or loss from partnership or joint venture interests shall be included in income and apportioned to Utah through application of the three-factor formula consisting of property, payroll and sales. For apportionment purposes, the portion of partnership or joint venture property, payroll and sales to be included in the corporation's property, payroll and sales factors shall be computed on the basis of the corporation's ownership interest in the partnership or joint venture, and otherwise in accordance with other applicable provisions of this rule.

R865-6F-14. Extent to Which Federal Income Tax Provisions Are Followed for Corporation Franchise Tax Purposes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-106, 59-7-108, 59-7-501, and 59-7-502.

(1) It is the policy of the commission, in matters involving the determination of income for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes, to follow as closely as possible federal requirements with respect to the same matters. In some instances the federal and state statutes differ, and as a result the federal rulings, regulations, and decisions may not be followed. Furthermore, in some instances, the commission may disagree with the federal determinations and does not consider them controlling for Utah corporation franchise tax purposes.

(2) The items of major importance ordinarily allowed in conformity with federal requirements are:

(a) depreciation,
(b) depletion,
(c) exploration and development expenses,
(d) intangible drilling costs,
(e) accounting methods and periods, and
(f) Subpart F income.

(3) The following are the major items that require different treatment under the state and federal statutes:

(a) combined reporting,
(b) consolidated returns,
(c) dividends received deduction,
(d) municipal bond interest,
(e) capital loss deduction,
(f) loss carry-overs and carry-backs, and
(g) gross-up on foreign dividends.

R865-6F-15. Installment Basis of Reporting Income in Year

of Termination Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-112.

A. The Corporation Franchise Tax Act allows a corporation, under certain conditions and under rules prescribed by the Tax Commission, to report income arising from the sale or other disposition of property on a deferred or so-called installment basis. Thus, a gain technically realized at the time the sale is made may, at the election of the taxpayer, be reported on a deferred basis in accordance with the law and the following sections of this rule. The rule allowing deferment of reporting such income is only one of postponement of the tax, and not one of exemption from a tax otherwise lawfully due. Thus, the privilege of deferment is terminated if the taxpayer ceases to be subject to tax prior to the reporting of the entire amount of installment income. When a taxpayer elects to report income arising from the sale or other disposition of property as provided in Section 59-7-112, and the entire income therefrom has not been reported prior to the year that the taxpayer ceases to be subject to the tax imposed under the Utah Corporation Income and Franchise Tax Acts, the unreported income is included in the return for the last year in which the taxpayer is subject to the tax. This rule applies to all corporations which elect to report on the installment basis. If a corporation on this basis desires to dissolve or to withdraw, it must comply with the provisions hereof prior to issuance of the tax clearance certificate.

B. Income reported under the provisions of Section 59-7-112 and this rule shall be subject to the same treatment in the allocation of income; i.e., specific allocation or apportionment, as would have been accorded the original income from the sale under the provisions of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act. In case such income is subject to apportionment, the apportionment fraction for the year in which the income is reported applies rather than the year in which the sale was made.

R865-6F-16. Apportionment of Income of Long-Term Construction Contractors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 321.

(1) When a taxpayer elects to use the percentage-of-completion method of accounting, or the completed contract method of accounting for long-term contracts, and has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income derived from such long- term contracts from sources within this state is determined pursuant to this rule.

(2) Business income is apportioned to this state by a three-factor formula consisting of property, payroll, and sales--regardless of the method of accounting for long-term contracts elected by the taxpayer. The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(a) Percentage-of-completion method. Under this method of accounting for long-term contracts, the amount included each year as business income from each contract is the amount by which the gross contract price (which corresponds to the percentage of the entire contract completed during the income years) exceeds all expenditures made during the income year in connection with the contract. Beginning and ending material and supplies inventories must be appropriately accounted for in reporting expenditures.

(b) Completed-contract method. Under this method of accounting, business income derived from long-term contracts is reported for the income year in which the contract is completed. A special computation is required to compute the amount of business income attributable to this state from each completed contract. All receipts and expenditures applicable to the contracts, whether complete or incomplete at the end of the income year, are excluded from other business income, which are apportioned by the regular three-factor formula of property, payroll, and sales.

(3) Property factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the property factor is determined as set forth in Sections 59-7-312, 59-7-313, and 59-7-314 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable:

(a) The average value of the taxpayer's cost (including materials and labor) of construction in progress, to the extent these costs exceed progress billings, are included in the denominator of the property factor. The value of those construction costs attributable to construction projects in this state are included in the numerator of the property factor. It may be necessary to use monthly averages if yearly averages do not properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's equity.

(b) Rent paid for the use of equipment directly attributable to a particular construction project is included in the property factor at eight times the net annual rental rate, even though the rental expense may be capitalized into the cost of construction.

(c) The property factor is computed in the same manner for all long-term-contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year, even though under the completed-contract method of accounting business income is computed separately.

(4) Payroll factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the payroll factor are determined as set forth in Sections 59-7-315 and 59-7-316 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable.

(a) Compensation paid to employees attributable to a particular construction project is included in the payroll factor even though capitalized into the cost of construction.

(b) Compensation paid to employees who, in the aggregate, perform most of their services in a state to which their employer does not report them for unemployment tax purposes, is attributed to the state where the services are performed. For example, a taxpayer engaged in a long-term contract in State X sends several key employees to that state to supervise the project. The taxpayer, for unemployment tax purposes reports these employees to State Y where the main office is maintained and where the employees reside. For payroll factor purposes and in accordance with Section 59-7-316 and the rule thereunder, the compensation is assigned to the numerator of State X.

(c) The payroll factor is computed in the same manner for all long-term-contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year, even though under the completed contract method of accounting, business income is computed separately.

(5) Sales Factor. In general, the numerator and denominator of the sales factor shall be determined as set forth in Sections 59-7-317, 59-7-318, and 59-7-319 and the rules thereunder. However, the following special rules are also applicable.

(a) Gross receipts derived from the performance of a contract are attributable to this state if the construction project is located in this state. If the construction project is located partly within and partly without this state, the gross receipts attributable to this state are based upon the ratio which construction costs for the project in this state incurred during the coming year bears to the total of such construction costs for the entire project during the income year. Progress billings are ordinarily used to reflect gross receipts and must be shown in both the numerator and denominator of the sales factor.

(b) If the percentage-of-completion method is used, the sales factor includes only that portion of the gross contract price which corresponds to the percentage of the entire contract which was completed during the income year. For example, a construction contractor which had elected the percentage-of-completion method of accounting entered into a $9,000,000

long-term construction contract. At the end of its current income year (the second since starting the project) it estimated that the project was 30 percent completed. The amount of gross receipts included in the sales factor for the current income year is $2,700,000 (30 percent of $9,000,000), regardless of whether the taxpayer uses the accrual method or the cash method of accounting for receipts and disbursements.

(c) If the completed-contract method of accounting is used, the sales factor includes the portion of the gross receipts (progress billings) received under the cash basis or accrued, whichever is applicable, during the income year attributable to each contract. For example, a construction contractor which elected the completed-contract method of accounting entered into a long-term construction contract. At the end of its current income year (the second since starting the project) it had billed, and accrued on its books a total of $5,000,000 of which $2,000,000 had accrued in the first year the contract was undertaken, and $3,000,000 in the current (second) year. The amount of gross receipts included in the sales factor for the current income year is $3,000,000. If the taxpayer keeps its books on the cash basis, and as of the end of its current income year has received only $2,500,000 of the $3,000,000 billed during the current year, the amount of gross receipts to be included in the sales factor for the current year is $2,500,000.

(d) The sales factor, except as noted above in Subsections (5)(b) and (c), is computed in the same manner for all long-term contract methods of accounting and is computed for each income year--even though under the completed-contract method of accounting, business income is computed separately.

(6) The completed-contract method of accounting provides that the reporting of income (or loss) is deferred until the year the construction project is completed. In order to determine the amount of income which is attributable to sources within this state, a separate computation is made for each contract completed during the income year, regardless of whether the project is located within or without this state. The amount of income from each contract completed during the income year apportioned to this state is added to other business income apportioned to this state by the regular three-factor formula, and that total together with all nonbusiness income allocated to this state becomes the measure of tax for the income year. The amount of income (or loss) from each contract which is derived from sources within this state using the completed-contract method of accounting is computed as follows.

(a) In the income year the contract is completed, the income (or loss) therefrom is determined.

(b) The income (or loss) determined at Subsection (6)(a) is apportioned to this state by the following method:

(i) a fraction is determined for each year the contract was in progress (the numerator of which is the amount of construction costs paid or accrued each year the contract was in progress, and the denominator of which is the total of all construction costs for the project);

(ii) each fraction determined in Subsection (6)(b)(i) is multiplied by the apportionment formula percentage for that particular year;

(iii) these factors are totaled; and

(iv) the total income is multiplied by this combined percentage, and the resulting income (or loss) is the amount of contract business income assigned to this state.

(c) A corporation using the completed-contract method of accounting is required to include income derived from sources within this state from contracts within or without this state or income from incomplete contracts in progress outside this state in the year of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business pursuant to Subsection (6)(d).

(d) The amount of income (or loss) from each such contract apportioned to this state is determined as if the percentage-of-completion method of accounting were used for all such contracts on the date of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business. The amount of business income (or loss) for each such contract is the amount by which the gross contract price from each such contract from the commencement thereof to the date of withdrawal, dissolution, or cessation of business exceeds all expenditures made during such period in connection with each such contract. Beginning and ending material and supplies inventories must be appropriately accounted for in reporting expenditures in connection with each contract.

R865-6F-18. Exemptions from Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-101 and 59-7-102.

A. The following definitions apply to the exemption for corporate franchise and income tax for a farmers' cooperative.

1. "Member" means a person who shares in the profits of a cooperative association and is entitled to participate in the management of the association.

2. "Producer" means a person who, as owner or tenant, bears the risk of production and receives income based on farm production rather than fixed compensation.

B. In order to claim an exemption from corporate franchise and income tax provided for by Section 59-7-102, a corporation must submit to the Tax Commission form TC-161, Utah Registration for Exemption from Corporate Franchise or Income Tax, along with any information that form requires, for the Tax Commission's determination that the corporation satisfies the requirements of Section 59-7-102.

C. A corporation shall notify the Tax Commission of any change that affects its tax exempt status under Section 59-7-102.

D. For purposes of the Section 59-7-102 exemption for a farmers' cooperative, an association, corporation, or other organization similar to an association, corporation, or other organization of farmers or fruit growers includes establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish and other animals from a farm, ranch, or their natural habitat.

R865-6F-19. Taxation of Trucking Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Average value" of property means the amount determined by averaging the values of real and personal property at the beginning and end of the income tax year. The Tax Commission may require the averaging of monthly values during the income year or other averaging as necessary to reflect properly the average value of the trucking company's property.

(b) "Business and nonbusiness income" are as defined in R865-6F-8(1).

(c) "Mobile property" means all motor vehicles, including trailers, engaged directly in the movement of tangible personal property.

(d) "Mobile property mile" means the movement of a unit of mobile property a distance of one mile, whether loaded or unloaded.

(e) "Original cost" means the basis of the property for federal income tax purposes (prior to any federal income tax adjustments, except for subsequent capital additions, improvements thereto, or partial dispositions); or if the property has no such basis, or if the valuation of the property is unascertainable under the foregoing valuation standards, the property is included in the property factor at its fair market value as of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer.

(f) "Property used during the course of the income year" means property that is available for use in the taxpayer's trade or business during the income year.

(g) "Trucking company" means a corporation engaged in or transacting the business of transporting freight, merchandise, or other property for hire.

(h) "Value of owned real and tangible personal property" means the original cost of owned real and tangible personal property.

(i) "Value of rented real and tangible personal property" means the product of eight times the net annual rental rate of rented real and tangible personal property.

(2) When a trucking company has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the trucking company's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

(3) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(4) The denominator of the property factor shall be the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the income year. The numerator of the property factor shall be the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used, or available for use, within this state during the income year.

(a) In the determination of the numerator of the property factor, all property, except mobile property, shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

(b) Mobile property located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that the mobile property's miles within this state bear to the total miles of mobile property within and without this state.

(5) The denominator of the payroll factor is the compensation paid within and without this state by the taxpayer during the income year for the production of business income. The numerator of the payroll factor is the compensation paid within this state during the income year by the taxpayer for the production of business income.

(a) With respect to all personnel, except those performing services within and without this state, compensation shall be included in the numerator as provided in R865-6F-8(9).

(b) With respect to personnel performing services within and without this state, compensation shall be included in the numerator of the payroll factor in the ratio that their services performed within this state bear to their services performed within and without this state.

(6) In general, all revenue derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business that produce business income shall be included in the denominator of the revenue factor. The numerator of the revenue factor is the total revenue of the taxpayer in this state during the income year.

(a) The total state revenue of the taxpayer, other than revenue from hauling freight, mail, and express, shall be attributable to this state in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(b) The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year from hauling freight, mail, and express shall be:

(i) Intrastate: all receipts from any shipment that both originates and terminates within this state; and

(ii) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from movements or shipments passing through, into, or out of this state as determined by the ratio that the mobile property miles traveled by the movements or shipments within this state bear to the total mobile property miles traveled by the movements or shipments within and without this state.

(7) The taxpayer shall maintain the records necessary to identify mobile property and to enumerate by state the mobile property miles traveled by mobile property. These records are subject to review by the commission or its agents.

(8) This rule requires apportionment of income to this state if during the course of the income tax year, the trucking company:

(a) owned or rented any real or personal property in this state;

(b) made any pickups or deliveries within this state;

(c) traveled more than 25,000 mobile property miles within this state, provided that the total mobile property miles traveled within this state during the income tax year exceeded three percent of the total mobile property miles traveled in all states by the trucking company during the period; or

(d) made more than 12 trips into this state.

R865-6F-22. Treatment of Loss Carrybacks and Carryforwards Spanning a Change in Reporting Methods Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-402 and 59-7-403.

A. For purposes of this rule, "worldwide year" means a year in which a corporation filed a worldwide combined report as set forth in Sections 59-7-101(34) and 59-7-403.

B. For purposes of this rule, "water's edge year" means a year in which a corporation filed a combined report as set forth in Sections 59-7-101(33) and 59-7-402.

C. A corporation that receives permission from the Tax Commission to change its filing method to the water's edge method after having elected the worldwide method will be required to forfeit any unused loss carryovers that were generated in any worldwide year as a condition precedent to making that change. Any losses generated in a subsequent water's edge year may not be carried back against income earned in any year prior to the change to the water's edge method, but must be carried to a post-change water's edge year.

D. A corporation that elects the worldwide filing method subsequent to adoption of this rule will be required to forfeit any unused loss carryovers that were generated in any water's edge year. Any losses generated in a subsequent worldwide year may not be carried back against income earned in any year prior to the change to the worldwide election method, but must be carried to a post-change worldwide year.

R865-6F-24. Attribution of Sales of Tangible Property to the Sales Factor for Apportionment of Business Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-317.

A. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. Section 381, the phrase "activities within such state by or on behalf of such person" means the activities of any member of a unitary business as that term is defined in Section 59-7-302.

B. If the activity in this state of any member of a unitary business exceeds the activity protected by 15 U.S.C. Section 381, sales of tangible property into this state, from an out-of-state location by any member of the unitary business shall be included in this state's sales factor numerator under Section 59-7-317.

C. If any member of a unitary business is taxable in another state under Section 59-7-305, sales of tangible property from a Utah location, into that state by any member of the unitary business shall not be thrown back to this state as ordinarily provided under Section 59-7-318.

D. This rule is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1992.

R865-6F-26. Historic Preservation Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-609.

A. Definitions:

1. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, and permit fees.

2. "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" does not include movable furnishings.

3. "Residential" as used in Section 59-7-609 applies only to the use of the building after the project is completed.

B. Taxpayers shall file an application for approval of all proposed rehabilitation work with the Division of State History prior to the completion of restoration or rehabilitation work on the project. The application shall be on a form provided by the Division of State History.

C. Rehabilitation work must receive a unique certification number from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

D. In order to receive final certification and be issued a unique certification number for the project, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The project approved under B. must be completed.

2. Upon completion of the project, taxpayers shall notify the State Historic Preservation Office and provide that office an opportunity to review, examine, and audit the project. In order to be certified, a project shall be completed in accordance with the approved plan and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

3. Taxpayers restoring buildings not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places shall submit a complete National Register Nomination Form. If the nomination meets National Register criteria, the State Historic Preservation Office shall approve the nomination.

4. Projects must be completed, and the $10,000 expenditure threshold required by Section 59-7-609 must be met, within 36 months of the approval received pursuant to B.

5. During the course of the project and for three years thereafter, all work done on the building shall comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

E. Proof of State Historic Preservation Office certification shall be made by:

1. receiving an authorization form from the State Historic Preservation Office containing the certification number;

2. attaching that authorization form to the tax return for the year in which the credit is claimed.

F. Credit amounts shall be applied against Utah corporate franchise tax due in the tax year in which the project receives final certification under D.

G. Credit amounts greater than the amount of Utah corporate franchise tax due in a tax year shall be carried forward to the extent provided by Section 59-7-609.

H. Carryforward historic preservation tax credits shall be applied against Utah franchise tax due before the application of any historic preservation credits earned in the current year and on a first-earned, first-used basis.

I. Original records supporting the credit claimed must be maintained for three years following the date the return was filed claiming the credit.

R865-6F-27. Order of Credits Applied Against Utah Corporate Franchise Tax Due Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-6-102, 59-13-202, and 59-13-301, and Title 59, Chapter 7, and Title 63M, Chapter 1.

Taxpayers shall deduct credits authorized by Section 59-6-102, Section 59-13-202, Section 59-13-301, Title 59, Chapter 7, and Title 63M, Chapter 1 against Utah corporate franchise tax due in the following order:

(1) nonrefundable credits;

(2) nonrefundable credits with a carryforward;

(3) refundable credits.

R865-6F-28. Enterprise Zone Corporate Franchise Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 63M-1-401 through 63M-1-416.

(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) "Qualifying investment" does not include an investment made by a member of a unitary group in plant, equipment, or other depreciable property of another member of that unitary group.

(g) "Taxpayer" means the person claiming the tax credits in section 63M-1-413.

(h) "Transfer" pursuant to Section 63M-1-411, means the relocation of assets and operations of a business, including personnel, plant, property, and equipment.

(i) "Unitary group" is as defined in Section 59-7-101.

(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 (3)(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 (3)(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) A business entity that conducts non-retail operations and is engaged in retail trade is primarily engaged in retail trade if the retail trade operations constitute more than 50% of the business entity's total operations.

(5) 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.

(6) Corporate franchise tax credits may not be used to offset or reduce the $100 minimum tax per corporation.

(7) 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.

(8) If an enterprise zone designation is revoked prior to the expiration of the period for which it was designated, only tax credits earned prior to the loss of that designation will be allowed.

R865-6F-29. Taxation of Railroads Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Average value" of property means the amount determined by averaging the values of real and personal property at the beginning and ending of the income tax year. The commission may require the averaging of monthly values during the income year or other averaging as necessary to reflect properly the average value of the railroad's property.

(b) "Business and nonbusiness income" are as defined in R865-6F-8(1).

(c) "Car-mile" means a movement of a unit of car equipment a distance of one mile.

(d) "Locomotive" means a self-propelled unit of equipment designed solely for moving other equipment.

(e) "Locomotive-mile" means the movement of a locomotive a distance of one mile under its own power.

(f) "Net annual rental rate" means the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer less any annual rental rate received by the taxpayer from subrentals.

(g) "Original cost" means the basis of the property for federal income tax purposes (prior to any federal income tax adjustments except for subsequent capital additions, improvements thereto or partial dispositions). If the original cost of property is unascertainable under the foregoing valuation standards, the property is included in the property factor at its fair market value as of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer.

(h) "Property used during the income year" means property that is available for use in the taxpayer's trade or business during the income year.

(i) "Rent" does not include the per diem and mileage charges paid by the taxpayer for the temporary use of railroad cars owned or operated by another railroad.

(j) "Value of owned real and tangible personal property" means the original cost of owned real and tangible personal property.

(k) "Value of rented real and tangible personal property" means the product of eight times the net annual rental rate of rented real and tangible personal property.

(2) When a railroad has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the railroad's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

(3) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9),and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(4) The denominator of the property factor shall be the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the income year. The numerator of the property factor shall be the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within this state during the income year.

(a) In determining the numerator of the property factor, all property except mobile or movable property such as passenger cars, freight cars, locomotives and freight containers located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

(b) Mobile or movable property such as passenger cars, freight cars, locomotives and freight containers located within and without this state during the income year shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that locomotive-miles and car-miles in the state bear to the total of locomotive-miles and car-miles both within and without this state.

(5) The denominator of the payroll factor is the total compensation paid within and without this state by the taxpayer during the income year for the production of business income. The numerator of the payroll factor is the amount of compensation paid within this state during the income year for the production of business income.

(a) With respect to all personnel except engine men and trainmen performing services on interstate trains, compensation shall be included in the numerator as provided in R865-6F-8(9).

(b) With respect to engine men and trainmen performing services on interstate trains, compensation shall be included in the numerator of the payroll factor in the ratio that their services performed in this state bear to their services performed within and without this state.

(c) Compensation for services performed in this state shall be deemed to be the compensation reported or required to be reported by employees for determination of their income tax liability to this state.

(6) In general, all revenue derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within and without this state that produce business income, except per diem and mileage charges that are calculated by the taxpayer, shall be included in the denominator of the revenue factor. The numerator of the revenue factor is the total revenue of the taxpayer within this state during the income year.

(a) The total revenue of the taxpayer in this state during the income year, other than revenue from hauling freight, passengers, mail and express, shall be attributable to this state in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(b) The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year for the numerator of the revenue factor from hauling freight, mail and express shall be attributable to this state as follows:

(i) Intrastate: all receipts from shipments that both originate and terminate within this state; and

(ii) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from each movement or shipment passing through, into, or out of this state is determined by the ratio that the miles traveled by the movement or shipment in this state bears to the total miles traveled by the movement or shipment from point of origin to destination.

(c) The total revenue of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year for the numerator of the revenue factor from hauling passengers shall be attributable to this state as follows:

(i) Intrastate: all receipts from the transportation of passengers, including mail and express handled in passenger service, that both originate and terminate within this state; and

(ii) Interstate: that portion of the receipts from the transportation of interstate passengers, including mail and express handled in passenger service, determined by the ratio that passenger miles in this state bear to the total of passenger miles within and without this state.

(7) The taxpayer shall maintain the records necessary to identify mobile property and to enumerate by state the mobile property miles traveled by mobile property. These records are subject to review by the commission or its agents.

R865-6F-30. Higher Education Savings Incentive Program Tax Deduction Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 53B-8a-112, 59-7-105, and 59-7-106.

(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.

R865-6F-31. Taxation of Publishing Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Outer-jurisdictional property" means certain types of tangible personal property, such as orbiting satellites, undersea transmission cables and the like, that are owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in the business of publishing, licensing, selling or otherwise distributing printed material, but that are not physically located in any particular state.

(b) "Print" or "printed material" means the physical embodiment or printed version of any thought or expression, including a play, story, article, column or other literary, commercial, educational, artistic or other written or printed work. The determination of whether an item is or consists of print or printed material shall be made without regard to its content. Printed material may take the form of a book, newspaper, magazine, periodical, trade journal, or any other form of printed matter and may be contained on any medium or property.

(c) "Purchaser" and "subscriber" mean the individual, residence, business or other outlet that is the ultimate or final recipient of the print or printed material. Neither term shall mean or include a wholesaler or other distributor of print or printed material.

(d) "Terrestrial facility" shall include any telephone line, cable, fiber optic, microwave, earth station, satellite dish, antennae, or other relay system or device that is used to receive, transmit, relay or carry any data, voice, image or other information that is transmitted from or by any outer-jurisdictional property to the ultimate recipient thereof.

(2) When a taxpayer in the business of publishing, selling, licensing or distributing books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, trade journals, or other printed material has income from sources both within and without this state, the amount of business income from sources within this state shall be determined pursuant to this rule. In those cases, the first step is to determine what portion of the taxpayer's income constitutes business income and what portion constitutes nonbusiness income. Nonbusiness income is directly allocable to specific states and business income is apportioned among the states in which the business is conducted and pursuant to the property, payroll, and sales apportionment factors set forth in this rule. The sum of the items of nonbusiness income directly allocated to this state, plus the amount of business income apportioned to this state, constitutes the amount of the taxpayer's entire net income subject to tax in this state.

(3) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(4) All real and tangible personal property, including outer-jurisdictional property, whether owned or rented, that is used in the business shall be included in the denominator of the property factor.

(5)(a) All real and tangible personal property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used within this state during the tax period shall be included in the numerator of the property factor.

(b) Outer-jurisdictional property owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in this state during the tax period shall be included in the numerator of the property factor in the ratio that the value of the property attributable to its use by the taxpayer in business activities within this state bears to the value of the property attributable to its use in the taxpayer's business activities within and without this state.

(i) The value of outer-jurisdictional property attributed to the numerator of the property factor of this state shall be determined by the ratio that the number of uplinks and downlinks, or half-circuits, used during the tax period to transmit from this state and to receive in this state any data, voice, image or other information bears to the number of uplinks and downlinks or half-circuits used for transmissions

within and without this state.

(ii) If information regarding uplink and downlink or half-circuit usage is not available or if measurement of activity is not applicable to the type of outer-jurisdictional property used by the taxpayer, the value of that property attributed to the numerator of the property factor of this state shall be determined by the ratio that the amount of time, in terms of hours and minutes of use, or other measurement of use of outer-jurisdictional property that was used during the tax period to transmit from this state and to receive within this state any data, voice, image or other information bears to the total amount of time or other measurement of use that was used for transmissions within and without this state.

(iii) Outer-jurisdictional property shall be considered to have been used by the taxpayer in its business activities within this state when that property, wherever located, has been employed by the taxpayer in any manner in the publishing, sale, licensing or other distribution of books, newspapers, magazines or other printed material, and any data, voice, image or other information is transmitted to or from this state either through an earth station or terrestrial facility located within this state.

(A) One example of the use of outer-jurisdictional property is when the taxpayer owns its own communications satellite or leases the use of uplinks, downlinks or circuits or time on a communications satellite for the purpose of sending messages to its newspaper printing facilities or employees. The states in which any printing facility that receives the satellite communications are located and the state from which the communications were sent would, under this rule, apportion the cost of the owned or rented satellite to their respective property factors based upon the ratio of the in-state use of the satellite to its usage within and without the state.

(B) Assume that ABC Newspaper Co. owns a total of $400,000,000 of property and, in addition, owns and operates a communication satellite for the purpose of sending news articles to its printing plant in this state, as well as for communicating with its printing plants and facilities or news bureaus, employees and agents located in other states and throughout the world. Also assume that the total value of its real and tangible personal property that was permanently located in this state for the entire income year was valued at $3,000,000. Assume also that the original cost of the satellite is $100,000,000 for the tax period and that of the 10,000 uplinks and downlinks or half-circuits of satellite transmissions used by the taxpayer during the tax period, 200 or 2% are attributable to its satellite communications received in and sent from this state. Assume further that the company's mobile property that was used partially within this state, consisting of 40 delivery trucks, was determined to have an original cost of $4,000,000 and was used in this state for 95 days. The total value of property attributed to this state is determined as follows:

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Value of property permanently in state =	$3,000,000
Value of mobile property: 95/365 or (.260274) x $4,000,000 =	$1,041,096
Value of leased satellite property used in-state: (.02) x $100,000,000 =	$2,000,000
Total value of property attributable to state =	$6,041,096
Total property factor percentage: $6,041,096/$500,000,000 =	1.2082%

(6) The payroll factor shall be determined in accordance with Sections 59-7-315 and 59-7-316.

(7) The denominator of the sales factor shall include the total gross receipts derived by the taxpayer from transactions and activity in the regular course of its trade or business, except receipts that may be excluded under R865-6F-8(11)(c).

(8) The numerator of the sales factor shall include all gross receipts of the taxpayer from sources within this state, including the following:

(a) Gross receipts derived from the sale of tangible personal property, including printed materials, delivered or shipped to a purchaser or a subscriber in this state; and

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b)(ii), gross receipts derived from advertising and the sale, rental, or other use of the taxpayer's customer lists or any portion thereof shall be attributed to this state as determined by the taxpayer's circulation factor during the tax period. The circulation factor shall be determined for each publication of printed material containing advertising and shall be equal to the ratio that the taxpayer's in-state circulation to purchasers and subscribers of its printed material bears to its circulation to purchasers and subscribers within and without the state.

(i) The circulation factor for an individual publication shall be determined by reference to the rating statistics as reflected in such sources as Audit Bureau of Circulations or other comparable sources, provided that the source selected is consistently used from year to year for that purpose. If none of the foregoing sources are available, or, if available, not in form or content sufficient for these purposes, the circulation factor shall be determined from the taxpayer's books and records.

(ii) When specific items of advertisements can be shown, upon clear and convincing evidence, to have been distributed solely to a limited regional or local geographic area in which this state is located, the taxpayer may petition, or the commission may require, that a portion of those receipts be attributed to the sales factor numerator of this state on the basis of a regional or local geographic area circulation factor and not upon the basis of the circulation factor provided by Subsection (8)(b)(i). This attribution shall be based upon the ratio that the taxpayer's circulation to purchasers and subscribers located in this state of the printed material containing specific items of advertising bears to its total circulation of printed material to purchasers and subscribers located within the regional or local geographic area. This alternative attribution method shall be permitted only upon the condition that receipts are not double counted or otherwise included in the numerator of any other state.

(iii) If the purchaser or subscriber is the United States government or if the taxpayer is not taxable in a state, the gross receipts from all sources, including the receipts from the sale of printed material, from advertising, and from the sale, rental or other use of the taxpayer's customer lists, or any portion thereof that would have been attributed by the circulation factor to the numerator of the sales factor for that state, shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor of this state if the printed material or other property is shipped from an office, store, warehouse, factory, or other place of storage or business in this state.

R865-6F-32. Taxation of Financial Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Billing address" means the location indicated in the books and records of the taxpayer on the first day of the taxable year, or on the later date in the taxable year when the customer relationship began, where any notice, statement or bill relating to a customer's account is mailed.

(b) "Borrower or credit card holder located in this state" means:

(i) a borrower, other than a credit card holder, that is engaged in a trade or business that maintains its commercial domicile in this state; or

(ii) a borrower that is not engaged in a trade or business, or a credit card holder, whose billing address is in this state.

(c) "Commercial domicile" means:

(i) the place from which the trade or business is principally managed and directed; or

(ii) if a taxpayer is organized under the laws of a foreign country, or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, that taxpayer's commercial domicile shall be deemed for the purposes of this rule to be the state of the United States or the District of Columbia from which that taxpayer's trade or business in the United States is principally managed and directed. It shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal, that the location from which the taxpayer's trade or business is principally managed and directed is the state of the United States or the District of Columbia to which the greatest number of employees are regularly connected or out of which they are working, irrespective of where the services of those employees are performed, as of the last day of the taxable year.

(d) "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services that are included in the employee's gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code. In the case of employees not subject to the federal Internal Revenue Code, the determination of whether payments constitute gross income under the federal Internal Revenue Code shall be made as though those employees were subject to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(e) "Credit card" means a credit, travel, or entertainment card.

(f) "Credit card issuer's reimbursement fee" means the fee a taxpayer receives from a merchant's bank because one of the persons to whom the taxpayer has issued a credit card has charged merchandise or services to the credit card.

(g) "Employee" means, with respect to a particular taxpayer, any individual who, under the usual common law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee of that taxpayer.

(h) "Financial institution" means:

(i) any corporation or other business entity registered under state law as a bank holding company or registered under the Federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or registered as a savings and loan holding company under the Federal National Housing Act, as amended;

(ii) a national bank organized and existing as a national bank association pursuant to the provisions of the National Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections 21 et seq.;

(iii) a savings association or federal savings bank as defined in the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(b)(1);

(iv) any bank, industrial loan corporation, or thrift institution incorporated or organized under the laws of any state;

(v) any corporation organized under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. Sections611 through 631.

(vi) any agency or branch of a foreign depository as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 3101;

(vii) a production credit association organized under the Federal Farm Credit Act of 1933, all of whose stock held by the Federal Production Credit Corporation has been retired;

(viii) any corporation whose voting stock is more than 50 percent owned, directly or indirectly, by any person or business entity described in Subsections (1)(h)(i) through (vii), other than an insurance company taxable under Title 59, Chapter 9, Taxation of Admitted Insurers;

(ix) a corporation or other business entity that derives more than 50 percent of its total gross income for financial accounting purposes from finance leases. For purposes of this subsection, a "finance lease" shall mean any lease transaction that is the functional equivalent of an extension of credit and that transfers substantially all of the benefits and risks incident to the ownership of property. The phrase shall include any direct financing lease or leverage lease that meets the criteria of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 13, Accounting for Leases, or any other lease that is accounted for as a financing lease by a lessor under generally accepted accounting principles. For this classification to apply:

(A) the average of the gross income in the current tax year and immediately preceding two tax years must satisfy the more than 50 percent requirement; and

(B) gross income from incidental or occasional transactions shall be disregarded;

(x) any other person or business entity, other than an insurance company, a credit union exempt from the corporation franchise tax under Section 59-7-102, a real estate broker, or a securities dealer, that derives more than 50 percent of its gross income from activities that a person described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) through(vii) and (1)(h)(ix) is authorized to transact.

(A) For purposes of this subsection, the computation of gross income shall not include income from non-recurring, extraordinary items; and

(B) The commission is authorized to exclude any person from the application of Subsection (1)(h)(x) upon receipt of proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that the income-producing activity of that person is not in substantial competition with those persons described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) through (vii) and (1)(h)(ix).

(i) "Gross rents" means the actual sum of money or other consideration payable for the use or possession of property.

(i) Gross rents includes:

(A) any amount payable for the use or possession of real property or tangible property whether designated as a fixed sum of money or as a percentage of receipts, profits or otherwise;

(B) any amount payable as additional rent or in lieu of rent, such as interest, taxes, insurance, repairs or any other amount required to be paid by the terms of a lease or other arrangement; and

(C) a proportionate part of the cost of any improvement to real property, made by or on behalf of the taxpayer, that reverts to the owner or lessor upon termination of a lease or other arrangement. The amount included in gross rents is the amount of amortization or depreciation allowed in computing the taxable income base for the taxable year. However, where a building is erected on leased land by or on behalf of the taxpayer, the value of the land is determined by multiplying the gross rent by eight and the value of the building is determined in the same manner as if owned by the taxpayer.

(ii) Gross rents does not include:

(A) reasonable amounts payable as separate charges for water and electric service furnished by the lessor;

(B) reasonable amounts payable as service charges for janitorial services furnished by the lessor;

(C) reasonable amounts payable for storage, provided those amounts are payable for space not designated and not under the control of the taxpayer; and

(D) that portion of any rental payment applicable to the space subleased from the taxpayer and not used by the taxpayer.

(j) "Loan" means any extension of credit resulting from direct negotiations between the taxpayer and the taxpayer's customer, or the purchase, in whole or in part, of an extension of credit from another.

(i) Loan includes participations, syndications, and leases treated as loans for federal income tax purposes.

(ii) Loan does not include properties treated as loans under Section 595 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, futures or forward contracts, options, notional principal contracts such as swaps, credit card receivables, including purchased credit card relationships, non-interest bearing balances due from depository institutions, cash items in the process of collection, federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell, assets held in a trading account, securities, interests in a real

estate mortgage investment conduit as defined in Section 860D of the Internal Revenue Code, or other mortgage-backed or asset-backed security, and other similar items.

(k) "Loans secured by real property" means that fifty percent or more of the aggregate value of the collateral used to secure a loan or other obligation, when valued at fair market value as of the time the original loan or obligation was incurred, was real property.

(l) "Merchant discount" means the fee, or negotiated discount, charged to a merchant by the taxpayer for the privilege of participating in a program whereby a credit card is accepted in payment for merchandise or services sold to the card holder.

(m) "Participation" means an extension of credit in which an undivided ownership interest is held on a pro rata basis in a single loan or pool of loans and related collateral. In a loan participation, the credit originator initially makes the loan and then subsequently resells all or a portion of it to other lenders. The participation may or may not be known to the borrower.

(n) "Person" means an individual, estate, trust, partnership, corporation, and any other business entity.

(o) "Principal base of operations" means:

(i) with respect to transportation property, the place of more or less permanent nature from which that property is regularly directed or controlled; and

(ii) with respect to an employee, the place of more or less permanent nature from which the employee regularly:

(A) starts his work and to which he customarily returns in order to receive instructions from his employer;

(B) communicates with his customers or other persons; or

(C) performs any other functions necessary to the exercise of his trade or profession at some other point or points.

(p)(i) "Real property owned" and "tangible personal property owned" mean real and tangible personal property, respectively:

(A) on which the taxpayer may claim depreciation for federal income tax purposes; or

(B) property to which the taxpayer holds legal title and on which no other person may claim depreciation for federal income tax purposes, or could claim depreciation if subject to federal income tax.

(ii) Real and tangible personal property do not include coin, currency, or property acquired in lieu of or pursuant to a foreclosure.

(q) "Regular place of business" means an office at which the taxpayer carries on business in a regular and systematic manner and is continuously maintained, occupied, and used by employees of the taxpayer.

(r) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, or any foreign country.

(s) "Syndication" means an extension of credit in which two or more persons fund and each person is at risk only up to a specified percentage of the total extension of credit or up to a specified dollar amount.

(t) "Taxable" means:

(i) a taxpayer is subject in another state to a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, a corporate stock tax, including a bank shares tax, a single business tax, an earned surplus tax, or any tax imposed upon or measured by net income; or

(ii) another state has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to taxes regardless of whether that state actually imposes those taxes.

(u) "Transportation property" means vehicles and vessels capable of moving under their own power, such as aircraft, trains, water vessels and motor vehicles, as well as any equipment or containers attached to that property, such as rolling stock, barges, and trailers.

(2) Apportionment and Allocation.

(a) A financial institution whose business activity is taxable both within and without this state, or a financial institution whose business activity is taxable within this state and is a member of a unitary group that includes one or more financial institutions where any member of the group is taxable without this state, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306. A financial institution organized under the laws of a foreign country, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States, whose effectively connected income, as defined under the federal Internal Revenue Code, is taxable both within this state and within another state, other than the state in which it is organized, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule.

(b) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as modified by this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(c) Each factor shall be computed according to the cash or accrual method of accounting as used by the taxpayer for the taxable year.

(d) If a unitary group of corporations filing a combined report includes one or more corporations meeting the definition of financial institution and one or more corporations that do not meet that definition, the provisions of this rule regarding the calculation of the property, payroll, and receipts factors of the apportionment fraction shall apply only to those corporations meeting the definition of financial institution. Those corporations not meeting the definition of financial institution shall compute their apportionment data based on rule R865-6F-8 or such other industry apportionment rule adopted by the commission that may be applicable. The apportionment data of all members of the unitary group shall be included in calculating a single apportionment fraction for the unitary group. The numerators and denominators of the property, payroll, and receipts factors of the financial institutions shall be added to the numerators and denominators, respectively, of the property, payroll, and sales factors of the nonfinancial institutions to determine the property, payroll, and sales factors of the unitary group.

(3) Receipts Factor.

(a) In general. The receipts factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the receipts of the taxpayer in this state during the taxable year and the denominator of which is the receipts of the taxpayer within and without this state during the taxable year. The method of calculating receipts for purposes of the denominator is the same as the method used in determining receipts for purposes of the numerator. The receipts factor shall include only those receipts that constitute business income and are included in the computation of the apportionable income base for the taxable year.

(b) Receipts from the lease of real property. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from the lease or rental of real property owned by the taxpayer and receipts from the sublease of real property, if the property is located within this state.

(c) Receipts from the lease of tangible personal property.

(i) Except as described in Subsection (3)(d), the numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from the lease or rental of tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer if the property is located within this state when it is first placed in service by the lessee.

(ii) Receipts from the lease or rental of transportation property owned by the taxpayer are included in the numerator of the receipts factor to the extent that the property is used in this state.

(A) The extent an aircraft will be deemed to be used in this state and the amount of receipts that shall be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor are determined by multiplying all the receipts from the lease or rental of the aircraft by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of landings of the aircraft in this state and the denominator of which is the total number of landings of the aircraft.

(B) If the extent of the use of any transportation property within this state cannot be determined, that property will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which the property has its principal base of operations.

(C) A motor vehicle will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which it is registered.

(d) Interest from loans secured by real property.

(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property if the property is located within this state. If the property is located both within this state and one or more other states, the receipts described in this subsection are included in the numerator of the receipts factor if more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real property is not located within any one state, the receipts described in this subsection shall be included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the borrower is located in this state.

(ii) The determination of whether the real property securing a loan is located within this state shall be made as of the time the original agreement was made, and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral shall be disregarded.

(e) Interest from loans not secured by real property. The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property if the borrower is located in this state.

(f) Net gains from the sale of loans. The numerator of the receipts factor includes net gains from the sale of loans. Net gains from the sale of loans includes income recorded under the coupon stripping rules of Section 1286 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(i) The amount of net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of loans secured by real property included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the net gains by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(d), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property.

(ii) The amount of net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of loans not secured by real property included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the net gains by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(e), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property.

(g) Receipts from credit card receivables. The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and receipts from fees charged to card holders, such as annual fees, if the billing address of the card holder is in this state.

(h) Net gains from the sale of credit card receivables. The numerator of the receipts factor includes net gains, but not less than zero, from the sale of credit card receivables multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(g), and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and fees charged to card holders.

(i) Credit card issuer's reimbursement fees. The numerator of the receipts factor includes all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(g), and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from credit card receivables and fees charged to card holders.

(j) Receipts from merchant discount. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from merchant discount if the commercial domicile of the merchant is in this state. The receipts shall be computed net of any cardholder charge backs, but shall not be reduced by any interchange transaction fees or by any issuer's reimbursement fees paid to another for charges made by its card holders.

(k) Loan servicing fees.

(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(d), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans secured by real property.

(ii) The numerator of the receipts factor includes loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real property multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor pursuant to Subsection (3)(e), and the denominator of which is the total amount of interest and fees or penalties in the nature of interest from loans not secured by real property.

(iii) In circumstances in which the taxpayer receives loan servicing fees for servicing either the secured or the unsecured loans of another, the numerator of the receipts factor shall include those fees if the borrower is located in this state.

(l) Receipts from services. The numerator of the receipts factor includes receipts from services not otherwise apportioned under this section if the purchaser of the services receives a greater benefit of the service in this state than in any other state.

(m) Receipts from investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities.

(i) Interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities shall be included in the receipts factor.

(ii) Investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities include investments securities, trading account assets, federal funds, securities purchased and sold under agreements to resell or repurchase, options, futures contracts, forward contracts, notional principal contracts such as swaps, equities, and foreign currency transactions.

(iii) The receipts factor shall include the following investment and trading assets and activities:

(A) The receipts factor shall include the amount by which interest from federal funds sold and securities purchased under resale agreements exceeds interest expense on federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.

(B) The receipts factor shall include the amount by which interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, exceed amounts paid in lieu of interest, amounts paid in lieu of dividends, and losses from those assets and activities.

(iv) The numerator of the receipts factor includes interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities described in Subsection (3)(m) that are attributable to this state.

(A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment accounts attributed to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying all such

income from assets and activities by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the assets properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those assets.

(B) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount of those funds and securities described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(A) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those funds and securities.

(C) The amount of interest, dividends, gains, and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in Subsections (3)(m)(iv)(A) and (3)(m)(iv)(B), attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(B) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of those trading assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the average value of all those assets.

(D) For purposes of this subsection, average value shall be determined using the rules for determining the average value of tangible personal property set forth in Subsections (4)(c) and (d).

(v) In lieu of using the method set forth in Subsection (3)(m)(iv), the taxpayer may elect, or the commission may require in order to fairly represent the business activity of the taxpayer in this state, the use of the method set forth in this subsection.

(A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains, but not less than zero, and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account attributed to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying all income from those assets and activities by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those assets and activities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those assets and activities.

(B) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount of those funds and securities described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(A) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those funds and securities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those funds and securities.

(C) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including assets and activities in the matched book and arbitrage book and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in Subsections (3)(m)(v)(A) or (B), attributable to this state and included in the numerator is determined by multiplying the amount described in Subsection (3)(m)(iii)(B) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross income from those trading assets and activities properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state and the denominator of which is the gross income from all those assets and activities.

(vi) If the taxpayer elects or is required by the commission to use the method set forth in Subsection (3)(m)(v), the taxpayer shall use this method on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior permission from the commission to use, or the commission requires, a different method.

(vii) The taxpayer shall have the burden of proving that an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity was properly assigned to a regular place of business outside of this state by demonstrating that the day-to-day decisions regarding the asset or activity occurred at a regular place of business outside this state. Where the day-to-day decisions regarding an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity occur at more than one regular place of business and one regular place of business is in this state and one regular place of business is outside this state, that asset or activity shall be considered to be located at the regular place of business of the taxpayer where the investment or trading policies or guidelines with respect to the asset or activity are established. Unless the taxpayer demonstrates to the contrary, policies and guidelines shall be presumed to be established at the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(n) All other receipts. The numerator of the receipts factor includes all other receipts pursuant to the rules set forth in Rule R865-6F-8(10) and (11).

(o) Attribution of certain receipts to commercial domicile.

(i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(o)(ii), all receipts that would be assigned under this section to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable shall be included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

(ii)(A) If a unitary group includes one or more financial institutions, and if any member of the unitary group is subject to the taxing jurisdiction of this state, the receipts of each financial institution in the unitary group shall be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor as provided in Subsections (3)(a) through (n) rather than being attributed to the commercial domicile of the financial institution as provided in Subsection (3)(o)(i).

(B) If a unitary group includes one or more financial institutions whose commercial domicile is in this state, and if any member of the unitary group is taxable in another state under section 59-7-305, the receipts of each financial institution in the unitary group that would be included in the numerator of the other state's receipts factor under Subsections (3)(a) through (n) may not be included in the numerator of this state's receipts factor.

(4) Property Factor.

(a) In General.

(i) For taxpayers that do not elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor, the property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer that is located or used within this state during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all that property located or used within and without this state during the taxable year.

(ii) For taxpayers that elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor, the property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer that is located or used within this state during the taxable year, and the average value of the taxpayer's loans and credit card receivables that are located within this state during the taxable year, and the denominator of which is the average value of all that property located or used within and without this state during the taxable year.

(b) Property included. The property factor shall include only property the income or expenses of which are included, or would have been included if not fully depreciated or expensed, or depreciated or expensed to a nominal amount, in the computation of the apportionable income base for the taxable

year.

(c) Value of property owned by the taxpayer.

(i) For taxpayers that do not elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor, the value of real property and tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer is the original cost or other basis of that property for federal income tax purposes without regard to depletion, depreciation or amortization.

(ii) For taxpayers that elect to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor:

(A) The value of real property and tangible personal property owned by the taxpayer is the original cost or other basis of that property for federal income tax purposes without regard to depletion, depreciation or amortization.

(B) Loans are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. If a loan is charged-off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the loan charged off is not outstanding. A specifically allocated reserve established pursuant to regulatory or financial accounting guidelines that is treated as charged-off for federal income tax purposes shall be treated as charged-off for purposes of this rule.

(C) Credit card receivables are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. If a credit card receivable is charged-off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the receivable charged-off is not outstanding.

(d) Average value of property owned by the taxpayer. The average value of property owned by the taxpayer is computed on an annual basis by adding the value of the property on the first day of the taxable year and the value on the last day of the taxable year and dividing the sum by two.

(i) If averaging on this basis does not properly reflect average value, the commission may require averaging on a more frequent basis, or the taxpayer may elect to average on a more frequent basis.

(ii) When averaging on a more frequent basis is required by the commission or is elected by the taxpayer, the same method of valuation must be used consistently by the taxpayer with respect to property within and without this state and on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior permission from the commission to use a different method, or the commission requires a different method of determining average value.

(e) Average value of real property and tangible personal property rented to the taxpayer.

(i) The average value of real property and tangible personal property that the taxpayer has rented from another and are not treated as property owned by the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes, shall be determined annually by multiplying the gross rents payable during the taxable year by eight.

(ii) If the use of the general method described in this subsection results in inaccurate valuations of rented property, any other method that properly reflects the value may be adopted by the commission or by the taxpayer when approved in writing by the commission. Once approved, that other method of valuation must be used on all subsequent returns unless the taxpayer receives prior approval from the commission to use a different method, or the commission requires a different method of valuation.

(f) Location of real property and tangible personal property owned or rented to the taxpayer.

(i) Except as described in Subsection (4)(f)(ii), real property and tangible personal property owned by or rented to the taxpayer are considered located within this state if they are physically located, situated, or used within this state.

(ii) Transportation property is included in the numerator of the property factor to the extent that the property is used in this state.

(A) The extent an aircraft will be deemed to be used in this state and the amount of value that shall be included in the numerator of this state's property factor is determined by multiplying the average value of the aircraft by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of landings of the aircraft in this state and the denominator of which is the total number of landings of the aircraft everywhere.

(B) If the extent of the use of any transportation property within this state cannot be determined, the property will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which the property has its principal base of operations.

(C) A motor vehicle will be deemed to be used wholly in the state in which it is registered.

(g) Location of Loans.

(i) A loan is considered located within this state if it is properly assigned to a regular place of business of the taxpayer within this state.

(ii) A loan is properly assigned to the regular place of business with which it has a preponderance of substantive contacts. A loan assigned by the taxpayer to a regular place of business without the state shall be presumed to have been properly assigned if:

(A) the taxpayer has assigned, in the regular course of its business, the loan on its records to a regular place of business consistent with federal or state regulatory requirements;

(B) the assignment on its records is based upon substantive contacts of the loan to the regular course of business; and

(C) the taxpayer uses the records reflecting assignment of loans for the filing of all state and local tax returns for which an assignment of loans to a regular place of business is required.

(iii) The presumption of proper assignment of a loan provided in Subsection (4)(g)(ii) may be rebutted upon a showing by the commission, supported by a preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan did not occur at the regular place of business to which it was assigned on the taxpayer's records. When the presumption has been rebutted, the loan shall then be located within this state if:

(A) the taxpayer had a regular place of business within this state at the time the loan was made; and

(B) the taxpayer fails to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan did not occur within this state.

(iv) In the case of a loan assigned by the taxpayer to a place without this state that is not a regular place of business, it shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by the taxpayer on a showing supported by the preponderance of the evidence, that the preponderance of substantive contacts regarding the loan occurred within this state if, at the time the loan was made the taxpayer's commercial domicile, as defined in this rule, was within this state.

(v) To determine the state in which the preponderance of substantive contacts relating to a loan have occurred, the facts and circumstances regarding the loan at issue shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and consideration shall be given to activities such as the solicitation, investigation, negotiation, approval, and administration of the loan.

(A) Solicitation. Solicitation is either active or passive.

(I) Active solicitation occurs when an employee of the taxpayer initiates the contact with the customer. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employee is regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of the employee were actually performed.

(II) Passive solicitation occurs when the customer initiates the contact with the taxpayer. If the customer's initial contact was not at a regular place of business of the taxpayer, the

regular place of business, if any, where the passive solicitation occurred is determined by the facts in each case.

(B) Investigation. Investigation is the procedure whereby employees of the taxpayer determine the credit-worthiness of the customer as well as the degree of risk involved in making a particular agreement. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(C) Negotiation. Negotiation is the procedure whereby employees of the taxpayer and its customer determine the terms of the agreement, such as amount, duration, interest rate, frequency of repayment, currency denomination, and security required. The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(D) Approval. Approval is the procedure whereby employees or the board of directors of the taxpayer make the final determination whether to enter into the agreement.

(I) The activity is located at the regular place of business at which the taxpayer's employees are regularly connected or working out of, regardless of where the services of those employees were actually performed.

(II) If the board of directors makes the final determination, the activity is located at the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(E) Administration. Administration is the process of managing the account.

(I) Administration includes bookkeeping, collecting the payments, corresponding with the customer, reporting to management regarding the status of the agreement and proceeding against the borrower or the security interest if the borrower is in default.

(II) The activity is located at the regular place of business that oversees this activity.

(h) Location of credit card receivables. For purposes of determining the location of credit card receivables, credit card receivables shall be treated as loans and shall be subject to the provisions of Subsection (4)(g).

(i) Period for which properly assigned loan remains assigned. A loan that has been properly assigned to a state shall, absent any change of material fact, remain assigned to that state for the length of the original term of the loan. Thereafter, the loan may be properly assigned to another state if the loan has a preponderance of substantive contact to a regular place of business in that state.

(j) Each taxpayer shall make an initial election on whether to include the property described in Subsections (4)(g) through (i) within the property factor. The initial election is the election made or the filing position taken on the first return filed after the effective date of this rule. This election is irrevocable for a period of three years from the time the initial election is made, except in the case where a substantial ownership change occurs and commission approval is obtained to change the election. After the initial three-year period, the election may be revocable only with the prior approval of the commission and shall require the showing of a significant change in circumstance.

(5) Payroll factor.

(a) In general. The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid in this state during the taxable year by the taxpayer for compensation and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the taxpayer both within and without this state during the taxable year. The payroll factor shall include only that compensation included in the computation of the apportionable income tax base for the taxable year.

(b) Compensation relating to nonbusiness income and independent contractors. The compensation of any employee for services or activities connected with the production of nonbusiness income, and payments made to any independent contractor or any other person not properly classifiable as an employee, shall be excluded from both the numerator and denominator of this factor.

(c) When compensation paid in this state. Compensation is paid in this state if any one of the following tests, applied consecutively, is met:

(i) The employee's services are performed entirely within this state.

(ii) The employee's services are performed both within and without the state, but the service performed without the state is incidental to the employee's service within the state. The term "incidental"means any service that is temporary or transitory in nature, or that is rendered in connection with an isolated transaction.

(iii) If the employee's services are performed both within and without this state, the employee's compensation will be attributed to this state:

(A) if the employee's principal base of operations is within this state;

(B) if there is no principal base of operations in any state in which some part of the services are performed, but the place from which the services are directed or controlled is in this state; or

(C) if the principal base of operations and the place from which the services are directed or controlled are not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the employee's residence is in this state.

(6) This rule is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1997.

R865-6F-33. Taxation of Telecommunications Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Call" means a specific telecommunications transmission as described in Subsection (1)(f).

(b) "Channel termination point" means the point at which information can enter or leave the telecommunications network.

(c) "Communications channel" means a communications path, which can be one-way or two-way, depending on the channel, between two or more points. The path may be designed for the transmission of signals representing human speech, digital or analog data, facsimile, or images.

(d) "Outerjurisdictional property" means tangible personal property, such as orbiting satellites, undersea transmission cables and the like, that are owned or rented by the taxpayer and used in a telecommunications business, but that are not physically located in any particular state.

(e) "Private telecommunications service" means a dedicated telephone service that entitles the subscriber to the exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or groups of communications channels from one or more channel termination points to another channel termination point.

(f) "Telecommunications" means the electronic transmission of voice, data, image, and other information through the use of any medium such as wires, cables, electromagnetic waves, light waves, or any combination of those or similar media now in existence or that might be devised, but telecommunications does not include the information content of any such transmission.

(g) "Telecommunications service" means providing telecommunications, including services provided by telecommunication service resellers, for a charge and includes telephone service, telegraph service, paging service, personal communication services and mobile or cellular telephone service, but does not include electronic information service or Internet access service.

(2) Apportionment and Allocation.

(a) A corporation engaged in the business of telecommunications that is taxable both within and without this state, shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306.

(b) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9) and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(3)(a) Property Factor.

(b) Outerjurisdictional property that is used by a taxpayer in providing a telecommunications service shall be attributed to this state based on the ratio of property within this state used in providing that service, to property everywhere used in providing the service, exclusive of property not located in any state. The term "property" as used herein refers to property includable in the property factor of the Utah apportionment fraction as defined in commission rule R865-6F-8(8).

(4) Sales Factor Numerator.

(a) The following sales and receipts from telecommunications service other than interstate or international private telecommunications service, shall be included in the Utah sales and receipts numerator:

(i) receipts derived from charges for providing telephone "access" from a location within Utah. "Access" means that a call can be made or received from a point within this state. An example of this type of receipt is a monthly subscriber fee billed with reference to equipment located in Utah;

(ii) receipts derived from charges for unlimited calling privileges, if the charges are billed by reference to equipment located in Utah;

(iii) receipts derived from charges for individual toll calls that originate and terminate in Utah;

(iv) receipts derived from charges for individual toll calls that either originate or terminate in Utah and are billed by reference to a customer or equipment located in Utah;

(v) receipts derived from any other charges if the charges are not includable in another state's sales factor numerator under that state's law, and the customer's billing address is in Utah.

(b) Gross receipts derived from providing interstate and international private telecommunications services shall be determined as follows:

(i) If the segment of the interstate or international channel between each termination point is separately billed, 100 percent of the charge imposed at each termination point in this state and for service in this state between those points is includable in the Utah sales factor. In addition, 50 percent of the charge imposed for service between a channel termination point outside this state and a point inside the state shall be included in the Utah sales factor. For purposes of this paragraph, termination points shall be measured by the nearest termination point inside the state to the first termination point outside the state.

(ii) If each segment of the interstate or international channel is not separately billed, the Utah sales shall be the same portion of the interstate or international channel charge that the number of channel termination points within this state bears to the total number of channel termination points within and without this state.

R865-6F-36. Taxation of Registered Securities or Commodities Broker or Dealer Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-302 through 59-7-321.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Brokerage commission income" means income earned by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer from the purchase and sale of securities or commodities by the broker or dealer:

(i) for which the broker or dealer does not take title; and

(ii) as an agent for a customer's account.

(b) "Commodity" is as defined in Section 475(e)(2), Internal Revenue Code.

(c) "Principal transaction" means a transaction where the registered securities or commodities broker or dealer acts as a principal or underwriter for the broker or dealer's own account, rather than as an agent for the customer.

(d) "Registered securities or commodities broker or dealer" means a corporation registered as a broker or dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

(e) "Security" is as defined in Section 475(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code.

(f) "Securities or commodities used to produce income" means securities or commodities that are purchased and held by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer as a principal or underwriter for resale to its customers.

(2) Apportionment and allocation.

(a) A registered securities or commodities broker or dealer whose business activity is taxable both within and without this state shall allocate and apportion its net income as provided in this rule. All items of nonbusiness income shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of Section 59-7-306.

(b) The fraction by which business income shall be apportioned to the state shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-6F-8(4) and (7). Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the property factor shall be determined in accordance with R865-6F-8(8), the payroll factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(9), and the sales factor in accordance with R865-6F-8(10).

(3) Property factor.

(a) The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used, or available for use, within this state during the taxable year, plus the average value of securities or commodities used to produce income during the taxable year that are held for resale exclusively through a branch, office, or other place of business in this state. The denominator is the average value of the total of the taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within and without this state during the taxable year, plus the average value of all securities or commodities used to produce income during the taxable year.

(b) Securities or commodities used to produce income shall be valued at original cost.

(4) Sales factor.

(a) The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total revenue that is derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within this state during the taxable year. The denominator is the total revenue that is derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business within and without this state during the taxable year.

(b) Brokerage commission income shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor. Brokerage commission income shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor if the customer that is paying the commission is located in Utah. A customer is located in Utah if the mailing address of the customer as it appears in the broker or dealer's records is in Utah.

(c) Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be included in the numerator of the sales factor if the sale is made through a branch, office, or other place of business in Utah. Gross receipts from principal transactions shall be determined after the deduction of any cost incurred by the taxpayer to acquire the securities or commodities.

(d) Other gross receipts such as margin interest on

brokerage accounts and account maintenance fees shall be included in the denominator of the sales factor, and, if the customer that is paying the amounts or fees is located in Utah based on the customer address as it appears in the broker or dealer's records, in the numerator of the sales factor.

R865-6F-37. 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 corporate franchise or 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.

R865-6F-38. Renewable Energy Credit Amount Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-614.

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 Section 59-7-614 shall, in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation, be the amount allowed by the commission as a credit under that section.

R865-6F-39. Definitions Related to Captive Real Estate Investment Trust and Foreign Real Estate Investment Trust Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-7-101.

The following definitions apply to the definitions of captive real estate investment trust and foreign real estate investment trust in Section 59-7-101.

(1) "Cash or cash equivalents" means currency and coins, bank balances, negotiable money orders, checks, and highly liquid investments that can easily be converted into cash, such as treasury bills, certificates of deposit, marketable securities, and negotiable financial instruments.

(2) "Established securities market" is defined as that phrase is defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.884-5 (d)(2) (2007), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) "Listed Australian property trust" means:

(a) an Australian unit trust registered as a managed investment scheme under the Australian Corporations Act in which the principal class of units is listed on a recognized stock exchange in Australia and is regularly traded on an established securities market; and

(b) an entity organized as a trust, provided that an entity listed in Subsection (3)(a) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, 75 percent or more of the voting power or value of the beneficial interests or shares of that trust.

(4) "Regularly traded" is defined as that phrase is defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.884-5 (d)(4) (2007), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

R865-6F-40. Foreign Operating Company Subtraction from Unadjusted Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-7-101 and 59-7-106.

(1) The activities of a partnership interest are taken into account in determining whether a corporation qualifies as a foreign operating company and calculating any adjustment for which the corporate partner that is a foreign operating company is eligible.

(a) Partnership activities are attributed to the corporation to the extent of the corporation's ownership interest in the partnership.

(b) The character of each class or type of partnership income passes through to the corporate partner. Accordingly, a corporate partner that is a foreign operating company may not make a subtraction from unadjusted income as a foreign operating company for partnership income generated from intangible property and assets held for investment and not from a regular business trading activity.

(2) Prior to determining the foreign operating company subtraction, a foreign operating company that is a member of a unitary group shall eliminate a transaction between the foreign operating company and a partnership held directly or indirectly by a member of the same unitary group to the extent of the interest the foreign operating company holds in the partnership.

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R865-9I-2. Determination of Utah Resident Individual Status Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-103 and 59-10-136.

(1) For purposes of determining whether an individual spends in the aggregate 183 or more days of the taxable year in this state, a "day" means a day in which the individual spends more time in this state than in any other state.

(2) Determination of resident individual status for military servicepersons.

(a) The status of a military serviceperson as a resident individual or a nonresident individual is determined as follows.

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(b) 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 Section 59-10-136.

(c) 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.

R865-9I-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.

R865-9I-6. Returns by Husband and Wife When One is a Resident and the Other is a Nonresident Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-119.

(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.

R865-9I-7. Change of Status As Resident or Nonresident Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-120.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "AGI" means adjusted gross income, as defined by Section 59-10-103.

(b) "Part-year resident" means an individual that changes status during the taxable year from resident to nonresident or from nonresident to resident.

(2) 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 defined under Section 59-10-103. This percentage is the Utah portion of AGI divided by the total AGI, not to exceed 100 percent.

(3) The Utah portion of a part-year resident's AGI shall be determined as follows:

(a) Income from wages, salaries, tips and other compensation earned or received while in a resident status and included in the total AGI shall be included in the Utah portion of the AGI.

(b) Dividends actually or constructively received while in resident status shall be included in the Utah portion of AGI. Any dividend exclusion shall be deducted from the Utah portion of AGI using the percentage of excludable dividends received

while in resident status, compared to the total excludable dividends.

(c) All interest actually or constructively received while in resident status shall be included in the Utah portion of the AGI.

(d) All AGI derived from Utah sources while in a nonresident status, as determined under Section 59-10-117, shall be included in the Utah portion of AGI.

(4)(a) 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 AGI:

(i) 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

(ii) if the activities were commenced or the taxpayer joined them at the time or after the change from nonresident to resident status.

(b) Income or loss that does not meet Subsection (4)(a) shall be included in the Utah portion of AGI only to the extent the income or loss is derived from Utah sources as determined under Section 59-10-117.

(5) Moving expenses deducted on the federal return may be deducted from the Utah portion of AGI only to the extent that they are for moving into Utah and within Utah.

(6) Employee business expenses may be deducted from the Utah portion of AGI only to the extent that they pertain to the production of income included in the Utah portion of AGI.

(7) Payments by a self-employed person to a retirement plan that reduce the total AGI may be deducted from the Utah portion of AGI in the same proportion that the related self-employment income is included in the Utah portion of FAGI.

(8) Other income, losses or adjustments applicable in determining total AGI may be allowed or included in the Utah portion of AGI only when the allowance or inclusion is fair, equitable, and would be consistent with other requirements of Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act, or these rules as determined by the commission.

R865-9I-8. Proration When Two Returns Are Required Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-121.

A. Two returns are not required when an individual changes status as resident or nonresident. Ordinarily, the total of the taxable income that would be reported on two returns will be included in one return.

B. Only in unusual circumstances as determined by the Tax Commission will the preparation of two returns be allowed or required. In this event, the returns shall be prepared in a fair and equitable manner as approved or prescribed by the Tax Commission consistent with Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-121 and other pertinent provisions.

R865-9I-9. Taxable Year Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-122.

A. If a taxpayer's taxable year is changed to a taxable period of less than 12 months as required by Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-122 and if he is required to convert his income for the period to an annual basis for federal income tax purposes, the taxpayer shall convert his income for the period of less than a year to an annual basis for computing his state income tax.

B. Unless the Tax Commission determines a different method consistent with requirements of the act is necessary or appropriate, the income tax of the taxpayer for the period of less than 12 months shall be computed as follows:

1. determine the state taxable income applicable to the fractional part of the year and multiply this amount by 12;

2. divide the product by the number of months in the period to arrive at the state taxable income on an annualized basis;

3. compute the tax applicable to the state taxable income as annualized;

4. divide the tax as computed on the annualized state taxable income by 12; and

5. multiply the result by the number of months in the period involved.

R865-9I-10. Adjustments Between Taxable Years After Change in Accounting Methods Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-124.

A. If a taxpayer's state taxable income for any taxable year is computed under a method of accounting different from the method under which such income was computed for the previous year, the taxpayer shall attach a statement to his return setting forth all differences. This statement shall specify the amounts duplicated or omitted in full or in part as a result of such change. The Tax Commission shall make or allow any necessary adjustments to prevent double inclusion or exclusion of an item of gross income, or double allowance or disallowance of an item of deduction or credit.

R865-9I-13. Pass-Through Entity Withholding Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-116, 59-10-117, 59-10-118, 59-10-1403.2, and 59-10-1405.

(1) A pass-through entity must withhold and pay over to the state a tax on:

(a) the business income of the pass-through entity to the extent the business income is derived from Utah sources in accordance with Section 59-10-116; and

(b) the nonbusiness income of the pass-through entity derived from or connected with Utah sources.

(i) "Nonbusiness income of the pass-through entity derived from or connected with Utah sources" does not include portfolio income if the income would not be reportable to Utah on the pass-through entity taxpayer's Utah state tax return or the Utah state tax return of any downstream pass-through entity taxpayer.

(ii) "Downstream pass-through entity taxpayer" means a pass-through entity taxpayer that is a pass-through entity taxpayer of any entity that is itself a pass-through entity taxpayer.

(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; and

(f) amount of Utah tax 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 federal 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 federal 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 shall calculate the tax it is

required to withhold on behalf of pass-through entity taxpayers by:

(a) multiplying the income of the pass-through entity computed in Subsection (1) by the tax rate in effect under Section 59-10-104; and

(b) subtracting from the amount calculated in Subsection (4)(a) any amounts withheld from the pass-through entity under Section 59-6-102 that are attributable to pass-through entity taxpayers for whom the pass-through entity is required to withhold.

(5)(a) A pass-through entity is not required to withhold a tax on behalf of a pass-through entity taxpayer of that pass-through entity if the pass-through entity taxpayer is:

(i) exempt from taxation under Section 59-7-102 and the income from the pass-through entity is not unrelated business income to the pass-through entity taxpayer;

(ii) an individual retirement account as defined under Section 408(a), Internal Revenue Code and the income from the pass-through entity is not unrelated business income to the pass-through entity taxpayer;

(iii) a real estate investment trust if all of the earnings of the real estate investment trust are distributed to the owners of the real estate investment trust; or

(iv) a person exempt from state income tax under Section 59-10-104.1.

(6)(a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), and for purposes of Subsection 59-10-1403.2(5), a pass-through entity shall apply to the commission for a waiver of penalty or interest, on an amount the pass-through entity fails to pay or withhold and for which the pass-through entity taxpayer files and pays in a timely manner, by checking the box on the tax return requesting the waiver for required withholding.

(b) The provisions of Subsection (6)(a) shall be effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

(7) An entity that is disregarded for federal tax purposes is disregarded for purposes of pass-through entity withholding.

(8) The pass-through entity's federal identification number shall be used on the form TC-65 in place of a social security number.

(9) Examples.

(a) Partnership A has two partners, both of whom are nonresident individuals exempt from state income tax under Section 59-10-104.1. Partnership A is not required to withhold Utah tax for these partners.

(b) For tax year 2010, Partnership C has two partners, Partnerships D and E. Partnership D has two partners, both Utah resident individuals. Partnership E has three nonresident partners, all of whom are subject to Utah state tax. Partnership C's responsibility for withholding is based on Partnerships D and E, not the partners of Partnerships D and E. Accordingly, Partnership C must withhold tax on behalf of Partnerships D and E. If, however, both Partnership D and the partners of Partnership D file returns and pay any tax due by the filing due date for Partnership C, including extensions, Partnership C may elect to not withhold those amounts and may apply to the Tax Commission, by checking the box on the tax return requesting the waiver for required withholding, for a waiver of tax, penalty, and interest on amounts Partnership C should have collected and remitted for Partnership D, but did not.

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.

(1) This rule provides exceptions to the statutory requirement that an employer shall file withholding tax returns and pay withholding taxes quarterly.

(2) An employer may file withholding tax returns and pay withholding taxes on an annual basis for a calendar year in which the employer files:

(a) a federal Schedule H; or

(b) a Form 944, Employer's ANNUAL Federal Tax Return, with the Internal Revenue Service.

(3) The annual withholding return and payment under Subsection (2) are due by January 31 of the year succeeding the year for which the payment and return apply.

(4) An employer withholding an average of $1,000 or more per month shall prepay withholding taxes on a monthly basis in the manner prescribed in Section 59-10-407.

R865-9I-18. Taxpayer Records, Statements, and Special Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-1406.

(1) 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.

(2) 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 records shall be made available to an authorized agent of the commission when requested, for review or audit.

R865-9I-19. Returns By Husband and Wife Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-503.

A. In the year a married person dies, the surviving spouse may file a joint Utah return if a joint federal return was filed except in cases where one spouse was a resident and the other a nonresident. In these cases, separate returns may be required (see Section 59-10-503(1)(b) and Rule R865-9I-6).

R865-9I-20. Returns Made By Fiduciaries and Receivers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-504.

A. Returns by fiduciaries and receivers shall be made in accordance with forms and instructions provided by the Tax Commission. The fiduciary of any resident estate or trust or of any nonresident estate or trust having income derived from Utah sources and who is required to make a return for federal income tax purposes shall make and file a corresponding return for state income tax purposes.

1. Each return shall include a listing of the beneficiaries and their distributable shares of the state taxable income.

2. In the case of a nonresident estate or trust, the return shall include detailed information showing how the amount of income derived from or connected with Utah sources was determined.

B. The fiduciary is required to pay the taxes on the income taxable to the estate or trust. Liability for payment of the tax attaches to the executor or administrator up to his discharge. If the executor or administrator failed to file a return as required by law or failed to exercise due diligence in determining and satisfying the tax liability, the liability is not extinguished until the return is filed and paid.

C. Liability for the tax also follows the estate itself. If by reason of the distribution of the estate and the discharge of the executor or administrator, it appears that collection of tax cannot be made from the executor or administrator, each legatee or distributee must account for his proportionate share of the tax due and unpaid to the extent of the distributive share received by him.

R865-9I-21. Return By Partnership Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-507 and 59-10-514.

(1) Every partnership having a nonresident partner and income derived from sources in this state shall file a return in accordance with forms and instructions provided by the Tax Commission.

(2) If the partnership has income derived from or connected with sources both inside and outside Utah and if any partner was not a resident of Utah, the portion derived from or connected with sources in this state must be determined and shown on the Utah forms TC-65 Schedule K and Schedule K-1.

(3) A partnership may satisfy the requirement to file a return with the commission by maintaining records that show each partner's share of income, losses, credits, and other distributive items, and making those records available for audit if:

(a) all of the partnership's partners are resident individuals; and

(b) the partnership is not a pass-through entity taxpayer.

R865-9I-22. Signing of Returns and Other Documents Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-512.

A. Any return, statement, or other document shall be signed as required by specific provisions of the act or as prescribed by forms or instructions furnished by the Tax Commission.

B. All returns filed with the Tax Commission must be signed by the taxpayer or his duly authorized agent as provided by law. Unsigned returns are not valid returns for income tax purposes and if unsigned, the benefits of proper filing may be denied the taxpayer.

C. Returns may be filed on forms prescribed and furnished by the Tax Commission, or in lieu thereof, on reproduced or facsimile copies, provided that the same information required on the printed form for the same year is provided and the paper used for such substitute return is equal in durability and weight to 20 lb. bond. Paper more brittle or lighter in weight than that specified is not acceptable as a replacement for the regular reporting forms. The use of paper of lesser quality for supporting schedules is permitted, providing the schedules are clear and legible.

R865-9I-23. Extension of Time to File Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-516.

A. A completed form TC-546, Prepayment of Income Tax, must accompany the prepayment amount required by Section 59-10-516, if the prepayment is not in the form of withholding, payments applied from previous year refunds, or credit carryforwards.

B. Interest shall be charged on any additional tax due shown on the return in accordance with Section 59-1-402. Interest is calculated from the original due date of the return to the date the tax is paid and applies even when an extension of time to file the return exists.

C. Utah residents in military service, stationed outside the United States, shall be granted an extension of time to file to the 15th day of the fourth month after their return to the United States, or their discharge date, whichever is earlier.

R865-9I-24. Timely Mailing Treated As Timely Filing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-517.

A. With reference to Section 59-10-517(3)(b), the provisions of that statute that apply to registered mail shall also apply in ordinary circumstances to certified mail.

R865-9I-30. Limitations on Assessment and Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-536.

A. If a taxpayer elects to defer a determination as to applicability of the presumption that the activity is being engaged in for profit as set forth in I.R.C. Section 183(d), he shall notify the Tax Commission in writing of such election. He must also consent to assessment of tax pertaining to such activity at any time within the five- or seven-year period plus a reasonable additional period.

1. In addition, the taxpayer shall immediately furnish to the Tax Commission a copy of every waiver of the running of the statute of limitations that he may give to the Internal Revenue Service, and he shall at the same time give his consent in writing that the waiver shall also apply to the time allowed for assessment of tax by the Tax Commission.

2. The taxpayer must notify the Tax Commission of any audit actions or determinations made by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to such activity.

R865-9I-33. Reporting Miscellaneous Income Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-10-501.

A. Legible copies of the federal Form 1099 or other special forms for reporting rents, royalties, interest, remuneration, etc., from Utah sources not subject to federal withholding must be open to inspection and gathering of information by authorized representatives of the Tax Commission or submitted to the Tax Commission upon request. These forms must show the name, address, social security number, and other pertinent information pertaining to each taxpayer, resident or nonresident of Utah, the amount and purpose of the distribution clearly shown.

R865-9I-34. Property Tax Relief For Individuals Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-2-1201 through 59-2-1220.

A. "Household" is determined as follows:

1. For purposes of the homeowner's credit under Section 59-2-1208, household shall be determined as of January 1 of the year in which the claim under that section is filed.

2. For purposes of the renter's credit under Section 59-2-1209, household shall be determined as of January 1 of the year for which the claim is filed under that section.

B. "Nontaxable income" includes:

1. the amount of a federal child tax credit received under Section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code that exceeded the taxpayer's federal tax liability; and

2. the amount of a federal earned income credit received under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code that exceeded the taxpayer's federal tax liability.

C. "Nontaxable income" does not include:

1. federal tax refunds;

2. the amount of a federal child tax credit received under Internal Revenue Code Section 24 that did not exceed the taxpayer's federal tax liability;

3. the amount of a federal earned income credit received under Internal Revenue Code Section 32 that did not exceed the taxpayer's federal tax liability;

4. payments received under a reverse mortgage;

5. payments or reimbursements to senior program volunteers under United States Code Title 42, Section 5058; and

6. gifts and bequests.

D. "Property taxes accrued" does not mean that taxes can be accumulated for two or more years and then claimed in one year.

E. A claimant who pays property taxes on a mobile home and pays rent on the land on which the mobile home is situated shall be eligible for a homeowner's credit for the property tax paid on the mobile home and a renter's credit for the rent paid on the land.

F. State welfare assistance is not considered as public funds for the payment of rent, and will not preclude a rebate. However, assistance payments must be included in income.

G. Where housing assistance payments are involved under the Housing and Community Development Act, Title II, Section 8:

1. only that portion of the rent paid by the tenant may be claimed under the terms of the Circuit Breaker Act; and

2. that portion of the rent paid by the federal government to the landlord will not be considered as part of the household income since it is not subject to a claim for rebate.

H. Persons claiming a property tax exemption under Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 11 are not precluded from claiming a homeowner's or renter's credit.

R865-9I-37. Enterprise Zone Individual Income Tax Credits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 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 (3)(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 (3)(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) A business entity that conducts non-retail operations and is engaged in retail trade is primarily engaged in retail trade if the retail trade operations constitute more than 50% of the business entity's total operations.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) If an enterprise zone designation is revoked prior to the expiration of the period for which it was designated, only tax credits earned prior to the loss of that designation will be allowed.

R865-9I-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.

R865-9I-42. Order of Credits Applied Against Utah Individual Income Tax Due Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-6-102, 59-13-202, and 59-13-301, and Title 59, Chapter 10, and Title 63M, Chapter 1.

Taxpayers shall deduct credits authorized by Section 59-6-102, Section 59-13-202, Section 59-13-301, Title 59, Chapter 10, and Title 63M, Chapter 1 against Utah individual income tax due in the following order:

(1) nonrefundable credits;

(2) nonrefundable credits with a carryforward;

(3) refundable credits.

R865-9I-44. Mandatory Withholding of Income for Nonresident Professional Athletes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-10-116, 59-10-117, and 59-10-118.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "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.

(i) Duty days includes:

(A) 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 Subsection (1)(a), for example, participation in instructional leagues, the Pro Bowl, or promotional caravans. Rendering a service includes conducting training and rehabilitation activities, but only if conducted at the facilities of the team; and

(B) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(b) "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.

(c) "Professional athletic team" includes any professional baseball, basketball, football, soccer, or hockey team that is not incorporated or organized under the laws of this state.

(d) "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.

(i) Total compensation does 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.

(ii) For purposes of this rule, "bonuses" subject to the allocation procedures described in Subsection (5) are:

(A) 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

(B) bonuses paid for signing a contract, unless all of the following conditions are met:

(I) 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;

(II) the signing bonus is payable separately from the salary and any other compensation; and

(III) the signing bonus is nonrefundable.

(e) "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:

(i) 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

(ii) during the taxable year on a date that does not fall within the period in Subsection (1)(e)(i), for example, participation in instructional leagues, the Pro Bowl, or promotional caravans.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) A professional athletic team:

(a) is an employer for purposes of Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax; and

(b) may not be relieved from the requirements imposed on an employer under Title 59, Chapter 10, Part 4, Withholding of Tax.

(5) Nonresident professional athletes shall keep adequate records to substantiate their determination or to permit a determination by the commission of the part of their adjusted gross income that was derived from or connected with sources in this state.

(6) 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.

(7)(a) Professional athletic teams shall withhold and remit tax on behalf of nonresident professional athletes on a form prescribed by the commission.

(b) A schedule shall be included with the return, listing all of the following information for each nonresident member of a professional athletic team:

(i) name;

(ii) address;

(iii) social security number;

(iv) income attributable to Utah for the nonresident member of a professional athletic team;

(v) total compensation paid to the nonresident member of a professional athletic team by the professional athletic team;

(vi) the nonresident member of a professional athletic team's duty days both within and without the state;

(vii) the nonresident member of a professional athletic team's duty days within the state;

(viii) Utah tax deducted and withheld; and

(ix) federal income tax deducted and withheld.

(8) A nonresident member of a professional athletic team is not required to file an individual income tax return if:

(a) the professional athletic team deducts and withholds a tax on behalf of the nonresident member of a professional athletic team;

(b) the nonresident member of a professional athletic team does not seek to claim a tax credit under Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act; and

(c) the nonresident member of a professional athletic team does not have adjusted gross income derived from or connected with Utah sources other than the income the member of a professional athletic team receives from the professional athletic team.

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 March 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.

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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.
R865-12L. Local Sales and Use Tax.
R865-12L-1. Local Sales and Use Tax Rules Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-205.

A. All rules made pursuant to Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 1, state sales and use taxes, shall apply to the local sales and use tax.

R865-12L-3. Tax Collection Schedule Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-204.

A. A vendor responsible for collecting local sales or use tax in addition to the state tax may use a schedule furnished by the Tax Commission to determine the amount of tax to be collected.

B. For amounts not shown on the schedule, tax may be computed to the nearest cent.

C. The bracket schedule is designed to under collect the tax on some sales within a given bracket and over collect the tax on other sales, in order that the vendor can be reimbursed for the approximate amount of tax that is required to be remitted to the Tax Commission.

R865-12L-4. Filing of Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-204.

A. Every person responsible for the collection of local sales and use tax is required to make a combined state and local sales and use tax return to the Tax Commission.

B. All provisions pertaining to filing returns for state sales and use tax also apply to filing returns for local sales and use tax.

R865-12L-11. Isolated or Occasional Sale of a Vehicle Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-204.

A. The sale of any vehicle subject to the registration laws of this state by anyone other than a licensed dealer shall be subject to the local sales or use tax if the purchaser's address is within any county or municipality which has in effect a local sales and use tax law. The purchaser shall be liable for payment of state and local taxes at the time of registration of the vehicle.

B. The foregoing provision in no way applies to sales of vehicles made by licensed dealers in Utah. All sales of vehicles made by dealers shall be subject to the same laws as sales by any other retailers.

R865-12L-14. Qualifying Sales and Use Tax and Telecommunications Charge Distributions and Redistributions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-210, 59-12-210.1, and 69-2-5.8.

(1) For purposes of making a redistribution of revenues under Sections 59-12-210.1 and 69-2-5.8:

(a) "de minimis" means less than $1,000; and

(b) "extraordinary circumstances" means the following circumstances that the commission becomes aware of:

(i) an error in the commission's tax systems or procedures that increases or decreases the overall distribution of qualifying sales and use tax revenues and qualifying telecommunications charge revenues to a county, city, or town by $10,000 or more; or

(ii) an error in the calculation, collection, or reporting of a qualifying sales and use tax or qualifying telecommunications charge by a significant segment of an industry if the error increases or decreases the overall distribution of qualifying sales and use tax revenues and qualifying telecommunications charge revenues to a county, city, or town by $10,000 or more.

(2) The commission shall, on a monthly basis, furnish each county, city, and town with the listings of qualifying sales and use taxes and qualifying telecommunications charges remitted for transactions located within the county, city, or town.

(a) After receiving each listing, the county, city, or town shall advise the commission within 90 days:

(i) if the listing is incorrect; and

(ii) make corrections regarding firms omitted from the list or firms listed but not doing business in their taxing jurisdiction.

(b) The commission shall make subsequent distributions based on the notification the commission receives from a county, city, or town under Subsection (2)(a).

(3) If a redistribution is required by Sections 59-12-210.1 or 69-2-5.8, the commission shall provide the notice of redistribution described in Subsections 59-12-210.1(2) and 69-2-5.8(2) to each original and secondary recipient political subdivision that is impacted by the redistribution in an amount that exceeds the de minimis amount.

R865-12L-17. Procedures for Administration of the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention Facilities Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-602 and 59-12-603.

(1) Definitions

(a) "Primary business" means the source of more than 50 percent of the revenues of the retail establishment. In the case of a retail establishment with more than two lines of business, primary business means the line of business which generates the highest revenues when compared with the other lines of business.

(b) "Retail establishment" means a single outlet, whether or not at a fixed location, operated by a seller. Retail establishment includes the preparation facilities of caterers, outlets that deliver the alcoholic beverages, food and food ingredients, and prepared food that they prepare, and other similar sellers. A single seller engaged in multiple lines of business at one location may be deemed to be operating multiple retail establishments if the lines of business are not commonly regarded as a single retail establishment or if there are other factors indicating that the lines of business should be treated separately. The operation of concession stands by stadium owners, performers, promoters, or others with a financial interest in ticket sales or admission charges to any event shall be considered a separate line of business constituting a retail establishment.

(c) "Theater" means an indoor or outdoor location for the presentation of movies, plays, or musicals.

(2) If an establishment that is a restaurant under Section 59-12-602 sells prepackaged foods as incidental items with the sale of alcoholic beverages, food and food ingredients, or prepared foods, a tax imposed under Section 59-12-603(1)(b) applies to the prepackaged food as well.

(3) For purposes of collecting the tax imposed on the sale of alcoholic beverages, food and food ingredients, and prepared foods and beverages, the tax will attach in the county in which the food or beverage is served.

(4) A seller that sells foods or beverages prepared for immediate consumption and is uncertain whether it is a restaurant shall make application, in letter form, for exemption with the Tax Commission indicating the circumstances that may qualify it for an exemption. A single application may be filed by a seller for multiple retail establishments if the operations of all of the retail establishments are similar.

R865-12L-18. Participation of Counties, Cities, and Towns in Determination, Administration, Operation, and Enforcement of Local Option Sales and Use Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-1-403, 59-12-202, 59-12-204, and 59-12-205.

A. The Tax Commission has exclusive authority, subject to the provisions of B. to determine taxpayer liability for the local option sales and use tax, and to administer, operate, and enforce the provisions of Title 59, Chapter 12, Utah Code Ann., including the provisions of Section 59-12-201, et seq. The Tax

Commission shall:

1. ascertain, assess, and collect any sales and use tax imposed pursuant to Title 59, Chapter 12;

2. determine taxpayer liability for the sales and use tax;

3. represent the counties', cities', and towns' interests in all administrative proceedings commenced pursuant to Title 63, Chapter 46b, or otherwise, involving the state or local option sales and use tax;

4. adjudicate all administrative proceedings commenced pursuant to Title 63, Chapter 46b, or otherwise, involving the state or local option sales and use tax.

B. Counties, cities, and towns shall have access to records and information on file with the Tax Commission, and have notice and such rights to intervene in or to appeal from a proposed final agency action of the Tax Commission as follows:

1. In any case in which the Tax Commission, following a formal adjudicative proceeding commenced pursuant to Title 63, Chapter 46b, Utah Code Ann., takes final agency action that would reduce the amount of sales and use tax liability alleged in the notice of deficiency, the Tax Commission will provide notice of a proposed agency action to all qualified counties, cities, and towns.

a) A county, city, or town is a qualified county, city, or town for purposes of B.1. above if the proposed final agency action reduces the local option sales and use tax distributable to that individual county, city, or town by more than $10,000 below the amount of that tax that would have been distributable to that county, city, or town had the notice of deficiency not been reduced.

2. Upon notification from the Tax Commission of proposed final agency action, the authorized representative of the qualified county, city, or town has the right to review the record of the formal hearing and all Tax Commission records relating to the proposed final agency action in accordance with the provisions of Part F of this rule.

3. Within ten days following receipt of notice of a proposed final agency action, a qualified county, city, or town may intervene in the Tax Commission proceeding by filing a notice of intervention with the Tax Commission.

4. Within 20 days after filing a notice of intervention, if a qualified county, city, or town objects to the proposed final agency action in whole or in part, it will file with the Tax Commission a petition for reconsideration setting out all facts, arguments and authorities in support of its contention that the proposed final agency action is erroneous and shall serve copies of the petition on the taxpayer and the appropriate Tax Commission division.

5. The taxpayer and the appropriate Tax Commission division may each file a response to the petition for reconsideration filed by a qualified county, city, or town within 20 days of receipt of the petition for reconsideration.

6. After consideration of the petition for reconsideration and any response, and any further proceedings it deems appropriate, the Tax Commission may affirm, modify, or amend its proposed final agency action. The taxpayer and any qualified county, city, or town that has filed a petition for reconsideration may appeal the final agency action in accordance with applicable statutes and rules.

C. Counties, cities, and towns shall only have such notice of and such rights to intervene in or to appeal from a proposed final agency action of the Tax Commission in sales and use tax cases as are provided herein.

D. Counties, cities, and towns are subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 59-1-403(1) and (5) and standards as set forth in Section 59-2-206 concerning all Tax Commission taxpayer sales and use tax records to which they are granted access.

E. Counties, cities, and towns shall be provided such information regarding sales and use tax collections as is necessary to verify that the local sales and use tax revenues collected by the Tax Commission are distributed to each county, city, and town in accordance with Sections 59-12-205 and 59-12-206, including access to the Tax Commission's reports of vendor sales, sales tax distribution reports and breakdown of local revenues.

F. When a county, city, or town objects to a proposed final agency action of the Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of Part A, of this rule, the authorized representative of a county, city, or town shall, subject to the confidentiality provisions of Part D, have access to such Tax Commission sales and use tax records as is necessary for the county, city, or town to contest the Tax Commission's final agency action.

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R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.
R865-19S. Sales and Use Tax.
R865-19S-1. Sales and Use Taxes Distinguished Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The tax imposed on amounts paid or charged for transactions under Title 59, Chapter 12 is a:

1. sales tax, if the tax is collected and remitted by a seller on the seller's in-state or out-of-state sales; or

2. use tax, if the tax is remitted by a purchaser.

B. The two taxes are compensating taxes, one supplementing the other, but both cannot be applicable to the same transaction. The rate of tax is the same.

R865-19S-2. Nature of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The sales and use taxes are transaction taxes imposed upon certain retail sales and leases of tangible personal property, as well as upon certain services.

B. The tax is not upon the articles sold or furnished, but upon the transaction, and the purchaser is the actual taxpayer. The vendor is charged with the duty of collecting the tax from the purchaser and of paying the tax to the state.

R865-19S-4. Collection of Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

(1) For purposes of this rule, "item" includes:

(a) an admission;

(b) a product transferred electronically;

(c) a service; and

(d) tangible personal property.

(2)(a) An invoice or receipt issued by a seller shall separately state the sales tax collected on the invoice or receipt.

(b) If an invoice or receipt issued by a seller does not show the sales tax collected as required in Subsection (2)(a), sales tax will be assessed on the seller or purchaser based on the amount of the invoice or receipt.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by statute, if a purchase consists of items that are exempt from sales tax and items that are subject to sales tax, the entire purchase is subject to sales tax unless the seller, at the time of the transaction:

(a) separately states the tax exempt items on the invoice; or

(b) is able to identify by reasonable and identifiable standards, from the books and records the seller keeps in the seller's regular course of business, the items exempt from sales tax.

(4) Unless otherwise provided by statute, if a purchase consists of two or more items that are subject to sales tax at different rates, the entire purchase is subject to sales tax at the higher tax rate unless the seller, at the time of the transaction:

(a) separately states on the invoice the items subject to sales tax at each of the different sales tax rates; or

(b) is able to identify by reasonable and identifiable standards, from the books and records the seller keeps in the seller's regular course of business, the items subject to sales tax at the lower tax rate.

(5) A seller that collects an excess amount of sales or use tax must either refund the excess to the purchasers from whom the seller collected the excess or remit the excess to the commission.

(a) A seller may offset an undercollection of tax on sales against any excess tax collected in the same reporting period.

(b) A seller may not offset an underpayment of tax on the seller's purchases against an excess of tax collected.

R865-19S-7. Sales Tax License Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-106.

A.1. A separate sales and use tax license must be obtained for each place of business, but where more than one place of business is operated by the same person, one application may be filed giving the required information about each place of business.

2. Each license must be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of business for which it is issued.

B. The holder of a license issued under Section 59-12-106 shall notify the commission:

1. of any change of address of the business;

2. of a change of character of the business, or

3. if the license holder ceases to do business.

C. The commission may determine that a person has ceased to do business or has changed that person's business address if:

1. mail is returned as undeliverable as addressed and unable to forward;

2. the person fails to file four consecutive monthly or quarterly sales tax returns, or two consecutive annual sales tax returns;

3. the person fails to renew its annual business license with the Department of Commerce; or

4. the person fails to renew its local business license.

D. If the requirements of C. are met, the commission shall notify the license holder that the license will be considered invalid unless the license holder provides evidence within 15 days that the license should remain valid.

E. A person may request the commission to reopen a sales and use tax license that has been determined invalid under D.

F. The holder of a license issued under Section 59-12-106 shall be responsible for any sales and use tax, interest, and penalties incurred under that license whether those taxes and fees are incurred during the time the license is valid or invalid.

R865-19S-12. Filing of Returns Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-107 and 59-12-118.

(1)(a) Every person responsible for the collection of the tax under the act shall file a return with the Tax Commission whether or not sales tax is due.

(b) The return filed by a remote seller under Section 59-12-107(4) shall be the return the seller would have filed if the seller were not a remote seller.

(2) If the due date for a return falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the return will be considered timely filed if it is received on the next business day.

(3) If a return is transmitted through the United States mail, a legible cancellation mark on the envelope, or the date of registration of certification thereof by a United States post office, is considered the date the return is filed.

(4) Sales and use tax returns shall be filed and paid monthly or quarterly with the following exceptions:

(a) New businesses that expect annual sales and use tax liability less than $1,000, shall be assigned an annual filing status unless quarterly filing status is requested.

(b)(i) Businesses currently assigned a quarterly filing status, in good standing and reporting less than $1,000 in tax for the preceding calendar year may be changed to annual filing status.

(ii) The Tax Commission will notify businesses, in writing, if their filing status is changed to annual.

(c)(i) Businesses assigned an annual filing status reporting in excess of $1,000 for a calendar year, will be changed to quarterly filing status.

(ii) The Tax Commission will notify businesses, in writing, if their filing status is changed to quarterly.

(5) Annual returns are due on January 31 following the calendar year end. The Tax Commission may revoke the annual filing status if sales tax collections are in excess of $1,000 or as a result of delinquent payment history.

R865-19S-13. Confidential Nature of Returns Pursuant to

Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-109.

A. The returns filed are confidential and the information contained therein will not be divulged by the Tax Commission, its agents, clerks, or employees except in accordance with judicial order or upon proper application of a federal, state, or local agency. The returns will not be produced in any court proceeding except where such proceeding directly involves provisions of the sales tax act.

B. However, any person or his duly authorized representative who files returns under this act may obtain copies of the same upon proper application and presentation of proper picture identification.

R865-19S-16. Failure to Remit Excess Tax Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. The amount paid by any vendor to the Tax Commission with each return is the greater of:

1. the actual tax collections for the reporting period, or

2. the amount computed at the rates imposed by law against the total taxable sales for that period.

B. Space is available on the return forms for inserting figures and the words "excess collections," if needed.

R865-19S-20. Basis for Reporting Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

A. "Total sales" means the total amount of all cash, credit, installment, and conditional sales made during the period covered by the return.

B. Amounts shown on returns must include the total sales made during the period of the returns, and the tax must be reported and paid upon that basis.

C. Adjustments may be made and credit allowed for cash discounts, returned goods, and bad debts that result from sales upon which the tax has been reported and paid in full by a seller to the Tax Commission.

1. Adjustments and credits will be allowed only if the seller has not been reimbursed in the full amount of the tax except as noted in C.6.a) and can establish that fact by records, receipts or other means.

2. In no case shall the credit be greater than the sales tax on that portion of the purchase price remaining unpaid at the time the goods are returned, the account is charged off.

3. Any refund or credit given to the purchaser must include the related sales tax.

D. Tax is based upon the original price unless adjustments were made prior to the close of the reporting period in which the tax upon the sale is due. If the price upon which the tax is computed and paid is subsequently adjusted, credit may be taken against the tax due on a subsequent return.

E. If a sales tax rate change takes place prior to the reporting period when the seller claims the credit, the seller must adjust the taxable amount so that the amount of tax credited corresponds proportionally to the amount of tax originally collected.

F. Commissions to agents are not deductible under any conditions for purposes of tax computation.

R865-19S-22. Sales and Use Tax Records Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-111.

A. Every retailer, lessor, lessee, and person doing business in this state or storing, using, or otherwise consuming in this state tangible personal property purchased from a retailer, shall keep and preserve complete and adequate records as may be necessary to determine the amount of sales and use tax for which such person or entity is liable. Unless the Tax Commission authorizes in writing an alternative method of record keeping, these records shall:

1. show gross receipts from sales, or rental payments from leases, of tangible personal property or services performed in connection with tangible personal property made in this state, irrespective of whether the retailer regards the receipts to be taxable or nontaxable;

2. show all deductions allowed by law and claimed in filing returns;

3. show bills, invoices or similar evidence of all tangible personal property purchased for sale, consumption, or lease in this state; and

4. include the normal books of account maintained by an ordinarily prudent business person engaged in such business, together with supporting documents of original entry such as: bills, receipts, invoices, and cash register tapes. All schedules or working papers used in connection with the preparation of tax returns must also be maintained.

B. Records may be microfilmed or microfiched. However, microfilm reproductions of general books of account--such as cash books, journals, voucher registers, ledgers, and like documents--are not acceptable as original records. Where microfilm or microfiche reproductions of supporting records are maintained--such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda and like documents--the following conditions must be met:

1. appropriate facilities must be provided for preservation of the films or fiche for the periods required and open to examination,

2. microfilm rolls and microfiche must be systematically filed, indexed, cross referenced, and labeled to show beginning and ending numbers and to show beginning and ending alphabetical listing of documents included,

3. upon request of the Tax Commission, the taxpayer shall provide transcriptions of any information contained on microfilm or microfiche which may be required for verification of tax liability,

4. proper facilities must be provided for the ready inspection and location of the particular records, including machines for viewing and copying the records,

5. a posting reference must appear on each invoice. Credit memoranda must carry a reference to the document evidencing the original transaction. Documents necessary to support exemptions from tax liability, such as bills of lading and purchase orders, must be maintained in such order so as to relate to exempt transactions claimed.

C. Any automated data processing (ADP) tax accounting system must be capable of producing visible and legible records for verification of taxpayer's tax liability.

1. ADP records shall provide an opportunity to trace any transaction back to the original source or forward to a final total. If detailed printouts are not made of transactions at the time they are processed, the systems must have the ability to reconstruct these transactions.

2. A general ledger with source references should be prepared to coincide with financial reports for tax reporting periods. In cases where subsidiary ledgers are used to support the general ledger accounts, the subsidiary ledgers should also be prepared periodically.

3. The audit trail should be designed so that the details underlying the summary accounting data may be identified and made available to the Tax Commission upon request. The system should be so designed that supporting documents--such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, and like documents--are readily available.

4. A description of the ADP portion of the accounting system shall be made available. The statements and illustrations as to the scope of operations shall be sufficiently detailed to indicate:

(a) the application being performed;

(b) the procedures employed in each application (which, for example, might be supported by flow charts, block diagrams or other satisfactory description of the input or output

procedures); and

(c) the controls used to insure accurate and reliable processing and important changes, together with their effective dates, in order to preserve an accurate chronological record.

D. All records pertaining to transactions involving sales or use tax liability shall be preserved for a period of not less than three years.

E. All of the foregoing records shall be made available for examination on request by the Tax Commission or its authorized representatives.

F. Upon failure of the taxpayer, without reasonable cause, to substantially comply with the requirements of this rule, the Tax Commission may:

1. Prohibit the taxpayer from introducing in any protest or refund claim proceeding those microfilm, microfiche, ADP, or any records which have not been prepared and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of this rule.

2. Dismiss any protest or refund claim proceeding in which the taxpayer bases its claim upon any microfilm, microfiche, ADP, or any records which have not been prepared and maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements of this rule.

3. Enter such other order necessary to obtain compliance with this rule in the future.

4. Revoke taxpayer's license upon evidence of continued failure to comply with the requirements of this rule.

R865-19S-23. Exemption Certificates Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-106 and 59-12-104.

A. Taxpayers selling tangible personal property or services to customers exempt from sales tax are required to keep records verifying the nontaxable status of those sales.

B. The Tax Commission will furnish samples of acceptable exemption certificate forms on request. Stock quantities are not furnished, but taxpayers may reproduce samples as needed in whole or in part.

C. A seller may retain a copy of a purchase order, check, or voucher in place of the exemption certificate as evidence of exemption for a federal, state, or local government entity, including public schools.

D. If a purchaser is unable to segregate tangible personal property or services purchased for resale from tangible personal property or services purchased for the purchaser's own consumption, everything should be purchased tax-free. The purchaser must then report and pay the tax on the cost of goods or services purchased tax-free for resale that the purchaser uses or consumes.

E. A seller may provide evidence of a sales and use tax exemption electronically if the seller uses the standard sales and use tax exemption form adopted by the governing board of the agreement.

F. A seller shall obtain the same information for proof of a claimed exemption regardless of the medium in which the transaction occurs.

R865-19S-25. Sale of Business Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-112.

A. Every sales tax license holder who discontinues business, is required to notify the Tax Commission immediately and return the sales tax license for cancellation.

B. Every person discontinuing business shall retain records for a period of three years unless a release from such provision is obtained from the Tax Commission.

R865-19S-30. Sale of a Vehicle or Vessel by a Person Not Regularly Engaged in Business Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. This rule provides guidance on the sale of a vehicle or vessel by a person not regularly engaged in business for purposes of Subsections 59-12-104(13) and (18).

B. For purposes of calculating sales and use tax on the sale of a vehicle where no trade in was involved, the bill of sale or other written evidence of value shall contain the names and addresses of the purchaser and the seller, and the sales price and vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

C. For purposes of calculating sales and use tax on the sale of a vehicle when the seller has received a trade-in vehicle as payment or partial payment, the bill of sale or other written evidence of value shall contain all of the following:

1. the names and addresses of the buyer and the seller;

2. the purchase price of the vehicle;

3. the value allowed for the trade-in vehicle;

4. the net difference between the vehicle traded and the vehicle purchased;

5. the signature of the seller; and

6. the vehicle identification numbers of the vehicle traded in and the vehicle purchased.

D. In the absence of a bill of sale or other written evidence of value, the fair market value of the vehicle or vessel shall be determined by industry accepted vehicle pricing guides.

R865-19S-31. Time and Place of Sale Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Ordinarily, the time and place of a sale are determined by the contract of sale between the seller and buyer. The intent of the parties is the governing factor in determining both time and place of sale subject to the general law of contracts. If the contract of sale requires the seller to deliver or ship goods to a buyer, title to the property passes upon delivery to the place agreed upon unless the contract of sale provides otherwise.

R865-19S-32. Leases and Rentals Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1)(a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), a lessor shall compute sales or use tax on all amounts received or charged in connection with a lease or rental of tangible personal property.

(b) Fuel charges in a transaction for the lease or rental of a motor vehicle are not subject to sales tax pursuant to Subsection 59-12-104(1) if the fuel charges are:

(i) optional; and

(ii) separately stated on the invoice.

(2) When a lessee has the right to possession, operation, or use of tangible personal property, the tax applies to the amount paid pursuant to the lease agreement, regardless of the duration of the agreement.

(3) Lessors of tangible personal property shall furnish an exemption certificate when purchasing tangible personal property subject to the sales or use tax on rental receipts. Costs of repairs and renovations to tangible personal property are exempt if paid for by the lessor since it is assumed that those costs are recovered by the lessor in his rental receipts.

(4) A person that furnishes tangible personal property along with an operator, as described in the definition of lease or rental in Section 59-12-102, provides a service and shall:

(a) pay sales and use tax at the time that person purchases the tangible personal property that is furnished under this Subsection (4); and

(b) collect sales and use tax at the time that person provides the service if the service is subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-33. Admissions and User Fees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

(1)(a) "Admission" means the right or privilege to enter into a place. Admission includes the amount paid for the right to use a reserved seat or any seat in an auditorium, theater, circus, stadium, schoolhouse, meeting house, or gymnasium to view any type of entertainment. Admission also includes the right to use a table at a night club, hotel, or roof garden whether

such charge is designated as a cover charge, minimum charge, or any such similar charge.

(b) This applies whether the charge made for the use of the seat, table, or similar accommodation is combined with an admission charge to form a single charge, or is separate and distinct from an admission charge, or is the sole charge.

(2) "Annual membership dues paid to a private organization" includes only those dues paid by members who, directly or indirectly, establish the level of the dues.

(3) "Season passes" include amounts paid to participate in specific activities, once annual membership dues have been paid.

(4) If the original admission charge carries the right to remain in a place, or to use a seat or table, or other similar accommodation for a limited time only, and an additional charge is made for an extension of such time, the extra charge is paid for admission within the meaning of the law. Where a person or organization acquires the sole right to use any place or the right to dispose of all of the admissions to any place for one or more occasions, the amount paid is not subject to the tax on admissions. Such a transaction constitutes a rental of the entire place and if the person or organization in turn sells admissions, sales tax applies to amounts paid for such admissions.

(5) Annual membership dues may be paid in installments during the year.

(6) Amounts paid for the following activities are not admissions or user fees:

(a) lessons, public or private;

(b) sign up for amateur athletics if the activity is sponsored by a state governmental entity, or a nonprofit corporation or organization, the primary purpose of which, as stated in the corporation's or organization's articles or bylaws, is the sponsoring, promoting, and encouraging of amateur athletics;

(c) sign up for participation in school activities. Sign up for participation in school activities excludes attendance as a spectator at school activities.

R865-19S-34. Admission to Places of Amusement Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1)(a) The amount paid for admission is subject to sales and use tax, even though that amount includes the right of the purchaser to participate in some activity.

(b) For example, the sale of a ticket for a ride upon a mechanical device is an admission to a place of amusement.

(2)(a) Additional charges for the rental of tangible personal property are subject to sales and use tax as the sale of tangible personal property.

(b) For example:

(i) towel rentals and swimming suit rentals at a swimming pool are subject to sales and use tax;

(ii) locker rental fees at a swimming pool are subject to sales tax if the lockers are tangible personal property.

R865-19S-35. Residential or Commercial Use of Gas, Electricity, Heat, Coal, Fuel Oils or Other Fuels Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. "Residential use" is as defined in Section 59-12-102, and includes use in nursing homes or other similar establishments that serve as the permanent residence for a majority of the patients because they are unable to live independently.

B. Explosives or material used as active ingredients in explosive devices are not fuels.

C. If a firm has activities that are commercial and industrial and all fuels are furnished at given locations through single meters, the predominant use of the fuels shall determine taxable status of the fuels.

D. Fuel oil and other fuels must be used in a combustion process in order to qualify for the exemption from sales tax for industrial use of fuels pursuant to Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-37. Exempt Sales of Commercials, Audio Tapes, and Video Tapes by or to Motion Pictures Exhibitors and Distributors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. The purpose of this rule is to clarify the sales tax exemption for sales of commercials, motion picture films, prerecorded audio program tapes or records, and prerecorded video tapes by a producer, distributor, or studio to a motion picture exhibitor, distributor, or commercial television or radio broadcaster.

B. Definitions.

1. "Commercials," "audio tapes," and "video tapes" mean tapes, films, or discs used by television or radio stations in regular broadcasting activities but do not include blank tapes purchased for newscasts or other similar uses by radio and television stations.

2. "Motion picture exhibitor" means any person engaged in the business of operating a theater or establishment in which motion pictures are regularly exhibited to the public for a charge.

3. "Distributor" means any person who purchases or sells motion picture films and video tapes that are used by a commercial television broadcaster or a motion picture exhibitor.

C. The sales tax exemption will be administered according to the provisions of Section 59-12-104 and this rule.

R865-19S-38. Isolated or Occasional Sales and Use Tax Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) "Isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption" means a sale that qualifies for the sales and use tax exemption for the sale of tangible personal property by a person:

(a) regardless of the number of sales of that tangible personal property by that person; and

(b) not regularly engaged in the business of selling that type of property.

(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), sales made by officers of a court, pursuant to court orders, qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(b) Sales made by trustees, receivers, or assignees in connection with the liquidation or conduct of a regularly established place of business do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(c) Examples of sales made by officers of a court pursuant to court order, that qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption are sales made by sheriffs in foreclosing proceedings and sales of confiscated property.

(3) If a business regularly sells a type of property, sales of that type of property do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption, even if the primary purpose of the business is not the sale of that type of property. For example, the sale of repossessed radios or refrigerators by a finance company do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), sales of vehicles required to be titled or registered under the laws of this state do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(b) The transfer of a vehicle where the ownership of the vehicle before and after the transfer is at least 80 percent the same qualifies for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

(5) Sales that qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption include sales that occur as part of:

(a) the reorganization, sale, or liquidation of a business so long as those sales do not include items purchased exempt from sales tax as a sale for resale;

(b) a garage sale if:

(i) the person selling the items at the garage sale is not

regularly engaged in selling that type of property; and

(ii) the items sold at the garage sale were not purchased exempt from sales tax as a sale for resale; and

(c) the sale of business assets that are:

(i) not purchased sales tax exempt by the business as a sale for resale; and

(ii) a type of property not regularly sold by the business.

(6) An example of a sale that qualifies for the sales and use tax exemption under Subsection (5)(a) is a sale, even if it is one of a series of sales, to liquidate the fixtures and equipment of a manufacturing company.

(7) Examples of sales that qualify for the sales and use tax exemption under Subsection (5)(c) include the sale by a:

(a) grocery store of its cash registers, shelves, and fixtures;

(b) law firm of its furniture; and

(c) manufacturer of its used manufacturing equipment.

(8) Sales of items at public auctions generally do not qualify for the isolated or occasional sales and use tax exemption.

R865-19S-40. Exchange of Agricultural Produce For Processed Agricultural Products Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. When a raiser or grower of agricultural products exchanges his produce for a more finished product capable of being made from the produce exchanged with the processor, the more finished product is not subject to the tax within limitations of the value of the raised produce exchanged.

R865-19S-41. Sales to The United States Government and Its Instrumentalities Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-104 and 59-12-106.

A. Sales to the United States government are exempt if federal law or the United States Constitution prohibits the collection of sales or use tax.

B. If the United States government pays for merchandise or services with funds held in trust for nonexempt individuals or organizations, sales tax must be charged.

C. Sales made directly to the United States government or any authorized instrumentality thereof are not taxable, provided the sale is paid for directly by the federal government. If an employee of the federal government pays for the purchase with his own funds and is reimbursed by the federal government, that sale is not made to the federal government and does not qualify for the exemption.

D. Vendors making exempt sales to the federal government are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Tax Commission rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-42. Purchases by the State of Utah, Its Institutions, and Its Political Subdivisions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-104 and 59-12-104.6.

(1) "Lodging related purchase" is as defined in Section 59-12-104.6.

(2) A purchase made by the state, its institutions, or its political subdivisions such as counties, municipalities, school districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, and metropolitan water districts is exempt from tax if the purchase is for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function.

(3) A purchase is considered made by the state, its institutions, or its political subdivisions if the purchase is paid for directly by the purchasing state or local entity. If an employee of a state or local entity pays for a purchase with the employee's own funds and is reimbursed by the state or local entity, that purchase is not made by the state or local entity and does not qualify for the exemption.

(4) An entity that qualifies under Subsections (2) and (3) for an exemption from sales and sales-related tax on a lodging related purchase:

(a) may not receive that exemption at the point of sale; and

(b) may apply for a refund of tax paid on forms provided by the commission.

(5) An entity that applies for a refund of sales and sales-related tax paid under Subsection (4)(b) shall:

(a) retain a copy of a receipt or invoice indicating:

(i) the amount of sales and sales-related tax paid for each purchase for which a refund of tax paid is claimed; and

(ii) the purchase was paid for directly by the entity; and

(b) maintain original records supporting the refund request for three years following the date of the refund and provide those records to the commission upon request.

R865-19S-43. Sales to or by Religious and Charitable Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. In order to qualify for an exemption from sales tax as a religious or charitable institution, an organization must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Religious and charitable institutions must collect sales tax on any sales income arising from unrelated trades or businesses and report that sales tax to the Tax Commission unless the sales are otherwise exempted by law.

1. The definition of the phrase "unrelated trades or businesses" shall be the definition of that phrase in 26 U.S.C.A. Section 513 (West Supp. 1993), which is adopted and incorporated by reference.

C. Every institution claiming exemption from sales tax under this rule must submit form TC-160, Application for Sales Tax Exemption Number for Religious or Charitable Institutions, along with any other information that form requires, to the Tax Commission for its determination. Vendors making sales to institutions exempt from sales tax are subject to the requirements of Rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-44. Sales In Interstate Commerce Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales made in interstate commerce are not subject to the sales tax imposed. However, the mere fact that commodities purchased in Utah are transported beyond its boundaries is not enough to constitute the transaction of a sale in interstate commerce. When the commodity is delivered to the buyer in this state, even though the buyer is not a resident of the state and intends to transport the property to a point outside the state, the sale is not in interstate commerce and is subject to tax.

B. Before a sale qualifies as a sale made in interstate commerce, the following must be complied with:

1. the transaction must involve actual and physical movement of the property sold across the state line;

2. such movement must be an essential and not an incidental part of the sale;

3. the seller must be obligated by the express or unavoidable implied terms of the sale, or contract to sell, to make physical delivery of the property across a state boundary line to the buyer;

C. Where delivery is made by the seller to a common carrier for transportation to the buyer outside the state of Utah, the common carrier is deemed to be the agent of the vendor for the purposes of this section regardless of who is responsible for the payment of the freight charges.

D. If property is ordered for delivery in Utah from a person or corporation doing business in Utah, the sale is taxable even though the merchandise is shipped from outside the state to the seller or directly to the buyer.

R865-19S-48. Sales Tax Exemption For Coverings and Containers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Sales of containers, labels, bags, shipping cases, and casings are taxable when:

1. sold to the final user or consumer;

2. sold to a manufacturer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer for use as a returnable container that is ordinarily returned to and reused by the manufacturer, processor, wholesaler, or retailer for storing or transporting their product; or

3. sold for internal transportation or accounting control purposes.

B. Returnable containers may include water bottles, carboys, drums, beer kegs for draft beer, dairy product containers, and gas cylinders.

1. Labels used for accounting, pricing, or other control purposes are also subject to tax.

C. For the purpose of this rule, soft drink bottles and similar containers that are ultimately destroyed or retained by the final user or consumer are not considered returnable and are exempt from the tax when purchased by the processor.

D. When tangible personal property sold in containers, for example soft drinks, is assessed a deposit or other container charge, that charge is subject to the tax. Upon refund of this charge, the retailer may take credit on a sales tax return if the tax is refunded to the customer.

R865-19S-49. Sales to and by Farmers and Other Agricultural Producers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1)(a) For purposes of the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property used or consumed primarily and directly in farming operations, a person is engaged in "farming operations" if that person may deduct farm related expenses under Sections 162 or 212, Internal Revenue Code.

(b) To determine whether a person may deduct farm related expenses under Sections 162 or 212 of the Internal Revenue Code, the commission shall consider Treas. Reg. Sections 1.183-1 and 1.183-2.

(2) The purchase of feed, medicine, and veterinary supplies by a farmer or other agricultural producer qualify for the sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property used or consumed primarily and directly in farming operations if the feed, medicine, or veterinary supplies are used:

(a) to produce or care for agricultural products that are for sale;

(b) to feed or care for working dogs and working horses in agricultural use;

(c) to feed or care for animals that are marketed.

(3) Fur-bearing animals that are kept for breeding or for their products are agricultural products.

(4) A vendor making sales to a farmer or other agricultural producer is liable for the tax unless that vendor obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in Rule R865-19S-23.

(5) Poultry, eggs, and dairy products are not seasonal products for purposes of the sales and use tax exemption for the exclusive sale of seasonal crops, seedling plants, or garden, farm, or other agricultural produce sold during the harvest season.

R865-19S-50. Florists Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Flowers, trees, bouquets, plants, and other similar items of tangible personal property are agricultural products and are, therefore, subject to the rules concerning the sale of those products as set forth in Rule R865-19S-49.

B. Where florists conduct transactions through a florist telegraphic delivery association, the following rules apply in computation of tax liability:

1. the florist must collect tax from the customer if the flower order is telegraphed to a second florist in Utah;

2. if a Utah florist receives an order pursuant to which he gives telegraphic instructions outside Utah, the Utah florist must collect tax from his customer upon the total charges;

3. if a Utah florist receives telegraphic instructions from a florist either within or outside of Utah for the delivery of flowers, the receiving vendor is not liable for the tax. In this instance, if the order originated in Utah, the tax is due from and payable by the Utah florist who first received the order.

R865-19S-51. Fabrication Labor in Connection With Retail Sales of Tangible Personal Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. The amount charged for fabrication that is part of the process of creating a finished article of tangible personal property must be included in the amount upon which tax is collected. This type of labor and service charge may not be deducted from the selling price used for taxation purposes even though billed separately to the consumer and regardless of whether the articles are commonly carried in stock or made up on special order.

B. Casting, forging, cutting, drilling, heat treating, surfacing, machining, constructing, and assembling are examples of steps in the process resulting in the creation or production of a finished article.

C. Sale of tangible personal property that is attached to real property, but remains personal property, is subject to sales tax on the retail selling price of the personal property, unless the tangible personal property attached to the real property is exempt from sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104.

D. This rule primarily covers manufacturing and assembling labor. Other rules deal with other types of labor and should be referred to whenever necessary.

R865-19S-53. Sale by Finance Companies Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Sales of tangible personal property acquired by repossession or foreclosure are subject to tax. Persons making such sales must secure a license and collect and remit tax on the sales made.

R865-19S-54. Governmental Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Tax does not apply to sales to the state of Utah, or to any political subdivision of the state, where such property is for use in the exercise of an essential governmental function. Also, certain sales are not taxed because of federal law or the United States Constitution.

B. Sales to the following state and federal agencies, institutions, and instrumentalities are exempt:

1. federal agencies and instrumentalities
2. state institutions and departments
3. counties
4. municipalities
5. school districts, public schools
6. special taxing districts
7. federal land banks
8. federal reserve banks
9. activity funds within the armed services
10. post exchanges
11. Federally chartered credit unions

C. The following are taxable:

1. national banks
2. federal building and loan associations
3. joint stock land banks
4. state banks (whether or not members of the Federal Reserve System)
5. state building and loan associations
6. private irrigation companies
7. rural electrification projects
8. sales to officers or employees of exempt instrumentalities

D. No sales tax immunity exists solely by virtue of the fact

that the sale was made on federal property.

E. Sales made by governmental units are subject to sales tax.

R865-19S-56. Sales by Employers to Employees Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. Sales to employees are subject to tax on the amount charged for goods and taxable services. If tangible personal property is given to employees with no charge, the employer is deemed to be the consumer and must pay tax on his cost of the merchandise. Examples of this type of transaction are meals furnished to waitresses and other employees, contest prizes given to salesmen, merchandise bonuses given to clerks, and similar items given away.

R865-19S-57. Ice Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. In general, sales of ice to be used by the purchaser for refrigeration or cooling purposes are taxable. Sales to restaurants, taverns, or the like to be placed in drinks consumed by customers at the place of business are sales for resale and are not taxable.

B. Where ice is sold in fulfillment of a contract for icing or reicing property in transit by railroads or other freight lines, the entire amount of the sale is taxable, and no deduction for services is allowed.

R865-19S-58. Materials and Supplies Sold to Owners, Contractors and Repairmen of Real Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

(1) Sales of construction materials and other items of tangible personal property to real property contractors and repairmen of real property are generally subject to tax if the contractor or repairman converts the materials or items to real property.

(a) "Construction materials" include items of tangible personal property such as lumber, bricks, nails and cement that are used to construct buildings, structures or improvements on the land and typically lose their separate identity as personal property once incorporated into the real property.

(b) Fixtures or other items of tangible personal property such as furnaces, built-in air conditioning systems, or other items that are appurtenant to or incorporated into real property and that become an integral part of a real property improvement are treated as construction materials for purposes of this rule.

(2) The sale of real property is not subject to sales tax, nor is the labor performed on real property. For example, the sale of a completed home or building is not subject to the tax, but sales of materials and supplies to contractors for use in building the home or building are taxable transactions as sales to final consumers.

(a) The contractor or repairman who converts the personal property to real property is the consumer of tangible personal property regardless of the type of contract entered into--whether it is a lump sum, time and material, or a cost-plus contract.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2)(d), the contractor or repairman who converts the construction materials, fixtures or other items to real property is the consumer of the personal property whether the contract is performed for an individual, a religious or charitable institution, or a government entity.

(c) Sales of construction materials or fixtures made to religious or charitable institutions are exempt only if the items are sold as tangible personal property.

(d) Sales of materials are considered made to religious or charitable institutions and, therefore, exempt from sales tax, if:

(i) the religious or charitable institution makes payment for the materials directly to the vendor; or

(ii)(A) the materials are purchased on behalf of the religious or charitable institution.

(B) Materials are purchased on behalf of the religious or charitable institution if the materials are clearly identified and segregated and installed or converted to real property owned by the religious or charitable institution.

(e) Purchases not made pursuant to Subsection (2)(d) are assumed to have been made by the contractor and are subject to sales tax.

(3) If the contractor or repairman purchases all materials and supplies from vendors who collect the Utah tax, no sales tax license is required unless the contractor makes direct sales of tangible personal property in addition to the work on real property.

(a) If direct sales are made, the contractor shall obtain a sales tax license and collect tax on all sales of tangible personal property to final consumers.

(b) The contractor must accrue and remit tax on all merchandise bought tax-free and converted to real property. Books and records must be kept to account for both material sold and material consumed.

(4) This rule does not apply to contracts where the retailer sells and installs personal property that does not become part of the real property. Examples of items that remain tangible personal property even when attached to real property are:

(a) moveable items that are attached to real property merely for stability or for an obvious temporary purpose;

(b) manufacturing equipment and machinery and essential accessories appurtenant to the manufacturing equipment and machinery;

(c) items installed for the benefit of the trade or business conducted on the property that are affixed in a manner that facilitates removal without substantial damage to the real property or to the item itself and

(d) telephone or communications equipment and associated wire and lines if the equipment, wire, and lines:

(i) are provided as part of a single transaction;

(ii) that are part of real property are an incidental portion of the transaction;

(iii) are primarily used for the operation of a telephone system or a communications system;

(iv) are installed for the benefit of the trade or business conducted on the property; and

(v) are attached to real property in a manner such that their removal from the real property does not cause substantial damage to the equipment, wire, or lines or to the real property to which they are attached.

R865-19S-59. Sales of Materials and Services to Repairmen Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Sales of tangible personal property and services to persons engaged in repairing or renovating tangible personal property are for resale, provided the tangible personal property or service becomes a component part of the repair or renovation sold. For example, paint sold to a body and fender shop and used to paint an automobile is exempt from sales tax since it becomes a component part of the repair work.

1. Sandpaper, masking tape, and similar supplies are subject to sales tax when sold to a repairman since these items are consumed by the repairman rather than being sold to his customer as an ingredient part of the repair job. These items shall be taxed at the time of sale if it is known that they are to be consumed. However, if this is not determinable at the time of sale, these items should be purchased tax free, as set forth in Rule R865-19S-23 and sales tax reported on the repairman's sales tax return covering the period during which consumption takes place.

R865-19S-60. Sales of Machinery, Fixtures and Supplies to Manufacturers, Businessmen and Others Pursuant to Utah

Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Unless specifically exempted by statute, sales of machinery, tools, equipment, and supplies to a manufacturer or producer are taxable.

B. Sales of furniture, supplies, stationery, equipment, appliances, tools, and instruments to stores, shops, businesses, establishments, offices, and professional people for use in carrying on their business and professional activities are taxable.

C. Sales of trade fixtures to a business owner are taxable as sales of tangible personal property even if the fixtures are temporarily attached to real property.

1. Trade fixtures are items of tangible personal property used for the benefit of the business conducted on the property.

2. Trade fixtures tend to be transient in nature in that the fixtures installed in a commercial building may vary from one tenant to the next without substantial alteration of the building, and the building itself is readily adaptable to multiple uses.

3. Examples of trade fixtures include cases, shelves and racks used to store or display merchandise.

D. Sales described in A. through C. of this rule are sales to final buyers or ultimate consumers and therefore not sales for resale.

R865-19S-61. Meals Furnished Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. The following definitions apply to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for inpatient meals provided at a medical facility or nursing facility.

1. "Medical facility" means a facility:

a) described in SIC codes 8062 through 8069 of the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; and

b) licensed under Section 26-21-8.

2. "Nursing facility" means a facility:

a) described in SIC codes 8051 through 8059 of the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget; and

b) licensed under Section 26-21-8.

B. The following definition applies to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for sales of meals served by an institution of higher education.

1. "Student meal plan" means an arrangement:

a) between an institution of higher education and a student;

b) available only to a student;

c) whose duration is the entire term, semester, or similar unit of study;

d) paid in advance of the term, semester, or similar unit of study; and

e) providing for specified meals at eating facilities of the institution of higher education.

C. Except as provided in Section 59-12-104, sales and use tax is imposed upon the amount paid for meals furnished by any restaurant, cafeteria, eating house, hotel, drug store, diner, private club, boarding house, or other place, regardless of whether meals are regularly served to the public.

D. Ingredients that become a component part of meals subject to tax are construed to be purchased for resale, and as such the purchase of those ingredients is exempt from sales and use tax.

E. Where a meal is given away on a complementary basis, the provider of the meal is considered to be the consumer of the items used in preparing the meal.

F. Meals served by religious or charitable institutions and institutions of higher education are not available to the general public if:

1. access to the restaurant, cafeteria, or other facility is restricted to:

a) in the case of a religious or charitable institution:

(1) employees of the institution;

(2) volunteers of the institution;

(3) guests of the institution; and

(4) other individuals that constitute a limited class of people; or

b) in the case of an institution of higher education:

(1) students of the institution;

(2) employees of the institution;

(3) guests of the institution; and

(4) other individuals that constitute a limited class of people; and

2. the restricted access is enforced.

G. Sales of meals at occasional church or charity bazaars or fund raisers, and other similar functions are considered isolated and occasional sales and therefore exempt from sales and use tax.

R865-19S-62. Meal Tickets, Coupon Books, and Merchandise Cards Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Meal tickets, coupon books, or merchandise cards sold by persons engaged in selling taxable commodities or services are taxable, and the tax shall be billed or collected on the selling price at the time the tickets, books, or cards are sold. Tax is to be added at the subsequent selection and delivery of the merchandise or services if an additional charge is made.

R865-19S-63. Sales of Memorial Markers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Sales of tombstones and grave markers, which are embedded in sod or a concrete foundation, are considered to be improvements to real property. If the seller furnishes and installs the marker, tax applies to his cost of the marker and to his cost of installation material. If the seller does not install the marker, the transaction is a sale of tangible personal property and the seller must collect tax on the full selling price, including cutting, shaping, lettering, and polishing.

R865-19S-65. Newspapers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Newspaper" means a publication that appears to be a newspaper in the general or common sense. In addition, the publication:

1. must be published at short intervals, daily, or weekly;

2. must not, when its successive issues are put together, constitute a book;

3. must be intended for circulation among the general public; and

4. must contain matters of general interest and report on current events.

B. Purchases of tangible personal property by a newspaper publisher are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed in the printing or distribution of the newspaper.

C. A newspaper publisher may purchase tax free for resale any tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the newspaper.

1. Examples of tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the newspaper include newsprint, ink, staples, plastic or paper protective coverings, and rubber bands distributed with the newspaper.

D. Purchases of advertising inserts that will be distributed with a newspaper are exempt from sales and use tax if the inserts are identified with the name and date of distribution of the newspaper. The identification may include a multiple listing of all newspapers that will carry the insert and the corresponding distribution dates.

1. Advertising inserts that are not identified as provided in D. are exempt from sales and use tax if the newspaper maintains a log at its place of business that lists by date and name the inserts included in each publication. The log may reflect all inserts or only the inserts not otherwise identified with the newspaper in accordance with D.

R865-19S-66. Optometrists, Opticians, and Ophthalmologists Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Optometrists and ophthalmologists are deemed to be persons engaged primarily in rendering personal services. These services consist of the examination and treatment of eyes. Glasses, contact lenses, or other tangible personal property such as sunglasses, or cleaning solutions sold by optometrists and ophthalmologists are taxable and tax must be collected from the patient or buyer. Invoices or receipts must show the charges for personal services separate from the charges for tangible personal property and the sales tax thereon. If an optometrist or ophthalmologist does not provide separate charges for personal services and sales of tangible personal property, sales tax shall be charged on the entire amount.

B. All sales of tangible personal property to optometrists or ophthalmologists for use or consumption in connection with their services are subject to sales or use tax.

C. Opticians are makers of or dealers in optical items and instruments and fill prescriptions written by optometrists and ophthalmologists. Opticians are engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property and personal services rendered by them are considered as merely incidental thereto. Opticians are required to collect the sales tax on all their sales of tangible personal property.

R865-19S-68. Premiums, Gifts, Rebates, and Coupons Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103.

A. Donors that give away items of tangible personal property as premiums or otherwise are regarded as the users or consumers of those items and the sale to the donor is a taxable sale. Exceptions to this treatment are items of tangible personal property donated to or provided for use by exempt organizations that would qualify for exemption under R865-19S-43 or R865-19S-54 if a sale of such items were made to them. An item given away as a sales incentive is exempt to the donor if the sale of that item would have been exempt. An example is prescribed medicine given away by a drug manufacturer.

B. When a retailer making a retail sale of tangible personal property that is subject to tax gives a premium together with the tangible personal property sold, the transaction is regarded as a sale of both articles to the purchaser, provided the delivery of the premium is certain and does not depend upon chance.

C. Where a retailer is engaged in selling tangible personal property that is not subject to tax and furnishes a premium with the property sold, the retailer is the consumer of the premium furnished.

D. If a retailer accepts a coupon for part or total payment for a taxable product and is reimbursed by a manufacturer or another party, the total sales value, including the coupon amount, is subject to sales tax.

E. A coupon for which no reimbursement is received is considered to be a discount and the taxable amount is the net amount paid by the customer after deducting the value of the coupon.

F. If a retailer agrees to furnish a free item in conjunction with the sale of an item, the sales tax applies only to the net amount due. If sales tax is computed on both items and only the sales value of the free item is deducted from the bill, excess collection of sales tax results. The vendor is then required to follow the procedure outlined in R865-19S-16 and remit any excess sales tax collected.

G. Any coupon with a fixed price limit must be deducted from the total bill and sales tax computed on the difference. For example, if a coupon is redeemed for two $6 meals, but the value of the free meal is limited to $5, the $12 is rung up and the $5 deducted, resulting in a taxable sale of $7.

R865-19S-70. Sales Incidental To The Rendition of Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

A. Persons engaged in occupations and professions that primarily involve the rendition of services upon the client's person and incidentally dispense items of tangible personal property are regarded as the consumers of the tangible personal property dispensed with the services.

B. Physicians, dentists, beauticians, and barbers are examples of persons described in A.

R865-19S-72. Trade-ins and Exchanges Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. An even exchange of tangible personal property for tangible personal property is exempt from tax. When a person takes tangible personal property as part payment on a sale of tangible personal property, sales or use tax applies only to any consideration valued in money which changes hands.

B. For example, if a car is sold for $8,500 and a credit of $6,500 is allowed for a used car taken in trade, the sales or use tax applies to the difference, or $2,000 in this example. Subsequently, when the used car is sold, tax applies to the selling price less any trade-in at that time.

C. An actual exchange of tangible personal properties between two persons must be made before the exemption applies. For example, there is no exchange if a person sells his car to a dealer and the dealer holds the credit to apply on a purchase at a later date; there are two separate transactions, and tax applies to the full amount of the subsequent purchase if and when it takes place.

R865-19S-73. Trustees, Receivers, Executors, Administrators, Etc. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Trustees, receivers, assignees, executors, and administrators, who -- by virtue of their appointment -- operate, manage, or control a business making taxable sales or leases of tangible personal property, or performing taxable services, must collect and remit sales tax on the total taxable sales even though such sales are made in liquidation.

R865-19S-74. Vending Machines Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Persons operating vending machines are deemed to be retailers and selling articles of tangible personal property. The total sales from vending machine operations are considered the total selling price of the tangible personal property distributed in connection with their operations and must be reported as the amount of sales subject to tax.

B. Persons operating vending machines selling food, beverages, and dairy products in which the proceeds of each sale do not exceed $1, and who do not report an amount equal to 150% of the cost of items as goods consumed, are subject to the requirements of A.

C. For purposes of the 150% of cost formula in Section 59-12-104(3), "cost" is defined as follows.

1. In the case of retailers, cost is the total purchase price paid for products, including any packaging and incoming freight.

2. In the case of a manufacturer, cost includes the following items:

a) acquisition costs of materials and packaging, including

freight;

b) direct manufacturing labor; and

c) utility expenses, if a sales tax exemption has been granted on utility purchases.

D. Operators of vending machines, if they so desire, may divide the tax out and sell items at fractional parts of a cent, providing their records so indicate.

E. Where machines vending taxable items are owned by persons other than the proprietor of a place of business in which the machine is placed and the person owning the machine has control over the sales made by the machine, evidenced by collection of the money, the owner is required to secure a sales tax license. One license is sufficient for all such machines. A statement in substantially the following form must be conspicuously affixed upon each vending machine:

"This machine is operated under Utah Sales Tax License No. "

R865-19S-75. Sales by Photographers, Photo Finishers, and Photostat Producers and Engravers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Photographers, photofinishers, and photostat producers are engaged in selling tangible personal property and rendering services such as developing, retouching, tinting, or coloring photographs belonging to others.

1. Persons described in this rule must collect tax on all of the above services and on all sales of tangible personal property, such as films, frames, cameras, prints, etc.

B. Sales of tangible personal property by photoengravers, electrotypers, and wood engravers to printers, advertisers, or other persons who do not resell such property but use or consume it in the process of producing printed matter are taxable sales. The value or worth of the services or processing which go into their production is of no moment, and it is immaterial that each sale is upon a special order for a particular customer.

1. Electrotypes and engravings are manufactured articles of merchandise and are sold as such and not as a service. No deduction is allowed on account of the cost of the property sold, labor, service, or any other expense.

R865-19S-76. Painters, Polishers, and Car Washers Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

(1) Sales of paint, wax, or other material to persons engaged in the business of painting and polishing of tangible personal property are exempt as sales for resale if the paint, wax, or other material becomes a part of the customer's tangible personal property. However, the vendor of these items must be given a resale certificate as provided for in Rule R865-19S-23.

(2) Sales of soap, washing mitts, polishing cloths, spray equipment, sand paper, and similar items to painters, polishers, and car washes are sales to the final consumer and are subject to tax.

R865-19S-78. Service Plan Charges for Labor and Repair Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

(1) "Service plan" includes an extended warranty agreement or other prepaid arrangement.

(2)(a) Service plan charges for a future taxable repair are subject to sales tax.

(b) Sales tax must also be collected on any deductible charged to a customer for the customer's share of the repair done under the service plan.

(3)(a) Service plan charges for items of tangible personal property that are converted to real property are not taxable.

(b) Service plan charges for items of tangible personal property that are permanently attached to real property are treated as follows:

(i) service plan charges for labor are not taxable; and

(ii) service plan charges for parts are taxable unless those parts are exempt under Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 1, Tax Collection.

(4) Rule R865-19S-58 outlines the sales tax responsibility of a person that converts tangible personal property to real property.

R865-19S-79. Tourist Home, Hotel, Motel, or Trailer Court Accommodations and Services Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103, 59-12-301, 59-12-352, and 59-12-353.

A. The following definitions shall be used for purposes of administering the sales tax on accommodations and transient room taxes provided for in Sections 59-12-103, 59-12-301, 59-12-352, and 59-12-353.

1. "Tourist home," "hotel," or "motel" means any place having rooms, apartments, or units to rent by the day, week, or month.

2. "Trailer court" means any place having trailers or space to park a trailer for rent by the day, week, or month.

3. "Trailer" means house trailer, travel trailer, and tent trailer.

4. "Accommodations and services charges" means any charge made for the room, apartment, unit, trailer, or space to park a trailer, and includes charges made for local telephone, electricity, propane gas, or similar services.

R865-19S-80. Printers' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Definitions.

(a)(i) "Pre-press materials" means materials that:

(B) are reusable;

(C) are used in the production of printed matter;

(D) do not become part of the final printed matter; and

(E) are sold to the customer.

(ii) Pre-press materials include film, magnetic media, compact disks, typesetting paper, and printing plates.

(b)(i) "Printer" means a person that reproduces multiple copies of images, regardless of the process employed or the name by which that person is designated.

(ii) A printer includes a person that employs the processes of letterpress, offset, lithography, gravure, engraving, duplicating, silk screen, bindery, or lettership.

(2) Purchases by a printer.

(a)(i) Purchases of tangible personal property by a printer are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed by the printer.

(ii) Examples of tangible personal property used or consumed by the printer include conditioners, solvents, developers, and cleaning agents.

(b)(i) A printer may purchase tax free for resale any tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the finished goods for resale.

(ii) Examples of tangible personal property that becomes a component part of the finished goods for resale include glue, stitcher wire, paper, and ink.

(c) A printer may purchase pre-press materials tax free if the printer's invoice, or other written material provided to the purchaser, states that reusable pre-press materials are included with the purchase. A description and the quantity of the actual items used in the order is not necessary. The statement must not restrict the customer from taking physical possession of the pre-press materials.

(d) The tax treatment of a printer's purchase of graphic design services shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-19S-111.

(3) Sales by a printer.

(a) Except as provided in this Subsection (3), a printer shall collect sales and use tax on the following:

(i) charges for printed material, even though the paper may be furnished by the customer;

(ii) charges for envelopes;

(iii) charges for services performed in connection with the printing or the sale of printed matter, such as cutting, folding, and binding;

(iv) charges for pre-press materials purchased tax exempt by the printer; and

(v) charges for reprints and proofs.

(b) Charges for postage are not subject to sales and use tax.

(c) Sales by a printer are exempt from sales and use tax if:

(i) the sale qualifies for exemption under Section 59-12-104; and

(ii) the printer obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in rule R865-19S-23.

(d) If the printer's customer is purchasing printed material for resale, but will not resell the pre-press materials, the printer must collect sales and use tax on the pre-press materials.

(e) If printed material is shipped outside of the state, charges for pre-press materials are exempt from sales tax as a sale of goods sold in interstate commerce only if the pre-press materials are physically shipped out of state with the printed material. If pre-press materials are retained in the state by the printer for any reason, the pre-press materials do not qualify for the sales tax exemption for goods sold in interstate commerce, and as such, the printer must collect sales tax on the part of the transaction relating to the pre-press materials.

R865-19S-81. Sale of Art Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. Art dealers and artists selling paintings, drawings, etchings, statues, figurines, etc., to final consumers must collect tax, whether an object is sold from an inventory or is created upon special order. The value or worth of the services to produce the art object are an integral part of the value of the tangible personal property upon completion and no deduction for such services may be made in determining the amount which is subject to tax.

B. Paints, canvases, frames, sculpture ingredients, and items becoming part of the finished product may be purchased tax-free if used in a painting or other work of art for resale.

1. Brushes, easels, tools, and similar items are consumed by the artist, and tax must be paid on the purchase of these items.

R865-19S-82. Demonstration, Display, and Trial Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Tangible personal property purchased by a wholesaler or a retailer and held for display, demonstration or trial in the regular course of business is not subject to tax.

Examples of this are a desk bought by an office supply firm and placed in a window display, or an automobile purchased by an auto dealer and assigned to a salesman as a demonstrator. Sales tax applies to any rental charges made to the salesman for use of a demonstrator.

B. Sales tax applies to these charges even though all or part of the charge may be waived if such waiver is dependent upon the salesman performing certain services or reaching a certain sales quota or some similar contingency.

C. Sales tax applies to items purchased primarily for company or personal use and only casually used for demonstration purposes.

1. For example, wreckers or service trucks used by a parts department, are subject to tax even though they are demonstrated occasionally. Also, automobiles assigned to nonsales personnel such as a service manager, an office manager, an accountant, an officer's spouse, or a lawyer are subject to tax.

a. For motor vehicle dealers using certain vehicles withdrawn from inventory for periods not exceeding one year, the tax liability is deemed satisfied if the dealer remits sales or use tax on each such vehicle based on its lease value while so used.

(1) Only motor vehicles provided or assigned to company personnel or to exempt entities qualify for this treatment. For vehicles donated to religious, charitable, or government institutions, see Rule R865-19S-68.

(2) The monthly lease value is the manufacturer's invoice price to the dealer, divided by 60.

(3) Records must be maintained to show when each vehicle is placed in use, to whom assigned or provided, lease value computation, tax remitted, when removed from service and when returned to inventory for resale.

(4) Vehicles used for periods exceeding one year are subject to tax on the dealer's acquisition cost.

2. An exception is an item held for resale in the regular course of business and used for demonstration a substantial amount of time. Records must be maintained to show the manner of demonstration involved if exemption is claimed.

D. Normally, vehicles will not be allowed as demonstrators if they are used beyond the new model year by a new-car dealer or if used for more than six months by a used-car dealer.

1. Tax will apply if these conditions are not met, unless it is shown that these guidelines are not applicable in a given instance. In this case consideration will be given to the circumstances surrounding the need for a demonstrator for a longer period of time.

R865-19S-83. Pollution Control Facilities Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. Since certification of a pollution control facility may not occur until a firm contract has been entered into or construction has begun, tax should be paid on all purchases of tangible personal property or taxable services that become part of a pollution control facility until the facility is certified, and invoices and records should be retained to show the amount of tax paid. Upon verification of the amount of tax paid for pollution control facilities and verification that a certificate has been obtained, the Tax Commission will refund the taxes paid on these purchases.

1. Claims for refund of tax paid prior to certification must be filed within 180 days after certification of a facility. Refund claims filed within this time period will have interest added at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402 from the date of the overpayment.

2. If claims for refund are not filed within 180 days after certification of a facility, it is assumed the delay was for investment purposes, and interest shall be added at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402 however, interest will not begin to accrue until 30 days after receipt of the refund request.

B. After the facility is certified, qualifying purchases should be made without paying tax by providing an exemption certificate to the vendor.

1. If sales tax is paid on qualifying purchases for certified pollution control facilities, it will be deemed that the overpayment was made for the purpose of investment. Accordingly, interest, at the rate prescribed in Section 59-1-402, will not begin to accrue until 30 days after receipt of the refund request.

C. In the event part of the pollution control facility is constructed under a real property contract by someone other than the owner, the owner should obtain a statement from the contractor certifying the amount of Utah sales and use tax paid by the contractor and the location of the vendors to whom tax

was paid, and the owner will then be entitled to a refund of the tax paid and included in the contract.

D. The owner shall apply to the Tax Commission for a refund using forms furnished by the Tax Commission. The claim for refund must contain sufficient information to support the amount claimed for credit and show that the tax has in fact been paid.

E. The owner shall retain records to support the claim that the project is qualified for the exemption.

R865-19S-85. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Manufacturing Facility Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Establishment" means an economic unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying manufacturing processes are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.

(b) "Machinery and equipment" means:

(i) electronic or mechanical devices incorporated into a manufacturing process from the initial stage where actual processing begins, through the completion of the finished end product, and including final processing, finishing, or packaging of articles sold as tangible personal property. This definition includes automated material handling and storage devices when those devices are part of the integrated continuous production cycle; and

(ii) any accessory that is essential to a continuous manufacturing process. Accessories essential to a continuous manufacturing process include:

(A) bits, jigs, molds, or devices that control the operation of machinery and equipment; and

(B) gas, water, electricity, or other similar supply lines installed for the operation of the manufacturing equipment, but only if the primary use of the supply line is for the operation of the manufacturing equipment.

(c) "Manufacturer" means a person who functions within a manufacturing facility.

(2) The sales and use tax exemption for the purchase or lease of machinery and equipment by a manufacturing facility applies only to purchases or leases of tangible personal property used in the actual manufacturing process.

(a) The exemptions do not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property in which the manufacturing operation is conducted.

(b) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(3) Machinery and equipment used for a nonmanufacturing activity qualify for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in manufacturing activities. Examples of nonmanufacturing activities include:

(a) research and development;

(b) refrigerated or other storage of raw materials, component parts, or finished product; or

(c) shipment of the finished product.

(4) Where manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities are performed at a single physical location, machinery and equipment purchased for use in the manufacturing operation are eligible for the sales and use tax exemption if the manufacturing operation constitutes a separate and distinct manufacturing establishment.

(a) Each activity is treated as a separate and distinct establishment if:

(i) no single SIC code includes those activities combined; or

(ii) each activity comprises a separate legal entity.

(b) Machinery and equipment used in both manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities qualify for the exemption only if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in manufacturing activities.

(5) The manufacturer shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-86. Monthly Payment of Sales Taxes Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-108.

A. Definitions:

1. "Cash equivalent" means either:

a) cash;

b) wire transfer; or

c) cashier's check drawn on the bank in which the Tax Commission deposits sales tax receipts.

2. "Fiscal year" means the year commencing on July 1 and ending the following June 30.

3. "Mandatory filer" means a seller that meets the threshold requirements for monthly filing and remittance of sales taxes or for electronic funds transfer (EFT) remittance of sales taxes.

4. For purposes of the monthly filing and the electronic remittance of sales taxes, the term "tax liability for the previous year" means the tax liability for the previous calendar year.

B. The determination that a seller is a mandatory filer shall be made by the Tax Commission at the end of each calendar year and shall be effective for the fiscal year.

C. A seller that meets the qualifications for a mandatory filer but does not receive notification from the Tax Commission to that effect, is not excused from the requirements of monthly filing and remittance or EFT remittance.

D. Mandatory filers shall also file and remit any waste tire fees and transient room, resort communities, and tourism, recreation, cultural, and convention facilities taxes to the commission on a monthly basis or by EFT, respectively.

E. Sellers that are not mandatory filers may elect to file and remit their sales taxes to the commission on a monthly basis, or remit sales taxes by EFT, or both.

1. The election to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis or to remit sales taxes by EFT is effective for the immediate fiscal year and every fiscal year thereafter unless the Tax Commission receives written notification prior to the commencement of a fiscal year that the seller no longer elects to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis, or to remit sales taxes by EFT, respectively.

2. Sellers that elect to file and remit sales taxes on a monthly basis, or to remit sales taxes by EFT, are subject to the same requirements and penalties as mandatory filers.

F. Sellers that are mandatory filers may request deletion of their mandatory filer designation if they do not expect to accumulate a $50,000 sales tax liability for the current calendar year.

1. The request must be accompanied by documentation clearly evidencing that the business that led to the $50,000 tax liability for the previous year will not recur.

2. The request must be made prior to the commencement of a fiscal year.

3. If a seller's request is approved and the seller does accumulate a $50,000 sales tax liability, a similar request by that seller the following year shall be denied.

G. Sellers that are required to remit sales tax by EFT may, following approval by the Tax Commission, remit a cash equivalent in lieu of the EFT.

1. Approval for remittance by cash equivalent shall be limited to those sellers that are able to establish that remittance by EFT would cause a hardship to their organization.

2. Requests for approval shall be directed to the Deputy Executive Director of the Tax Commission.

3. Sellers that receive approval to remit their sales taxes by cash equivalent shall ensure that the cash equivalent is received at the Tax Commission's main office no later than three working days prior to the due date of the sales tax.

H. Sellers that are required to remit sales taxes by EFT, but remit these taxes by some means other than EFT or a Tax Commission approved cash equivalent, are not entitled to reimbursement for the cost of collecting and remitting sales taxes and are subject to penalties.

I. Prior to remittance of sales taxes by EFT, a vendor shall complete an EFT agreement with the Tax Commission. The EFT Agreement shall indicate that all EFT payments shall be made in one of the following manners.

1. Except as provided in I.2., sellers shall remit their EFT payment by an ACH-debit transaction through the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) system CCD application.

2. If an organization's bylaws prohibit third party access to its bank account or extenuating circumstances exist, a seller may remit its EFT payment by an ACH-credit with tax payment addendum transaction through the NACHA system CCD Plus application.

J. In unusual circumstances, a particular EFT payment may be accomplished in a manner other than that specified in I. Use of any manner of remittance other than that specified in I. must be approved by the Tax Commission prior to its use.

K. If a seller that is required to remit sales taxes by EFT is unable to remit a payment of sales taxes by EFT because the system for remitting payments by EFT fails, the seller may remit its sales taxes by cash equivalent. A seller shall notify the Waivers Unit of the Tax Commission if this condition arises.

R865-19S-87. Government-Owned Tooling and Equipment Exemption Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

The following definitions apply to the sales and use tax exemption for sales of certain tooling, special tooling, support equipment, and special test equipment.

(1) "Tooling" means jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, test equipment, other equipment, and other similar manufacturing aids generally available as stock items.

(2) "Special Tooling" means jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, other equipment and manufacturing aids, and all components of these items that are of such a specialized nature that without substantial modification or alteration their use is limited to the development or production of particular supplies or parts thereof or performing particular services.

(3) "Support equipment" means implements or devices that are required to inspect, test, service, adjust, calibrate, appraise, transport, safeguard, record, gauge, measure, repair, overhaul, assemble, disassemble, handle, store, actuate or otherwise maintain the intended functional operation status of an aerospace electronic system.

(4) "Special test equipment" means either single or multipurpose integrated test units engineered, designed, fabricated, or modified to accomplish special purpose testing in performing a contract. These testing units may be electrical, electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic, or mechanical. Or they may be items or assemblies of equipment that are mechanically, electrically, or electronically interconnected so as to become a new functional entity, causing the individual item or items to become interdependent and essential in performing special purpose testing in the development or production of peculiar supplies or services.

R865-19S-90. Telecommunications Service Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Taxable telecommunications service charges include subscriber access fees.

(2) Nontaxable telecommunications charges include:

(a) refundable subscriber deposits, interest, and late payment penalties;

(b) charges for interstate calls;

(c) telecommunications answering services received or relayed by a human operator;

(d) charges to repair subscriber equipment that is regarded as real property; and

(e) charges levied on subscribers to fund or subsidize special telecommunications services, including 911 service, special communications services for the deaf, and special telecommunications service for low income subscribers.

R865-19S-91. Sales of Tangible Personal Property to Government Project Managers and Supply Contractors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-102, 59-12-103, and 59-12-104.

A. Sales of tangible personal property or services as defined in Sections 59-12-102 and 59-12-103 to federal, state, or municipal government facilities managers or supply contractors, who are not employees or agents of that government entity, are subject to sales or use tax if the manager or contractor uses or consumes the property. Tax is due even though a contract vests title in the government.

B. A person qualifies as an agent for purchasing on behalf of a government entity if the person and the government entity enter into a contract that includes the following conditions:

1. The person is officially designated as the government entity's purchasing agent by resolution of the government entity;

2. The person identifies himself as a purchasing agent for the government entity;

3. The purchase is made on purchase orders that indicate the purchase is made by or on behalf of the government entity and the government entity is responsible for the purchase price;

4. The transaction is approved by the government entity; and

5. Title passes directly to the government entity upon purchase.

C. If the government entity makes a direct payment to the vendor for the tangible personal property or services, the sale is made to the government entity and not to the facilities manager or the supply contractor. In that case, the sale is not subject to sales tax.

D. Certain purchases made by aerospace or electronic industry contractors dealing with the United States are exempted by Section 59-12-104(15) and further covered by R865-19S-87. Therefore, these industry purchases are not covered by this rule.

R865-19S-92. Computer Software and Other Related Transactions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-211.

(1) "Computer-generated output" means the microfiche, microfilm, paper, discs, tapes, molds, or other tangible personal property generated by a computer.

(2) The sale, rental or lease of custom computer software constitutes a sale of personal services and is exempt from the sales or use tax, regardless of the form in which the software is purchased or transferred. Charges for services such as software maintenance, consultation in connection with a sale or lease, enhancements, or upgrading of custom software are not taxable.

(3) The sale of computer generated output is subject to the sales or use tax if the primary object of the sale is the output and not the services rendered in producing the output.

(4)(a) The provisions for determining the location of a transaction under Subsection (4)(b) apply if:

(i) a purchaser uses computer software;

(ii) there is not a transfer of a copy of the computer software to the purchaser; and

(iii) the purchaser uses the computer software at more than one location.

(b) The location of a transaction described in Subsection (4)(a) is:

(i) if the seller is required to collect and remit tax to the commission for the purchase, and the purchaser provides the seller at the time of purchase a reasonable and consistent method for allocating the purchase to multiple locations, the location determined by applying that reasonable and consistent method of allocation; or

(ii) if the seller is required to collect and remit tax to the commission for the purchase , and the seller does not receive information described in Subsection (4)(b)(i) from the purchaser at the time of the purchase, the location determined in accordance with Subsections 59-12-211(4) and (5); or

(iii) if the purchaser accrues and remits sales tax to the commission for the purchase, the location determined:

(A) by applying a reasonable and consistent method of allocation; or

(B) in accordance with Subsections 59-12-211(4) and (5).

R865-19S-93. Waste Tire Recycling Fee Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 19-6-808.

A. The waste tire recycling fee shall be paid by the retailer to the State Tax Commission at the same time and in the same manner as sales and use tax returns are filed. The sales tax account number will also be the recycling fee account number. A separate return form will be provided.

1. The tire recycling fee will be imposed at the same time the sales tax is imposed. For example, if tires are purchased for resale either as part of a vehicle sale or to be sold separately by a vehicle dealer, the recycling fee and the sales tax would be collected by the dealer at the time the vehicle is sold. If sales tax is paid to a tire retailer by a vehicle dealer when tires are purchased, the recycling fee will also be paid by the vehicle dealer to the tire retailer.

2. Where tires are sold to entities exempt from sales tax, the exempt entity must still pay the recycling fee.

B. The recycling fee is not considered part of the sales price of the tire and is not subject to sales or use tax.

C. Wholesalers purchasing tires for resale are not subject to the fee.

D. Tires sold and delivered out of state are not subject to the fee.

E. Tires purchased from out of state vendors are subject to the fee. The fee must be reported and paid directly to the Tax Commission in conjunction with the use tax.

R865-19S-94. Tips, Gratuities, and Cover Charges Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Restaurants, cafes, clubs, private clubs, and similar businesses must collect sales tax on tips or gratuities included on a patron's bill that are required to be paid.

(a) Tax on the required gratuity is due from a private club, even though the club is not open to the public.

(b) Voluntary tips left on the table or added to a credit card charge slip are not subject to sales tax.

(2) Cover charges to enter a restaurant, tavern, club or similar facility are taxable as an admission to a place of recreation, amusement or entertainment.

R865-19S-96. Transient Room Tax Collection Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-301.

A. Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-301 authorizes any board of county commissioners to impose a transient room tax. The transient room tax shall be charged in addition to sales tax authorized in 59-12-103(1)(i).

B. The transient room tax shall be charged on the rental price of any motor court, motel, hotel, inn, tourist home, campground, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park or similar business where the rental period is less than 30 consecutive days.

C. The transient room tax is not subject to sales tax.

R865-19S-98. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Vehicles, Off-highway Vehicles, and Boats Required to be Registered, and Boat Trailers and Outboard Motors Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) "Use" means mooring, slipping, and dry storage as well as the actual operation of vehicles.

(2) An owner of a vehicle described in Subsections 59-12-104(9) or (31) may continue to qualify for the exemption provided by that section if use of the vehicle in this state is infrequent, occasional, and nonbusiness in nature.

(3) A vehicle is deemed not used in this state beyond the necessity of transporting it to the borders of this state if the vehicle is:

(a) inspected in this state; or

(b) tested for functionality in this state.

R865-19S-99. Sales and Use Taxes on Vehicles Purchased in Another State Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

No sales or use tax is due on vehicles purchased in another state by a resident of that state and transferred into this state if all sales or use taxes required by the prior state for the purchase of the vehicle have been paid. A valid, nontemporary registration card shall serve as evidence of payment.

R865-19S-100. Procedures for Exemption from and Refund of Sales and Use Taxes Paid by Religious and Charitable Institutions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.1.

A. For purposes of Section 59-12-104.1(2)(b)(iii), "contract" does not include a purchase order.

B. Religious and charitable institutions may apply to the Tax Commission for a refund of Utah sales and use taxes paid no more often than on a monthly basis. Refund applications should be returned to the Tax Commission by the tenth day of the month for a timely refund.

C. Applications for refund of sales and use taxes shall be made on forms provided by the Tax Commission.

D. Religious and charitable institutions shall substantiate requests for refunds of sales and use taxes paid by retaining a copy of a receipt or invoice indicating the amount of sales or use taxes paid for each purchase for which a refund of taxes paid is claimed.

E. All supporting receipts required by D. must be provided to the Tax Commission upon request.

F. Original records supporting the refund claim must be maintained for three years following the date of refund.

G. Failure to pay any penalties and interest assessed by the Tax Commission may subject the institution to a deduction from future refunds of amounts owed, or revocation of the institution's exempt status as a religious or charitable institution, or both.

R865-19S-101. Application of Sales Tax to Fees Assessed in Conjunction with the Retail Sale of a Motor Vehicle Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

State-mandated fees and taxes assessed in conjunction with the retail sale of a motor vehicle are not subject to the sales tax and must be separately identified and segregated on the invoice as required by Tax Commission rule R877-23V-14.

R865-19S-102. Calculation of Qualifying Exempt Electricity Sales to Ski Resorts Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

A. When the sale of exempt electricity to a ski resort is not separately metered and accounted for in utility billings, the ski resort shall identify a methodology for the calculation of exempt electricity purchases, and shall submit that methodology to Internal Customer Support, Customer Service Division, of the Tax Commission for approval prior to its use.

B. When exempt electricity is not separately metered and accounted for in utility billings, a ski resort shall pay sales tax on all electricity at the time of purchase. The ski resort may then take a credit on its sales tax return for taxes paid on electricity that is determined to be exempt under this rule.

C. The provisions of this rule shall be retrospective to July 1, 1996.

R865-19S-103. Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 10-1-303, 10-1-306, and 10-1-307.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Gas" means natural gas in which those hydrocarbons, other than oil and natural gas liquids separated from natural gas, that occur naturally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir are produced and removed at the wellhead in gaseous form.

(b) "Supplying taxable energy" means the selling of taxable energy to the user of the taxable energy.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the delivered value of taxable energy for purposes of Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 3, shall be the arm's length sales price for that taxable energy.

(3) If the arm's length sales price does not include all components of delivered value, any component of the delivered value that is not included in the sales price shall be determined with reference to the most applicable tariffed price of the gas corporation or electrical corporation in closest proximity to the taxpayer.

(4) The point of sale or use of the taxable energy shall normally be the location of the taxpayer's meter unless the taxpayer demonstrates that the use is not in a municipality imposing the municipal energy sales and use tax.

(5) An energy supplier shall collect the municipal energy sales and use tax on all component parts of the delivered value of the taxable energy for which the energy supplier bills the user of the taxable energy.

(6) A user of taxable energy is liable for the municipal energy sales and use tax on any component of the delivered value of the taxable energy for which the energy supplier does not collect the municipal energy sales and use tax.

(7) A user of taxable energy who is required to pay the municipal energy sales and use tax on any component of the delivered value of taxable energy shall remit that tax to the commission:

(a) on forms provided by the commission, and

(b) at the time and in the manner sales and use tax is remitted to the commission.

(8) A person that delivers taxable energy to the point of sale or use of the taxable energy shall provide the following information to the commission for each user for whom the person does not supply taxable energy, but provides only the transportation component of the taxable energy's delivered value:

(a) the name and address of the user of the taxable energy;

(b) the volume of taxable energy delivered to the user; and

(c) the entity from which the taxable energy was purchased.

(9) The information required under Subsection (8) shall be provided to the commission:

(a) for each user for whom, during the preceding calendar quarter, the person did not supply taxable energy, but provided only the transportation component of the taxable energy's delivered value; and

(b)(i) except as provided in Subsection (9)(b)(ii), at the time the person delivering the taxable energy files sales and use tax returns with the commission; or

(ii) if the person delivering the taxable energy files an annual information return under Subsection 10-1-307(5), at the time that annual information return is filed with the commission.

R865-19S-104. County Option Sales Tax Distribution Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-1102.

A. The $75,000 minimum annual distribution required under Section 59-12-1102 shall be based on sales tax amounts collected by the counties from January 1 through December 31.

B. Any adjustments made to ensure the required minimum distribution shall be reflected in the February distribution immediately following the end of the calendar year.

R865-19S-108. User Fee Defined Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. For purposes of administering the sales or use tax on admission or user fees provided for in Section 59-12-103, "user fees" includes charges imposed on an individual for access to the following, if that access occurs at any location other than the individual's residence:

1. video or video game;

2. television program; or

3. cable or satellite broadcast.

B. The provisions of this rule are effective for transactions occurring on or after October 1, 1999.

R865-19S-109. Sales Tax Nature of Veterinarians' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 59-12-103 and 59-12-104.

(1)(a) Purchases of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are exempt from sales and use tax if the property will be resold by the veterinarian.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a veterinarian must collect sales tax on tangible personal property that the veterinarian resells.

(2) Purchases of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are subject to sales and use tax if the property will be used or consumed in the veterinarian's practice.

(3) The determination of whether a veterinarian's purchase of food, medicine, or vitamins is a sale for resale or a purchase that will be used or consumed in the veterinarian's practice shall be made by the veterinarian.

(a) For food, medicine, or vitamins that the veterinarian will resell, the veterinarian shall comply with Subsection (1).

(b) For food, medicine, or vitamins that the veterinarian will use or consume in the veterinarian's practice, the veterinarian shall comply with Subsection (2).

(4) A veterinarian is not required to collect sales and use tax on:

(a) medical services;

(b) boarding services; or

(c) grooming services required in connection with a medical procedure.

(5) Sales of tangible personal property by a veterinarian are exempt from sales and use tax if:

(a) the sales are exempt from sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104; and

(b) the veterinarian obtains from the purchaser a certificate as set forth in rule R865-19S-23.

R865-19S-110. Advertisers' Purchases and Sales Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

A. "Advertiser" means a person that places advertisements in a publication, broadcast, or electronic medium, regardless of the name by which that person is designated.

1. A person is an advertiser only with respect to items actually placed in a publication, broadcast, or electronic

medium.

B. All purchases of tangible personal property by an advertiser are subject to sales and use tax as property used or consumed by the advertiser.

C. The tax treatment of an advertiser's purchase of graphic design services shall be determined in accordance with rule R865-19S-111.

D. An advertiser's charges for placement of advertisements are not subject to sales and use tax.

R865-19S-111. Graphic Design Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) Graphic design services are not subject to sales and use tax:

(a) if the graphic design is the object of the transaction; and

(b) even though a representation of the design is incorporated into a sample or template that is itself tangible personal property.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), if a vendor provides both graphic design services and tangible personal property that incorporates the graphic design:

(a) there is a rebuttable presumption that the tangible personal property is the object of the transaction; and

(b) the vendor must collect sales and use tax on the graphic design services and the tangible personal property.

(3) A vendor that provides both graphic design services and tangible personal property that incorporates the graphic design is not required to collect sales tax on the graphic design services if the vendor subcontracts the production of the tangible personal property to an independent third party.

R865-19S-113. Sales Tax Obligations of Aircraft and Boat Tour Operators, and Other Sellers Providing Similar Services Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-103.

(1) "Federal airway" shall be identical to the definition of Class E airspace in 14 C.F.R. 71.71 (2006), which is incorporated by reference.

(2) Amounts paid or charged for helicopter, airplane, or other aircraft tours that enter into airspace designated by the Federal Aviation Administration as a federal airway during the tour are exempt from the sales and use tax.

(a) The exemption described in Subsection (2) does not apply if the only time the aircraft enters a federal airway is prior to the commencement of the tour or after the tour ends.

(b) A tour is deemed to occur from the time a paying customer is picked up to the time the paying customer is dropped off at the final destination point.

(3) Amounts paid or charged for boat tours, scenic cruises, or other similar activities on the waters of the state are exempt from sales and use tax if the waters on which the tour, cruise, or other similar activity operates are used, by themselves or in connection with other waters, as highways for interstate commerce.

R865-19S-114. Items that Constitute Clothing Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

A. "Clothing" includes:

1. aprons for use in a household or shop;
2. athletic supporters;
3. baby receiving blankets;
4. bathing suits and caps;
5. beach capes and coats;
6. belts and suspenders;
7. boots;
8. coats and jackets;
9. costumes;
10. diapers, including disposable diapers, for children and adults;
11. ear muffs;
12. footlets;
13. formal wear;
14. garters and garter belts;
15. girdles;
16. gloves and mittens for general use;
17. hats and caps;
18. hosiery;
19. insoles for shoes;
20. lab coats;
21. neckties;
22. overshoes;
23. pantyhose;
24. rainwear;
25. rubber pants;
26. sandals;
27. scarves;
28. shoes and shoe laces;
29. slippers;
30. sneakers;
31. socks and stockings;
32. steel toed shoes;
33. underwear;
34. uniforms, both athletic and non-athletic; and
35. wearing apparel.

B. "Clothing" does not include:

1. belt buckles sold separately;
2. costume masks sold separately;
3. patches and emblems sold separately;
4. sewing equipment and supplies, including:
   a) knitting needles;
   b) patterns;
   c) pins;
   d) scissors;
   e) sewing machines;
   f) sewing needles;
   g) tape measures; and
   h) thimbles; and
5. sewing materials that become part of clothing, including:
   a) buttons;
   b) fabric;
   c) lace;
   d) thread;
   e) yarn; and
   f) zippers.

R865-19S-115. Items that Constitute Protective Equipment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

"Protective equipment" includes:

A. breathing masks;
B. clean room apparel and equipment;
C. ear and hearing protectors;
D. face shields;
E. hard hats;
F. helmets;
G. paint or dust respirators;
H. protective gloves;
I. safety glasses and goggles;
J. safety belts;
K. tool belts; and
L. welders gloves and masks.

R865-19S-116. Items that Constitute Sports or Recreational Equipment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-102.

"Sports or recreational equipment" includes:

A. ballet and tap shoes;
B. cleated or spiked athletic shoes;
C. gloves, including:

(i) baseball gloves;
(ii) bowling gloves;
(iii) boxing gloves;
(iv) hockey gloves; and
(v) golf gloves;
D. goggles;
E. hand and elbow guards;
F. life preservers and vests;
G. mouth guards;
H. roller skates and ice skates;
I. shin guards;
J. shoulder pads;
K. ski boots;
L. waders; and
M. wetsuits and fins.

R865-19S-117. Use of Rounding in Determining Sales and Use Tax Liability Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-118.

A. The computation of sales and use tax must be:
1. carried to the third place; and
2. rounded to a whole cent pursuant to B.

B. The tax shall be rounded up to the next cent whenever the third decimal place of the tax liability calculated under A. is greater than four.

C. Sellers may compute the tax due on a transaction on an:
1. item basis; or
2. invoice basis.

D. The rounding required under this rule may be applied to aggregated state and local taxes.

R865-19S-118. Collection of Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 10-1-405.

A. The commission shall transmit monies collected under Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 4, Municipal Telecommunications License Tax Act:
1. monthly; and
2. by electronic funds transfer to the municipality that imposes the tax.

B. The commission shall conduct audits of the municipal telecommunications license tax with the same frequency and diligence as it does with the state sales and use tax.

C. The commission shall charge a municipality for the commission's services in an amount:
1. sufficient to reimburse the commission for the commission's cost of administering, collecting, and enforcing the municipal telecommunications license tax; and
2. not to exceed an amount equal to 1.5 percent of the municipal telecommunications license tax imposed by the ordinance of the municipality.

D. The commission shall collect, enforce, and administer the municipal telecommunications license tax pursuant to the same procedures used in the administration, collection, and enforcement of the state sales and use tax as provided in Subsection 10-1-405(1)(a).

R865-19S-120. Sales and Use Tax Exemption Relating to Film, Television, and Video Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) The provisions of this rule apply to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for the purchase, lease, or rental of machinery or equipment by certain establishments related to film, television, and video if those purchases, leases, or rentals are primarily used in the production or postproduction of film, television, video, or similar media for commercial distribution.

(2) "Machinery or equipment" means tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards.

(3)(a) "Tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards" means tangible personal property with an economic life greater than one year.

(b) "Tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards" does not include tangible personal property with an economic life of one year or less, even if that property is capitalized on the establishment's financial records.

(c) There is a rebuttable presumption that an item of tangible personal property is not eligible for capitalization if that property is not shown as a capitalized asset on the financial records of the establishment.

(4) Transactions that do not qualify for the sales tax exemption referred to in Subsection (1) include purchases, leases, or rentals of:
(a) land;
(b) buildings;
(c) raw materials;
(d) supplies;
(e) film;
(f) services;
(g) transportation;
(h) gas, electricity, and other fuels;
(i) admissions or user fees; and
(j) accommodations.

(5) If a transaction is composed of machinery or equipment and items that are not machinery or equipment, the items that are not machinery or equipment are exempt from sales and use tax if the items are:

(a) an incidental component of a transaction that is a purchase, lease, or rental of machinery or equipment; and

(b) not billed as a separate component of the transaction.

(6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), an item used for administrative purposes does not qualify for the exemption.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a), if an item is used both in the production or postproduction process and for administrative purposes, the item qualifies for the exemption if the primary use of the item is in the production or postproduction process.

R865-19S-121. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Mining Facility Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Establishment" means a unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying activities are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.

(b) "Machinery and equipment" means electronic or mechanical devices having an economic life of three or more years including any accessory that controls the operation of the machinery and equipment.

(2) The exemptions do not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property.

(3) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(4) Machinery and equipment used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in qualifying activities.

(5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-122. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Web Search Portal Establishment Pursuant

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Establishment" means a unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying activities are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.

(b) "Machinery and equipment" means electronic or mechanical devices having an economic life of three or more years including any accessory that controls the operation of the machinery and equipment.

(c) "New or expanding establishment" means:

(i)(A) the creation of a new web search portal establishment in this state; or

(B) the expansion of an existing Utah web search portal establishment if the expanded establishment increases services or is substantially different in nature, character, or purpose from the existing Utah web search portal establishment.

(ii) The operator of a web search portal establishment who closes operations at one location in this state and reopens the same establishment at a new location does not qualify as a new or expanding establishment without demonstrating that the move meets the conditions set forth in Subsection (1)(c)(i).

(2) The exemption for certain purchases by a web search portal establishment does not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property.

(3) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(4) Machinery and equipment used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in qualifying activities.

(5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

R865-19S-123. Specie Legal Tender Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-107.

For purposes of determining the amount of sales tax due in specie legal tender and in dollars for a purchase made in specie legal tender, if the London fixing price is not available for a day on which a purchase is made in specie legal tender, a seller shall use the latest available London fixing price for the specie legal tender the purchaser paid that precedes the date of the purchase.

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R867. Tax Commission, Collections.
R867-2B. Delinquent Tax Collection.
R867-2B-1. Collection of Penalty Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-302.

(1) The commission may impose a lien upon the real and personal property of a person liable for a penalty under Section 59-1-302.

(2) The statute of limitations for imposing liens under Subsection (1) is three years from the date of the penalty assessment.

R867-2B-3. Sale of Seized Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-1-703.

A. The Commission must approve all sales of seized property sold, pursuant to Section 59-1-703(8), prior to the Commission's final decision on the appeal.

B. The taxpayer will be notified in writing of the intent to sell the seized property at least ten days prior to the sale except when the seized property is perishable. Perishable property may be sold immediately.

C. Expenses of retaining the seized property will be determined by taking into account such things as the appraised value of the property, the storage costs for the projected appeal period, conservation, depreciation, and maintenance.

D. A taxpayer may stop a sale of seized property by posting a bond with the Tax Commission, equal to the appraised value of the property, within three days of the notice of sale.

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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-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.

(1) The assessor shall take into consideration any preservation easements attached to historically significant real property and structures when determining the property's value.

(2) After the preservation easement has been recorded with the county recorder, the property owner of record shall submit to the county assessor a notice of the preservation easement containing the following information:

(a) the property owner's name;

(b) the address of the property; and
(c) the serial number of the property.
(3) 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-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 completecourses 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 completecourses 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 59-2-918.5 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 Section 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 Section 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 Sections 59-2-405 through 59-2-405.3 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 Sections 59-2-405 through 59-2-405.3, 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 adjustmentsor 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.

(1) The procedure set forth herein is required in reporting heavy equipment leased or rented during the tax year.

(2) The owner of leased or rented heavy equipment shall file annual reports with the commission, either on forms provided by the commission or electronically, 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.

(3) 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.

(4)(a) The completed report shall be submitted to the Property Tax Division of the commission within thirty days after each reporting period.

(b) 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. 2012 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
11	71%
10	41%
09 and prior	10%

(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
11	90%
10	80%
09	68%
08	58%
07	48%
06	38%
05	27%
04 and prior	14%

(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
11	84%
10	68%
09	51%
08	35%
07 and prior	18%

(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
11	66%
10	50%
09	30%
08	15%
07	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
11	91%
10	82%
09	71%
08	63%
07	54%
06	46%
05	36%
04	26%
03 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 2012 percent good applies to 2012 models purchased in 2011.
(vi) Trucks weighing two tons or more have a residual taxable value of $1,750.

TABLE 6

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
12	90%
11	71%
10	66%
09	60%
08	54%
07	49%
06	43%
05	38%
04	32%
03	27%
02	21%
01	15%
00	10%
99 and prior	4%

(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
11	93%
10	85%
09	76%
08	70%
07	63%
06	57%
05	50%
04	43%
03	33%
02	23%
01 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
11	93%
10	85%
09	76%
08	70%
07	63%
06	57%
05	50%
04	43%
03	33%
02	23%
01 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
11	94%
10	89%
09	81%
08	77%
07	72%
06	69%
05	64%
04	60%
03	53%
02	45%
01	36%
00	27%
99	19%
98 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
11	62%
10	46%
09	21%
08	9%
07 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) 2012 model equipment purchased in 2011 is valued at 100 percent of acquisition cost.

TABLE 13

Year of Acquisition	Percent Good of Acquisition Cost
11	53%
10	50%
09	47%
08	44%
07	41%
06	38%
05	35%
04	32%
03	29%
02	26%
01	23%
00	19%
99	16%
98 and prior	12%

(n) Class 14 - Motor Homes.
(i) Taxable value is calculated by applying the percent good against the cost new.
(ii) The 2012 percent good applies to 2012 models purchased in 2011.
(iii) Motor homes have a residual taxable value of $1,000.

TABLE 14

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
12	90%
11	66%
10	62%
09	59%
08	56%
07	52%
06	49%
05	45%
04	42%
03	38%
02	35%
01	31%
00	28%
99	25%
98	21%
97	18%
96 and prior	13%

(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
11	47%
10	34%
09	24%
08	15%
07 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
11	96%
10	90%
09	86%
08	84%
07	81%
06	80%
05	78%
04	77%
03	73%
02	68%
01	61%
00	55%
99	49%
98	42%
97	35%
96	29%
95	22%
94	15%
93 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 2012 percent good applies to 2012 models purchased in 2011.

(vi) Property in this class has a residual taxable value of $1,000.

TABLE 17

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
12	90%
11	59%
10	57%
09	55%
08	53%
07	51%
06	50%
05	47%
04	45%
03	42%
02	40%
01	37%
00	35%
99	32%
98	30%
97	27%
96	25%
95	22%
94	20%
93	17%
92	15%
91 and prior	12%

(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
11	92%
10	83%
09	81%
08	75%
07	71%
06	67%
05	62%
04	58%
03	50%
02	40%
01	31%
00	20%
99 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 2012 percent good applies to 2012 models purchased in 2011.

(iv) Commercial trailers have a residual taxable value of $1,000.

TABLE 21

Model Year	Percent Good of Cost New
12	95%
11	83%
10	79%
09	74%
08	70%
07	65%
06	60%
05	56%
04	51%
03	46%
02	42%
01	37%
00	33%
99	28%
98	23%
97	19%
96 and prior	14%

(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 on Exempt Real Property.

(i) The Class 24 schedule is to be used only for those leasehold improvements where the underlying real property is

owned by an entity exempt from property tax under Section 59-2-1101. See 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
11	94%
10	88%
09	82%
08	77%
07	71%
06	65%
05	59%
04	54%
03	48%
02	42%
01	36%
00 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
11	84%
10	69%
09	51%
08	36%
07	19%
06 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
11	97%
10	95%
09	92%
08	90%
07	87%
06	84%
05	82%
04	79%
03	77%
02	74%
01	71%
00	69%
99	66%
98	64%
97	61%
96	58%
95	56%
94	53%
93	51%
92	48%
91	45%
90	43%
89	40%
88	38%
87	35%
86	32%
85	30%
84	27%
83	25%
82	22%
81	19%
80	17%
79	14%
78	12%
77 and prior	9%

The provisions of this rule shall be implemented and become binding on taxpayers beginning January 1, 2012.

R884-24P-35. Annual Statement for Certain Exempt Uses of Property Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1102.

(1) 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 Subsection 59-2-1101(3)(a)(iv) or (v).

(2) 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:

(a) the owner of record of the property;
(b) the property parcel, account, or serial number;
(c) the location of the property;
(d) the tax year in which the exemption was originally granted;
(e) a description of any change in the use of the real or personal property since January 1 of the prior year;
(f) the name and address of any person or organization conducting a business for profit on the property;
(g) 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;
(h) a description of any personal property leased by the owner of record for which an exemption is claimed;
(i) the name and address of the lessor of property described in Subsection (2)(h);
(j) the signature of the owner of record or the owner's authorized representative; and
(k) any other information the county may require.

(3) The annual statement shall be filed:

(a) with the county legislative body in the county in which the property is located;
(b) on or before March 1; and
(c) using:

(i) Tax Commission form PT-21, Annual Statement for Continued Property Tax Exemption; or

(ii) a form that contains the information required under Subsection (2).

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-42. Farmland Assessment Audits and Personal Property Audits Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Subsection 59-

2-508, and Section 59-2-705.

(1) Upon completion of commission audits of personal property accounts or land subject to the Farmland Assessment Act, the following procedures shall be implemented:

(a) 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.

(b) A revised Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes or tax notice or both shall be mailed to the taxpayer for the current year and any previous years affected.

(c) The appropriate tax rate for each year shall be applied when computing taxes due for previous years.

(2) Assessors shall not alter results of an audit without first submitting the changes to the commission for review and approval.

(3) The 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.

(1) "Household" is as defined in Section 59-2-102.

(2) "Primary residence" means the location where domicile has been established.

(3) Except as provided in Subsections (4) and (6)(c) and (f), the residential exemption provided under Section 59-2- 103 is limited to one primary residence per household.

(4) An owner of multiple properties may receive the residential exemption on all properties for which the property is the primary residence of the tenant.

(5) Factors or objective evidence determinative of domicile include:

(a) whether or not the individual voted in the place he claims to be domiciled;

(b) the length of any continuous residency in the location claimed as domicile;

(c) the nature and quality of the living accommodations that an individual has in the location claimed as domicile as opposed to any other location;

(d) the presence of family members in a given location;

(e) the place of residency of the individual's spouse or the state of any divorce of the individual and his spouse;

(f) the physical location of the individual's place of business or sources of income;

(g) the use of local bank facilities or foreign bank institutions;

(h) the location of registration of vehicles, boats, and RVs;

(i) membership in clubs, churches, and other social organizations;

(j) the addresses used by the individual on such things as:

(i) telephone listings;

(ii) mail;

(iii) state and federal tax returns;

(iv) listings in official government publications or other correspondence;

(v) driver's license;

(vi) voter registration; and

(vii) tax rolls;

(k) location of public schools attended by the individual or the individual's dependents;

(l) the nature and payment of taxes in other states;

(m) declarations of the individual:

(i) communicated to third parties;

(ii) contained in deeds;

(iii) contained in insurance policies;

(iv) contained in wills;

(v) contained in letters;

(vi) contained in registers;

(vii) contained in mortgages; and

(viii) contained in leases.

(n) the exercise of civil or political rights in a given location;

(o) any failure to obtain permits and licenses normally required of a resident;

(p) the purchase of a burial plot in a particular location;

(q) the acquisition of a new residence in a different location.

(6) Administration of the Residential Exemption.

(a) Except as provided in Subsections (6)(b), (d), and (e), the first one acre of land per residential unit shall receive the residential exemption.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) A property assessed under the Farmland Assessment Act shall receive the residential exemption only for the homesite.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g)(i) 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:

(A) the owner of record of the property;

(B) the property parcel number;

(C) the location of the property;

(D) the basis of the owner's knowledge of the use of the property;

(E) a description of the use of the property;

(F) evidence of the domicile of the inhabitants of the property; and

(G) the signature of all owners of the property certifying that the property is residential property.

(ii) The application under Subsection (6)(g)(i) shall be:

(A) on a form provided by the county; or

(B) in a writing that contains all of the information listed in Subsection (6)(g)(i).

R884-24P-53. 2012 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 qualifying for agricultural use assessment pursuant to Section 59-2-503 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	852
2)	Cache	740
3)	Carbon	552
4)	Davis	893
5)	Emery	530
6)	Iron	848
7)	Kane	444
8)	Millard	840
9)	Salt Lake	742
10)	Utah	782
11)	Washington	695

12)	Weber	843

(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	748
2)	Cache	632
3)	Carbon	440
4)	Davis	784
5)	Duchesne	514
6)	Emery	427
7)	Grand	410
8)	Iron	744
9)	Juab	468
10)	Kane	341
11)	Millard	737
12)	Salt Lake	638
13)	Sanpete	569
14)	Sevier	593
15)	Summit	491
16)	Tooele	480
17)	Utah	677
18)	Wasatch	518
19)	Washington	592
20)	Weber	739

(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	602
2)	Box Elder	589
3)	Cache	479
4)	Carbon	291
5)	Davis	631
6)	Duchesne	361
7)	Emery	269
8)	Garfield	224
9)	Grand	258
10)	Iron	591
11)	Juab	315
12)	Kane	189
13)	Millard	583
14)	Morgan	411
15)	Piute	354
16)	Rich	188
17)	Salt Lake	485
18)	San Juan	189
19)	Sanpete	416
20)	Sevier	442
21)	Summit	334
22)	Tooele	322
23)	Uintah	391
24)	Utah	519
25)	Wasatch	359
26)	Washington	435
27)	Wayne	350
28)	Weber	588

(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	495
2)	Box Elder	486
3)	Cache	372
4)	Carbon	187
5)	Daggett	206
6)	Davis	527
7)	Duchesne	253
8)	Emery	166
9)	Garfield	121
10)	Grand	156
11)	Iron	483
12)	Juab	209
13)	Kane	86
14)	Millard	475
15)	Morgan	304
16)	Piute	247
17)	Rich	88
18)	Salt Lake	376
19)	San Juan	86
20)	Sanpete	313
21)	Sevier	339
22)	Summit	232
23)	Tooele	219
24)	Uintah	289
25)	Utah	417
26)	Wasatch	257
27)	Washington	327
28)	Wayne	247
29)	Weber	479

(b) Fruit orchards shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 5
Fruit Orchards

1)	Beaver	600
2)	Box Elder	650
3)	Cache	600
4)	Carbon	600
5)	Davis	655
6)	Duchesne	600
7)	Emery	600
8)	Garfield	600
9)	Grand	600
10)	Iron	600
11)	Juab	600
12)	Kane	600
13)	Millard	600
14)	Morgan	600
15)	Piute	600
16)	Salt Lake	600
17)	San Juan	600
18)	Sanpete	600
19)	Sevier	600
20)	Summit	600
21)	Tooele	600
22)	Uintah	600
23)	Utah	660
24)	Wasatch	600
25)	Washington	710
26)	Wayne	600
27)	Weber	655

(c) Meadow IV property shall be assessed per acre based upon the following schedule:

TABLE 6
Meadow IV

1)	Beaver	247
2)	Box Elder	266
3)	Cache	275
4)	Carbon	132
5)	Daggett	161
6)	Davis	275
7)	Duchesne	168
8)	Emery	141
9)	Garfield	106
10)	Grand	136
11)	Iron	265
12)	Juab	154
13)	Kane	111
14)	Millard	198
15)	Morgan	200
16)	Piute	194
17)	Rich	108
18)	Salt Lake	231
19)	Sanpete	197
20)	Sevier	202
21)	Summit	206
22)	Tooele	190
23)	Uintah	210
24)	Utah	255
25)	Wasatch	212
26)	Washington	232
27)	Wayne	176
28)	Weber	308

(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	56
2)	Box Elder	102
3)	Cache	129
4)	Carbon	53
5)	Davis	55
6)	Duchesne	58
7)	Garfield	52
8)	Grand	53
9)	Iron	53
10)	Juab	54
11)	Kane	52
12)	Millard	51
13)	Morgan	69
14)	Rich	52
15)	Salt Lake	58
16)	San Juan	59
17)	Sanpete	58
18)	Summit	52
19)	Tooele	56
20)	Uintah	58
21)	Utah	54
22)	Wasatch	52
23)	Washington	52
24)	Weber	83

(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	17
2)	Box Elder	64
3)	Cache	90
4)	Carbon	16
5)	Davis	17
6)	Duchesne	21
7)	Garfield	16
8)	Grand	16
9)	Iron	16
10)	Juab	17
11)	Kane	16
12)	Millard	15
13)	Morgan	31
14)	Rich	16
15)	Salt Lake	17
16)	San Juan	19
17)	Sanpete	21
18)	Summit	16
19)	Tooele	16
20)	Uintah	21
21)	Utah	17
22)	Wasatch	16
23)	Washington	15
24)	Weber	48

(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	74
2)	Box Elder	78
3)	Cache	74
4)	Carbon	53
5)	Daggett	55
6)	Davis	63
7)	Duchesne	71
8)	Emery	74
9)	Garfield	79
10)	Grand	80
11)	Iron	76
12)	Juab	67
13)	Kane	77
14)	Millard	79
15)	Morgan	69
16)	Piute	93
17)	Rich	67
18)	Salt Lake	71
19)	San Juan	79
20)	Sanpete	65
21)	Sevier	66
22)	Summit	74
23)	Tooele	73
24)	Uintah	83
25)	Utah	68
26)	Wasatch	54
27)	Washington	67
28)	Wayne	91
29)	Weber	71

(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	23
2)	Box Elder	24
3)	Cache	24
4)	Carbon	16
5)	Daggett	15
6)	Davis	20
7)	Duchesne	23
8)	Emery	22
9)	Garfield	24
10)	Grand	23
11)	Iron	23
12)	Juab	20
13)	Kane	25
14)	Millard	25
15)	Morgan	22
16)	Piute	27
17)	Rich	21
18)	Salt Lake	22
19)	San Juan	26
20)	Sanpete	19
21)	Sevier	19
22)	Summit	21
23)	Tooele	21
24)	Uintah	29
25)	Utah	24
26)	Wasatch	18
27)	Washington	22
28)	Wayne	29
29)	Weber	21

(iii) Graze III. The following counties shall assess Graze III property based upon the per acre values below:

TABLE 11
GR III

1)	Beaver	17
2)	Box Elder	18
3)	Cache	16
4)	Carbon	13
5)	Daggett	12
6)	Davis	13
7)	Duchesne	14
8)	Emery	15
9)	Garfield	17
10)	Grand	16
11)	Iron	16
12)	Juab	14
13)	Kane	16
14)	Millard	17
15)	Morgan	14
16)	Piute	19
17)	Rich	14
18)	Salt Lake	15
19)	San Juan	17
20)	Sanpete	14
21)	Sevier	14
22)	Summit	15
23)	Tooele	14
24)	Uintah	20
25)	Utah	14
26)	Wasatch	13
27)	Washington	14
28)	Wayne	19
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 leafs, 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.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Issued" means the date on which the judgment is signed.

(b) "2.5% 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.

(2) 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.

(3) The judgment levy public hearing required by Section 59- 2-918.5 shall be held as follows:

(a) 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.

(b) For taxing entities operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year:

(i) 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;

(ii) 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.

(c) If the taxing entity is required to hold a hearing under Section 59-2-919, the judgment levy hearing required by Subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b)(ii) shall be held at the same time as the hearing required under Section 59-2-919.

(4) If the Section 59-2-918.5 advertisement is combined with the Section 59-2-919 advertisement, the combined advertisement shall aggregate the general tax increase and judgment levy information.

(5) 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.

(6) All taxing entities imposing a judgment levy shall file with the 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.

(a) The signed statement shall contain the following information for each judgment included in the judgment levy:

(i) the name of the taxpayer awarded the judgment;

(ii) the appeal number of the judgment; and

(iii) the taxing entity's pro rata share of the judgment.

(b) Along with the signed statement, the taxing entity must provide the commission the following:

(i) a copy of all judgment levy newspaper advertisements

required;

(ii) the dates all required judgment levy advertisements were published in the newspaper;

(iii) a copy of the final resolution imposing the judgment levy;

(iv) a copy of the Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes, if required; and

(v) any other information required by the commission.

(7) 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. sharedown 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 new 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) + (Beta x 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) Airlines, air charter services, and air contract services.

(i) For purposes of this Subsection (6)(c):

(A) "aircraft pricing guide" means a nationally recognized publication that assigns value estimates for individual commercial aircraft that are in average condition typical for their type and vintage, and identified by year, make and model;

(B) "airline" means an:

(I) airline under Section 59-2-102;

(II) air charter service under Section 59-2-102; and

(III) air contract service under Section 59-2-102;

(C) "airline market indicator" means an estimate of value based on an aircraft pricing guide; and

(D) "non-mobile flight equipment" means all operating property of an airline, air charter service, or air contract service that is not within the definition of mobile flight equipment under Section 59-2-102.

(ii) In situations where the use of preferred methods for determining fair market value under Subsection (5) does not produce a reasonable estimate of the fair market value of the property of an airline operating as a unit, an airline market indicator published in an aircraft pricing guide, and adjusted as provided in Subsections (6)(c)(ii)(A) and (6)(c)(ii)(B), may be used to estimate the fair market value of the airline property.

(A)(I) In order to reflect the value of a fleet of aircraft as part of an operating unit, an aircraft market indicator shall include a fleet adjustment or equivalent valuation for a fleet.

(II) If a fleet adjustment is provided in an aircraft pricing guide, the adjustment under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(A)(I) shall follow the directions in that guide. If no fleet adjustment is provided in an aircraft pricing guide, the standard adjustment under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(A)(I) shall be 20 percent from a wholesale value or equivalent level of value as published in the guide.

(B) Non-mobile flight equipment shall be valued using the cost approach under Subsection (5)(a) or the market or sales comparison approach under Subsection (5)(c), and added to the value of the fleet.

(iii) An income capitalization approach under Subsection (5)(b) shall incorporate the information available to make an estimate of future cash flows.

(iv)(A) When an aircraft market indicator under Subsection (6)(c)(ii) is used to estimate the fair market value of an airline, the Division shall:

(I) calculate the fair market value of the airline using the preferred methods under Subsection (5);

(II) retain the calculations under Subsection (6)(c)(iv)(A)(I) in the work files maintained by the Division; and

(III) include the amounts calculated under Subsection (6)(c)(iv)(A)(I) in any appraisal report that is produced in association with an assessment issued by the Division.

(B) When an aircraft market indicator under Subsection (6)(c)(ii) is used, the Division shall justify in any appraisal report issued with an assessment why the preferred methods under Subsection (5) were not used.

(v)(A) When the preferred methods under Subsection (5) are used to estimate the fair market value of an airline, the Division shall:

(I) calculate an aircraft market indicator under Subsection (6)(c)(ii);

(II) retain the calculations under Subsection (6)(c)(v)(A)(I) in the work files maintained by the Division; and

(III) include the amounts calculated under Subsection (6)(c)(v)(A)(I) in any appraisal report that is produced in association with an assessment issued by the Division.

(B) Value estimates from an aircraft pricing guide under Subsection (6)(c)(i)(A) along with the valuation of non-mobile flight equipment under Subsection (6)(c)(ii)(B) shall, when possible, also be included in an assessment or appraisal report for purposes of comparison.

(C) Reasons for not including a value estimate required under Subsection (6)(c)(v)(B) include:

(I) failure to file a return; or

(II) failure to identify specific aircraft.

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 Veterans With a Disability 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. County Board of Equalization Procedures and Appeals 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;

(ii) demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence; and

(iii) agreed upon by the taxpayer and the assessor.

(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) an error in the classification of a property that is eligible for assessment under Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 5;

(v) valuation of a property that is not in existence on the lien date; and

(vi) a valuation of a property assessed more than once, or by the wrong assessing authority.

(c) Factual error does not include:

(i) an alternative approach to value;

(ii) a change in a factor or variable used in an approach to value; or

(iii) any other adjustment to a valuation methodology.

(2) If the county has not formally adopted board of equalization rules and procedures under Section 59-2-1001 that have been approved by the commission, the procedures contained in this rule must be followed.

(3) To achieve standing with the county board of equalization and have a decision rendered on the merits of the case, the taxpayer shall provide the following minimum information to the county board of equalization:

(a) the name and address of the property owner;

(b) the identification number, location, and description of the property;

(c) the value placed on the property by the assessor;

(d) the taxpayer's estimate of the fair market value of the property;

(e) evidence or documentation that supports the taxpayer's claim for relief; and

(f) the taxpayer's signature.

(4) If the evidence or documentation required under Subsection (3)(e) is not attached, the county will notify the taxpayer of the defect in the claim and permit at least ten calendar days to cure the defect before dismissing the matter for lack of sufficient evidence to support the claim for relief.

(5) If the taxpayer appears before the county board of equalization and fails to produce the evidence or documentation described under Subsection (3)(e) and the county has notified the taxpayer under Subsection (4), the county may dismiss the matter for lack of evidence to support a claim for relief.

(6) If the information required under Subsection (3) is supplied, the county board of equalization shall render a decision on the merits of the case.

(7) The county board of equalization may dismiss an appeal for lack of jurisdiction when the claimant limits arguments to issues not under the jurisdiction of the county board of equalization.

(8) The county board of equalization shall prepare and maintain a record of the appeal.

(a) For appeals concerning property value, the record shall include:

(i) the name and address of the property owner;

(ii) the identification number, location, and description of the property;

(iii) the value placed on the property by the assessor;

(iv) the basis for appeal stated in the taxpayer's appeal;

(v) facts and issues raised in the hearing before the county board that are not clearly evident from the assessor's records; and

(vi) the decision of the county board of equalization and the reasons for the decision.

(b) The record may be included in the minutes of the hearing before the county board of equalization.

(9)(a) The county board of equalization shall notify the taxpayer in writing of its decision.

(b) The notice required under Subsection (9)(a) shall include:

(i) the name and address of the property owner;

(ii) the identification number of the property;

(iii) the date the notice was sent;

(iv) a notice of appeal rights to the commission; and

(v) a statement of the decision of the county board of equalization; or

(vi) a copy of the decision of the county board of equalization.

(10) A county shall maintain a copy of a notice sent to a taxpayer under Subsection (9).

(11) If a decision affects the exempt status of a property, the county board of equalization shall prepare its decision in writing, stating the reasons and statutory basis for the decision.

(12) Decisions by the county board of equalization are final orders on the merits.

(13) Except as provided in Subsection (15), 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.

(14) Appeals accepted under Subsection (13)(d) shall be limited to correction of the factual error and any resulting changes to the property's valuation.

(15) The provisions of Subsection (13) 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.

(16) 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 That is At or Below the Statutorily Prescribed Amount 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 that is at or below the statutorily prescribed amount.

(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 that is at or below the statutorily prescribed amount 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 taxable tangible personal property in the county that is at or below the statutorily prescribed amount.

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.

R884-24P-71. Agreements with Commercial or Industrial Taxpayers for Equal Property Tax Payments Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-1308.5.

(1) An agreement with a commercial or industrial taxpayer for equal property tax payments under Section 59-2-1308.5 is effective:

(a) the current calendar year, if the agreement is agreed to by all parties on or before May 31; or

(b) the subsequent calendar year, if the agreement is agreed to by all parties after May 31.

(2) An agreement under Subsection (1) affects only those taxing entities that are a party to the agreement.

(3) The commission shall ensure that an agreement under Subsection (1) does not affect the calculation of the certified tax rate by adjusting the formula under Section 59-2-924 so that the collection ratio for each taxpayer that is a party to the agreement is based on the amount that would have been collected according to the same valuation and assessment methodologies that would have been applied in the absence of the agreement.

R884-24P-72. State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee Procedures Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-2-514.

(1) "Committee" means the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee established in Section 59-2-514.

(2) The committee is subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

(3) A committee member may participate electronically in a meeting open to the public under Section 52-4-207 if:

(a) the agenda posted for the meeting establishes one or more anchor locations for the meeting where the public may attend;

(b) at least one committee member is at an anchor location; and

(c) all of the committee members may be heard by any person attending an anchor location.

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R918. Transportation, Operations, Maintenance.
R918-3. Snow Removal.
R918-3-1. Purpose and Authority.

The purpose of this rule is to indicate where and when the Utah Department of Transportation will provide snow removal services. This rule is enacted under the general rulemaking authority in Section 72-1-201.

R918-3-2 On State Roads.

(1) The Utah Department of Transportation will provide snow removal services on the following functional classes of state roads:

(a) Interstate highways
(b) Principal arterials
(c) Minor arterials
(d) Collector roads which meet the following criteria:

(i) where counties or cities provide year round fire, police and emergency services;

(ii) where mail year round delivery is provided;

(iii) where year round water and sanitary services are provided; and

(iv) where counties or cities request or concur with year round snow removal.

(2) The following state road sections are an exception to paragraph (1) above and shall be closed in the fall when snow depth requires closure, and will not be reopened until spring weather conditions permit.

TABLE 1

SR-35 (Wolf Creek Pass)	MP 12.44 to 27.51
SR-39 (Monte Cristo)	MP 36.86 to 55.4
SR-65 (Region 2 East Canyon)	MP 3.11 to 8.4
SR-65 (Region 1 Big Mountain)	MP 8.4 to 13.47
SR-92 (American Fork Canyon/ Alpine Loop)	MP 12.63 to 22.40
SR-148 (Cedar Breaks)	MP 0.15 to 2.544
SR-150 (Mirror Lake Highway)	MP 14.70 to 48.63
SR-153 (Puffer Lake)	MP 21.29 to 39.55
SR-190 (Guardsman Pass)	MP 17.71 to 21
SR-224 (Wasatch County line to Deer Valley)	MP 0.0 to 1.11

(3) Other state road sections may be closed for the winter/or not receive snow removal services, if the Region Director determines that it is not cost effective to provide snow removal services.

(4) The removal of the normal snowfall and windrows on private road approaches, both on and off the highway right-of-way, is a responsibility of the property owner. When clearing these approaches, the property owner shall not push or pile the snow onto the state right-of-way. Within towns and where curb and gutter exist, the normal parking area off the travel lane may be used for snow storage by state forces. If it is desired to remove this snow, it shall be the responsibility of the city, county or the adjacent property owner. The state shall not haul snow off the roadway except where removal by other means is impracticable.

R918-3-3. On State Roads Leading to for-profit Winter Recreational Areas.

(1) State roads leading to for-profit winter recreational areas not qualifying above may qualify for weekend and holiday snow removal services. Each for-profit winter recreational area will be evaluated individually.

(2) To receive weekend and holiday snow removal services, owners or operators of a for-profit winter recreational area shall:

(a) request, in writing to the Region Director, weekend and/or holiday snow removal services;

(b) provide parking away from the highway for all employees, guests, and users; and

(c) clear snow from all winter recreation site parking areas.

(3) The Region Director may authorize weekend and holiday snow removal services based on UDOT Policy 06A-42, functional classification of the road, and available resources.

(4) The Region Director may suspend, delay, postpone, accelerate, or terminate weekend and holiday snow removal services based on resource availability, avalanche danger, unusual snowfall accumulation, or other factors determined by the Region Director as presenting unacceptable risk to the traveling public or snow removal personnel.

R918-3-4. Other Than Roadways on the State System.

(1) Snow removal service will not be provided for the following, except where provided through written agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation:

(a) sidewalks;
(b) overhead crosswalk structures;
(c) walkways attached to structures;
(d) driveways;
(e) parking lots;
(f) roads not on the state system;
(g) overhead vehicular structures not on the state system; or
(h) bike and pedestrian trails.

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R920. Transportation, Operations, Traffic and Safety.
R920-1. Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
R920-1-1. Adoption by Reference.

Adopted by reference is the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This manual was approved by the Federal Highway Administrator as the National standard for all highways open to public travel in accordance with Title 23, U.S. Code, Sections 109(d) and 402(a) and 23 CFT 1204.4.

KEY: traffic control
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R920. Transportation, Operations, Traffic and Safety.
R920-4. Permit Required for Special Road Use or Event.
R920-4-1. Special Road Use.

UDOT shall promote safe utilization of highways for parades, marathons, and bicycle races. Special Road Use permits shall be required for any use of state routes other than normal traffic movement. Permits may be obtained by fulfilling requirements of DOT form "Special Road Use Permit". Policy applies to all routes under jurisdiction of DOT. Permittee shall hold DOT harmless in event of litigation. A traffic control plan, in accordance with latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Barricading and Construction Standard Drawings, shall be provided to, and approved by Dept. District Traffic Engineer or Permittee shall restore the particular road segment to its' original condition, free from litter, etc. All applications for permits shall be made a minimum of 15 days prior to the specified activity.

KEY: parades, bicycle, races

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R920. Transportation, Operations, Traffic and Safety.
R920-6. Snow Tire and Chain Requirements.
R920-6-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to allow a Region Director of the Utah Department of Transportation to designate travel restrictions on certain state highways located in the State of Utah, that may not be safely traversed by the public or which would tend to create a hazard or hamper road maintenance activities, unless the vehicle traversing said highway is adequately equipped with certain safety devices.

R920-6-2. Authority.

The authority for this rule is in Sections 72-1-201 and 72-3-102; Title 72, Chapter 4, Part 1, Transportation Code, and Sections 41-6a-302 and 41-6a-1636.

R920-6-3. Provisions.

(1) Locations shall be designated by the Department of Transportation's Region Director after coordinating with the local Utah Highway Patrol office. The designations by the Region Director shall be established through a Traffic Engineering Order (TEO) from the Division of Traffic and Safety to the Region Director's office wherein the designated highway is located.

(2) The Utah Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic and Safety shall maintain and annually publish a listing of those highways so designated for distribution to:

(a) Utah Department of Transportation Region Offices;

(b) Utah Highway Patrol;

(c) county offices; and

(d) local law enforcement officials.

(3) When any designated highway is so restricted no vehicle shall be allowed or permitted the use of the highway, during the period between October 1 and April 30, or when conditions warrant due to adverse, or hazardous weather or roadway conditions, as determined by the Utah Department of Transportation, unless:

(a) said vehicle is equipped with either:

(i) steel link chains or have chains in possession;

(ii) mounted snow tires; (tires with an M/S designation with or without studs);

(iii) elastomeric tire chains, designed for use with radial tires; or

(iv) four-wheel drive vehicles with a minimum of two mounted snow tires.

(4) Radial tires without snow tread do not meet the requirements.

(5) An operator of a commercial vehicle with four or more drive wheels, other than a bus, shall affix tire chains to at least four of the drive wheel tires.

(6) An operator of a bus or recreational vehicle shall affix tire chains to at least two of the drive wheel tires.

R920-6-4. Responsibilities.

(1) Authorized personnel on location to enforce this rule, may permit vehicles not equipped with the traction aids defined in the preceding paragraph to travel a designated state highway if, in the opinion of said personnel, the vehicle may do so without endangering the public safety or creating a hazard to or interference with, highway maintenance operations.

(2) The Utah Department of Transportation requests the Utah Highway Patrol, or designated local law enforcement agency, to enforce this rule. The Utah Highway Patrol may request to enforce this rule by contacting the Region Director, or designated Department of Transportation representative where designated highway is located.

(3) The Utah Department of Transportation will notify the county officials of counties in which highways are so restricted, as outlined above.

(4) All authority shall rest with the Executive Director or his designee to control use of highways where avalanche danger and other threats to the public safety are concerned.

(5) The Region Director or designee shall work with the Utah Highway Patrol in establishing working criteria for the adequate enforcement of the above provisions.

KEY: tires, snow

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	72-3-102
	41-6a-302

R920. Transportation, Operations, Traffic and Safety.
R920-51. Safety Regulations for Railroads.
R920-51-1. Adoption of Federal Regulations.

Safety Regulations for Railroads, Title 49 Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation is adopted by reference as it applies to all private, common, and contract carriers by rail in Interstate and/or Intrastate Commerce.

R920-51-2. Part 200 - Informal Rules of Practice for Passenger Service.

A. General
B. Definition
C. Application
D. Objections
E. Hearings
F. Orders, approvals and determinations
G. Publication

R920-51-3. Part 201 - Formal Rules of Practice for Passenger Service.

A. General
B. Definitions
C. Scope of regulations
D. Application
E. Notice of hearing
F. Notification by interested persons
G. Presiding officer
H. Direct testimony submitted as written documents
I. Mailing address
J. Inspection and copying of documents
K. Ex parte communications
L. Prehearing conference
M. Final agenda of the hearing
N. Determination to cancel the hearing
O. Rebuttal testimony and new issues of fact in final agenda
P. Waiver of right to participate
Q. Conduct of the hearing
R. Direct testimony
S. Cross-examination
T. Oral and written arguments
U. Recommended decision, certification of the transcript, and submission of comments in the recommended decision.

R920-51-4. Railroad Safety Enforcement Procedures.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Hazardous Materials Penalties

R920-51-5. Part 210 - Railroad Noise Emission Compliance Regulations.

A. Subpart A - General Provisions
B. Subpart B - Inspection and testing

R920-51-6. Part 211 - Rules of Practice.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Rulemaking Procedures
C. Subpart C - Waivers
D. Subpart D - Emergency Orders
E. Subpart E - Miscellaneous Safety - Related Proceedings and Inquiries
F. Subpart F - Interim Procedures for the Review of Emergency Orders

R920-51-7. Part 212 - State Safety Participation Regulations.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - State/Federal Roles
C. Subpart C - State Inspection Personnel
D. Subpart D - Grants in Aid

R920-51-8. Part 213 - Track Safety Standards.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Roadbed
C. Subpart C - Track Geometry
D. Subpart D - Track Structure
E. Subpart E - Track Appliances and Track Related Devices
F. Subpart F - Inspections

R920-51-9. Part 215 - Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Freight Car Components
C. Subpart C - Restricted Equipment
D. Subpart D - Stenciling

R920-51-10. Part 216 - Special Notice and Emergency Order Procedures: Railroad Track, Locomotive and Equipment.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Special Notice for Repair
C. Subpart C - Emergency Order - Track

R920-51-11. Part 217 - Railroad Operating Rules.

A. Subpart A - General

R920-51-12. Part 218 - Railroad Operating Rules.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Blue Signal Protection of Workmen
C. Subpart C - Protection of Trains and Locomotives

R920-51-13. Part 220 - Radio Standards and Procedures.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Radio Procedures
C. Subpart C - Train Orders

R920-51-14. Part 221 - Rear End Marking Device - Passenger, Commuter and Freight Trains.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Marking Devices

R920-51-15. Part 223 - Safety Glazing Standards - Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Cabooses.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Specific Requirements

R920-51-16. Part 225 - Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations.

A. Purpose
1. Applicability
2. Definitions
3. Public examination and use of reports
4. Telephonic reports of certain accidents/incidents
5. Reporting of accidents/incidents
6. Late reports
7. Accident/incidents not to be reported
8. Doubtful cases
9. Primary groups of accidents/incidents
10. Forms
11. Joint operations
12. Recordkeeping
13. Retention of records
14. Penalties

R920-51-17. Part 228 - Hours of Service of Railroad Employees.

A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Records and Reporting
C. Subpart C - Construction of Employee Sleeping

Quarters

R920-51-18. Part 229 - Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards.
A. Subpart A - General
B. Subpart B - Inspections and Tests
C. Subpart C - Safety Requirements
D. Subpart D - Design Requirements

R920-51-19. Part 230 - Locomotive Inspection.
A. Steam Powered Locomotives

R920-51-20. Part 231 - Railroad Safety Appliance Standards.
A. Box and other house cars
B. Hopper cars and high-side gondolas with fixed ends
C. Drop-end high-side gondola cars
D. Fixed-end low-side gondola and low-side hopper cars
E. Drop-end low-side gondola cars
F. Flat cars
G. Tank cars with side platforms
H. Tank cars without side sills and tank cars with short side sills and end platforms
I. Tank cars without end sills
J. Caboose cars with platforms
K. Caboose cars without platforms
L. Passenger-train cars with wide vestibules
M. Passenger-train cars with open-end platforms
N. Passenger-train cars without end platforms
O. Steam locomotives used in switching service
P. Specifications common to all steam locomotives
Q. Cars of special construction
R. Definition of "Right" and "Left"
S. Variation in size permitted
T. Tank cars without under frames
U. Unidirectional passenger-train cars adoptable to van-type semi-trailer use
V. Box and other house cars with roofs, 16 feet 10 inches or more above top of rail
W. Track motorcars (self-propelled 4-wheel cars which can be removed from the rails by men)
X. Pushcars
Y. Box and other house cars without roof hatches
Z. Box and other house cars with roof hatches
AA. Road locomotives with corner stairways
AB. Locomotives used in switching service

R920-51-21. Part 232 - Railroad Power Brakes and Drawbars.
A. Power brakes; minimum percentage
B. Drawbars; standard height
C. Power brakes and appliances for operating power brake systems
D. Rules for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Air Brake Equipment
E. General rules; locomotives
F. Train air brake system tests
G. Initial terminal road train airbrake tests
H. Road train and intermediate terminal train airbrake tests
I. Inbound brake equipment inspection
J. Double heading and helper service
K. Running tests
L. Freight and passenger train car brakes
M. Appendix-Specifications and requirements for power brakes and appliances for operating power-brake systems for freight service

R920-51-22. Part 233 - Signal Systems Reporting Requirements.
A. Scope
1. Application
2. Accidents resulting from signal failure
3. Signal failure reports
4. Annual reports
5. Civil penalty
6. Criminal penalty

R920-51-23. Part 235 - Instructions Governing Applications for Approval of a Discontinuance or Material Modification for a Signal System.
A. Scope
1. Discontinuance or modification requiring filing of application
2. Discontinuance or modification not requiring filing of application
3. Form of application
4. Contents of application
5. Additional required information-prints
6. Filing procedure
7. Notice
8. Protests

R920-51-24. Part 236 - Installation, Specification, Maintenance, and Repair of Systems, Devices and Appliances.
A. Applicability of this part, relief and instructions governing applications for relief
B. Subpart A - Rules and Instructions: All Systems
C. Subpart B - Automatic Block Signal System
D. Subpart C - Interlocking
E. Subpart D - Traffic Control Systems
F. Subpart E - Automatic Train Stop, Train Control and Cab Signal Systems
G. Subpart F - Dragging Equipment and Slide Detectors and Other Similar Protective Devices
H. Subpart G - Definitions

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R940. Transportation, Administration.
R940-6. Prioritization of New Transportation Capacity Projects.
R940-6-1. Definitions.

(1) "ADT" means average daily traffic, which is the volume of traffic on a road, annualized to a daily average.

(2) "Capacity" means the maximum hourly rate at which vehicles reasonably can be expected to traverse a point or a uniform section of a lane or roadway during a given time period under prevailing roadway, traffic, and control conditions.

(3) "Commission" means the Transportation Commission, which is created in Section 72-1-301.

(4) "Economic Development" may include such things as employment growth, employment retention, retail sales, tourism growth, freight movements, tax base increase, and traveler or user cost savings in relation to construction costs.

(5) "Functional Classification" means the description of the road as one of the following:

(a) Rural Interstate;
(b) Rural Other Principal Arterial;
(c) Rural Minor Arterial;
(d) Rural Major Collector;
(e) Urban Interstate;
(f) Urban Other Freeway and Expressway;
(g) Urban Other Principal Arterial;
(h) Urban Minor Arterial; or
(i) Urban Collector.

(6) "Major New Capacity Project" means a transportation project that costs more than $5,000,000 and accomplishes any of the following:

(a) Add new roads and interchanges;
(b) Add new lanes; or
(c) Modify existing interchange(s) for capacity or economic development purpose.

(7) "Mobility" means the movement of people and goods.

(8) "MPO" as used in this section means metropolitan planning organization as defined in Section 72-1-208.5.

(9) "Safety" means an analysis of the current safety conditions of a transportation facility. It includes an analysis of crash rates and crash severity.

(10) "Strategic Goals" means the Utah Department of Transportation strategic goals.

(11) "Strategic Initiatives" means the implementation strategies the department will use to achieve the strategic goals.

(12) "Transportation Efficiency" is the roadway attributes such as ADT, truck ADT, volume to capacity ratio, roadway functional classification, and transportation growth.

(13) "Transportation Growth" means the projected percentage of average annual increase in ADT.

(14) "Truck ADT" means the ADT of truck traffic on a road, annualized to a daily average.

(15) "Volume to Capacity Ratio" means the ratio of hourly volume of traffic to capacity for a transportation facility (measure of congestion).

R940-6-2. Authority and Purpose.

Section 72-1-304, as enacted by Senate Bill 25, 2005 General Session, directs the commission, in consultation with the department and the metropolitan planning organizations in the state, to make rules that establish a prioritization process for new transportation projects that meet the department's strategic goals. This rule fulfills that directive.

R940-6-3. Application of Strategic Initiatives to Projects.

The department will use the strategic goals to guide the process:

(1) The department will first seek to preserve current infrastructure and to optimize the mobility provided by the existing highway infrastructure before applying funds to increase mobility by adding new lanes.

(2) The department will address means to improve the mobility provided by the existing system through technology like intelligent transportation systems, access management, transportation demand management, and others.

(3) The department will assess safety through projects addressed in paragraph (1) and (2) above. The department will also target specific highway locations for safety improvements.

(4) Adding new capacity projects will be recommended after considering items in paragraph (1), (2) and (3).

(5) All recommendations will be forwarded to the Transportation Commission for its review/action.

R940-6-4. Prioritization of Major New Capacity Projects List.

(1) Major new capacity projects will be compiled from the State of Utah Long Range Transportation Plan.

(2) The list will be first prioritized based upon transportation efficiency factors, and safety factors. Each criterion of these factors will be given a specific weight.

(3) The major new capacity projects will be ranked from highest to lowest with priority being assigned to the projects with highest overall rankings.

(4) The commission will further evaluate the projects with highest rankings considering contributing components that include other factors such as economic development.

(5) For each major new capacity project, the department will provide a description of how completing that project will fulfill the department's strategic goals.

(6) In the final selection process, the commission may consider other factors not listed above. Its decision will be made in a public meeting forum.

R940-6-5. Commission Discretion.

The commission, in consultation with the department and with MPOs, may establish additional criteria or use other considerations in prioritizing major new capacity projects. If the commission prioritizes a project over another project that has a higher rank under the criteria set forth in R940-6-4, the commission shall identify the change and the reasons for it, and accept public comment at one of the public hearings held pursuant to R940-6-7.

R940-6-6. Need for Local Government Participation for Interchanges.

New interchanges for economic development purposes on existing roads will not be included on the major new capacity project list unless the local government with geographical jurisdiction over the interchange location contributes at least 50% of the cost of the interchange from private, local, or other non-UDOT, funds.

R940-6-7. Public Hearings.

Before deciding the final prioritization list and funding levels, the commission shall hold public hearings at locations around the state to accept public comments on the prioritization process and on the merits of the projects.

KEY: transportation commission, transportation, roads, capacity

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R966. Treasurer, Unclaimed Property.
R966-1. Requirements for Claims where no Proof of Stock Ownership Exists.
R966-1-2. Proof Requirements and Bonds.

A. For verified claims with a value less than $500.00, the person may file an affidavit entitled "Uniform Affidavit of Lost Certificate". Such affidavit will constitute and provide sufficient indemnification to permit the administrator to allow the verified claim.

B. For verified claims with a value equal to or greater than $500.00, the person may obtain a bond issued by a licensed surety company rated at least "A" or better by A.M. Best and Co., called an abandoned property bond. The bond shall be a fixed bond for dividends and other definite dollar value items. The bond shall be an open bond for stock certificates and shares claimed. Presentation of the proper bond, or both bonds if both are required, will constitute and provide sufficient indemnification to allow the administrator to allow the verified claim.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-401. Energy Assistance: General Provisions.
R982-401-1. Purpose.

The Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program serves to provide assistance in meeting home energy costs for certain low-income families and individuals.

R982-401-2. Authority.

These rules are authorized by Section 35A-8-1403.

R982-401-3. Definitions.

1. The following definitions apply to R982-401-1 through R982-401-8:

a. "Applicant" means any person requesting assistance under the program discussed.

b. "Assistance" means payments made to individuals under the program discussed.

c. "Assistance unit" or "household" means any individual or group of individuals who are living together as one economic unit and for whom residential heating is customarily purchased in common or who make payments for heat in the form of rent.

d. "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services.

e. "Recipient" or "client" means any individual receiving assistance under the program discussed.

f. "Confidential information" means information that has limited access as provided in Chapter 63G-2.

g. "HEAT" means Home Energy Assistance Target program.

h. "IRS" means Internal Revenue Service.

i. "Moratorium" means a period of time in which involuntary termination for nonpayment by residential customers of essential utility bills is prohibited.

j. "Vulnerability" means having to pay a home heating cost.

R982-401-4. Client Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Any client may apply or reapply at any time for the HEAT program by completing and signing an application and turning it in at the correct office.

2. If the client needs help to apply, help will be given by the local HEAT office staff.

3. HEAT workers will identify themselves.

4. The client will be treated with courtesy, dignity and respect.

5. Verification and information will be requested clearly and courteously.

6. If the client must be visited after working hours, an appointment will be made.

7. The client's home will not be entered without permission.

8. Clients may have an agency conference to talk about their case.

9. Clients may look at information concerning their case except confidential information.

10. Anyone may look at a copy of the program manuals located at any local HEAT office or the State energy Assistance Lifeline web site.

11. The client must give complete and correct information and verification.

12. The client must immediately report any address change while under the protection of the moratorium.

13. The client is responsible for repaying any overpayments of assistance.

R982-401-5. Information.

The department shall require compliance with Chapter 63G-2.

1. Client may review and copy anything in their case record unless it is confidential.

a. The Client requests for release of information shall be in writing and include:

i. the date;

ii. the name of the person receiving the information;

iii. the time period covered by the information.

b. Information classified as confidential shall not be used in a hearing.

c. Information classified as confidential shall not be used to close, deny or reduce benefits.

d. Clients may copy information from their file. Up to ten pages are free. If the client wants more than ten copies, the client must pay the cost of making the extra copies.

e. The client cannot take the case record from the office.

2. Releasing information to sources other than the client.

a. Information will not be released when it is to be used for a commercial or political purpose.

b. The client's permission will be obtained before sharing any information regarding their case record.

i. Information may be released without the client's permission if the outside source making the request has comparable rules for safeguarding information.

ii. Information may be released in an emergency. The director or designee will decide what constitutes an emergency.

3. Information released without the client's permission.

a. Information, with the exception of confidential information, may be released without the clients permission when that information is to be used in:

i. The administration of any federal or state means-tested program.

ii. Any audit or review of expenditures in connection with the HEAT or Moratorium program.

iii. Any investigation, prosecution, criminal or civil proceeding connected with the administration of the HEAT or Moratorium programs.

4. If a case file is subpoenaed by an outside source, the State HEAT Program Manager is contacted immediately. The State Program manager will consult with the legal counsel for the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD).

R982-401-6. Complaints and Conciliation.

1. Complaints

a. The client may make a complaint in person, by phone, or in writing to the local HEAT office.

b. Complaints shall be resolved as quickly as possible.

c. Responses to complaints shall be made in person, by phone or in writing.

2. Conciliation

a. The agency conference will be the conciliation mechanism.

b. Some or all of the following steps may be involved in the agency conference:

i. Contacting the client to identify the issue and barriers which may be preventing client progress.

ii. Reviewing and explaining rules which apply to the issues. These include rules about client rights and responsibilities.

iii. Exploring any alternative actions which may resolve the issues.

c. If the client fails to respond, or chooses not to cooperate in this process, documentation in the case file of attempts made to follow these steps will be considered as compliance with the requirement to attempt conciliation.

R982-401-7. Hearings.

The department shall require compliance with Chapter 63G-4.

1. Current HCD practices:

a. HEAT conducts hearings informally.

b. Hearings are held before a state agency.

c. Hearings may be conducted by telephone when the applicant or recipient agrees to the procedure.

d. Requests for a hearing must be in writing. Only a clear expression by the claimant to the effect that they want an opportunity to present their case is required.

e. The applicant or recipient has the option of appealing a hearing decision to either the director of the Department, his or her designee or to the District Court.

f. Final administrative action shall be taken within 90 days from the request for the hearing unless the client asks for a postponement of a scheduled hearing. The period of postponement can be added to the 90 days.

KEY: client rights, hearings, confidentiality of information
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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-402. Energy Assistance Programs Standards.
R982-402-1. Opening and Closing Dates for HEAT Program.

1. Each November 1, or the first working day thereafter, the HEAT Program opens for the general population.

2. The HEAT Program closes the following April 30, or the last business day of the month, or when federal LIHEAP funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. If federal LIHEAP funds are yet available, the program may be extended beyond April 30 and through to September 30 with the approval of the State HEAT Program Manager. Applications taken on or before the program closing date may be processed after the program closing date. If funds are exhausted before all applications are processed, notice of non-payment will be sent to the remaining unprocessed applications.

R982-402-2. U.S. Residence.

1. To be eligible for HEAT assistance, a person must meet at least one of the criteria for US residence listed below:

a. Be a US born or naturalized citizen as evidenced by any document verifying the individual was born in the US or naturalization papers.

b. Be lawfully admitted into the US for permanent residence as evidenced by an Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) form I-151 or I-551.

c. Be lawfully admitted into the US as a Refugee as evidenced by an INS form I-94 stamped "Admitted under the Refugee Act of 1980".

d. Be lawfully admitted into the US as a conditional entrant as evidenced by an INS form I-94 stamped "Conditional Entrant".

e. Be lawfully admitted into the US as a special agricultural worker as evidenced by a green colored INS form I-688 stamped PL 99-603 Sec. 210.

2. Persons not eligible to participate in the HEAT program are:

a. Persons who hold INS 1-94 who are admitted as temporary entrants.

b. Persons who hold an INS I-688 Sec. 210A (RAWS).

c. Persons who hold an INS I-688 Sec. 245A (AMNESTY).

d. Persons who hold an INS I-688A Sec. 210, 210A, or 245A (SAWS, RAWS, and AMNESTY).

e. Persons who have no registration card.

R982-402-3. Utah Residence.

There is no length of residency requirement. Individuals must be living in Utah voluntarily and not for a temporary purpose.

R982-402-4. Local Residence.

1. A household's completed HEAT application must be maintained in the office in the area where they reside.

2. Native American Residents of Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties who are enrolled in any federally recognized Indian Tribe have a choice of applying for utility assistance through the state HEAT program or through the Ute Tribal LIHEAP Program. Clients cannot receive assistance from both programs in the same program year.

3. Native American Residents of Washington, Iron, Millard, and Sevier Counties have a choice of receiving utility assistance through the state HEAT program or through the Paiute Tribal LIHEAP Program. Clients cannot receive assistance from both programs in the same program year.

4. Residents living on the Navajo Indian Reservation in San Juan county may apply for utility assistance through the Navajo Tribe or through the State HEAT Program. They cannot receive assistance through both programs in the same program year.

R982-402-5. Vulnerability.

1. An eligible household must be vulnerable to home heating costs.

a. The following households are considered responsible for home heating costs:

i. Households who are presently paying heating costs directly to energy suppliers on currently active accounts.

ii. Households who are currently paying energy costs indirectly through rent.

2. Residents in the following households are not considered responsible for home heating costs and are not eligible for HEAT assistance:

a. Nursing homes;

b. Hospitals;

c. Prisons and jails;

d. Institutions;

e. Alcoholism and drug treatment centers;

f. Group homes administered under a contract with a government agency or administered by a government agency;

g. Households not connected to a heat source;

h. Households whose utility bills are paid regularly by an outside party;

R982-402-6. Subsidized Housing - Roomers And Boarders.

Eligibility for HEAT assistance: a household living in a federal, state, or local subsidized housing or anyone renting a room in a private house or apartment must pay an identifiable surcharge for heat in addition to their rent or they must pay a utility bill for heating costs directly to a utility provider.

R982-402-7. Social Security Numbers.

1. Adults who apply for HEAT assistance must provide verification of their Social Security Numbers (SSN) or apply for SSN cards. Verification of Social Security Numbers are required for all household members.

a. There are four ways to provide a correct SSN. The client can submit one of these three documents.

i. An official SSN card

ii. Official documents from Social Security Administration including award letters, benefit checks or a Medicare card

iii. An SSA receipt form 5028 or 2880.

iv. Official document from another government agency.

R982-402-8. Eligible HEAT Household.

1. Household members need not be related.

2. Multiple dwellings including duplexes and apartment buildings, are considered separate households.

R982-402-9. Age and Emancipation.

Household members 18 years of age or older or emancipated are considered adults. A child can be emancipated by age, marriage or court order.

R982-402-10. Weatherization Referrals.

Participation in the weatherization program is not a condition of eligibility for HEAT.

R982-402-11. Energy Crisis Intervention.

1. A crisis is any weather-related emergency, any supply shortage emergency, or any other household energy-related emergency as approved by the region or state office.

a. Examples of household energy-related emergencies may include energy costs above 25% of the client's gross income, arrearages when the client has demonstrated a good faith attempt to resolve the problem or repairs to prevent loss of energy from a dwelling.

b. Examples of household energy-related non-emergencies

may include payments that will create a credit balance on a utility account, payments on utility accounts previously sent to a collection agency or capital improvements to rental property.

2. To be eligible for energy crisis intervention, a household must be eligible for HEAT during the same HEAT program year.

a. If the local office determines that a household is eligible to receive energy crisis intervention benefits and is in a life threatening situation, energy crisis intervention benefits will be provided within 18 hours. Regular energy crisis intervention benefits will be provided within 48 hours of eligibility determination.

b. The director or HEAT supervisor must approve all crisis intervention expenditures.

c. HEAT payments are issued to the vendor. In emergencies a check may be issued to the client.

d. Energy crisis intervention payments are limited to a maximum of $500 per household per utility (e.g. gas and electric) per HEAT program year unless prior approval for an amount larger than $500 per utility is obtained from the supervisor or state office.

R982-2-12. Supplemental Programs.

Household who qualify for HEAT assistance may also receive supplemental payments from other utility programs, such as "Reach", "Lend-A-Hand", and Catholic Community Services utility fund.

R982-402-13. Security Deposits.

1. Public Service Commission (PSC) Regulated Utilities

a. A PSC regulated utility is required to waive the security deposit requirement for all Heat and Moratorium clients during the period of the Moratorium.

b. Monies received by a regulated utility from third-party sources, including monies provided by HEAT, REACH, CONCERN or similar programs, shall not be applied to the security deposit.

2. Non Regulated Utilities

a. If the company has signed a HEAT contract, the company has agreed not to charge a security deposit to a HEAT client from November 15th through March 15th. This does not apply to the service initiation fees that are routinely charged as a condition of service.

R982-402-14. Consumer Complaints.

1. Public Service Commission (PSC) Regulated Utilities

a. Consumer complaints against a PSC regulated utility should be referred to the Public Service Commission.

2. Non Regulated Utilities

a. Consumer complaints against a non regulated utility should be referred directly to the individual utility company.

R982-402-15. Credit Balances on Utility Accounts.

1. If the household discontinues service with their utility supplier, and the household so elects, the disconnecting supplier will forward any HEAT credit balance remaining on the account to the household's new utility company. The new utility company must operate in Utah. The household must furnish, to the disconnecting utility supplier, the name and address of the new utility company within 30 days after termination of service.

2. If the household elects to have the HEAT credit balance refunded directly to them, the disconnecting utility supplier will do so if the household still resides in Utah. The household must furnish, to the disconnecting utility supplier, their new address within 30 days after termination of service. Otherwise, the credit balance shall be refunded to the HEAT Program.

3. In no case shall HEAT credit balances be forwarded to utility companies not operating in Utah or to clients no longer residing in Utah.

4. If the client fails to give the disconnecting utility company the information for either option one or option two listed above, the utility company can hold the credit balance for an additional 30 days. If reconnection with the same utility has not occurred, any remaining credit balance must be refunded to the HEAT program.

5. Once credit balances are refunded to the HEAT program they become part of the general HEAT budget and are redistributed in the form of benefits to additional eligible households.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-403. Energy Assistance Income Standards, Income Eligibility, and Payment Determination.
R982-403-1. Energy Assistance Income Standards.

For HEAT assistance cases, the local HEAT office shall determine the countable income of the household.

R982-403-2. Countable Income.

Countable income is gross income minus exclusions, disregards, and deductions.

R982-403-3. Unearned Income.

1. Countable unearned income is cash received by an individual for which no service is performed.

2. Sources of unearned income include the following:

a. Pensions and annuities including Railroad Retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Veteran's benefits and Civil Service retirement benefits;

b. Disability benefits including Industrial Compensation, sick pay, mortgage insurance and paycheck insurance;

c. Unemployment Compensation;

d. Strike or union benefits;

e. Veteran's benefits;

f. Child support and alimony;

g. Veteran's Educational Assistance intended for family members;

h. Trust payments;

i. Tribal fund gratuities unless excluded by law.

j. Money from sales contracts and mortgages;

k. Personal injury settlements;

l. Financial payments made by the Department of Workforce Services;

m. Income from Rental Property. If the client also manages the property, the income is earned.

n. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

o. Emergency Work Program (EWP)

p. Work allowances, included WHAT

q. Foster Care Payments

r. Severance pay paid out weekly.

R982-403-4. Earned Income.

1. Earned income is income in cash or in kind received by an individual for which a service is performed.

2. Sources of earned income include the following:

a. Wages, including military base pay;

b. Salaries;

c. Commissions;

d. Rent amount, when client works in return for rent;

e. Monies from self-employment including baby-sitting;

f. Tips;

g. Sale of livestock and poultry;

h. Work Study;

i. University Year for Action;

j. Military payments to cover Basic Allowance for Quarters and Basic Allowance for Substance;

k. Money the employee chooses to have withheld for benefit plans including Flex Plans and Cafeteria Plans.

R982-403-5. Income Exclusions.

1. The following definitions apply to this section:

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.

b. "JTPA" means Jobs Training Partnership Act.

2. The income listed below is not counted:

a. Earned income of an unemancipated household member.

b. Cash over which the household has no control.

c. Reimbursements for expenses directly related to employment, training, schooling, and volunteer activities.

d. Reimbursements for incurred medical expenses.

e. Bona fide loans.

f. Compensation paid to individual volunteers under the Retired Senior Volunteers Program, Green Thumb and the Foster Grandparent Program.

g. Incentive and training expenses paid by the HEAT Self Sufficiency program.

h. Earned Income Tax Credit.

i. Financial payments from JTPA.

j. Value of Food Stamp Coupons, Food Stamp Cash Out checks, and surplus commodities donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

k. Educational loans, grants, scholarships or college work study with the exception of Veterans Educational Assistance intended for the family members of the student. The student's portion is exempt.

l. Interest or Dividend Income.

m. Compensation or reimbursement paid to Volunteers In Service To America, Senior Health Aides, Senior Core of Retired Executives, Senior Companions and ACE.

n. Church cash assistance and voluntary cash contributions by others unless received on a regular basis.

o. Rental subsidies and relocation assistance.

p. Utility subsidies.

q. Any funds, payments, or tribal benefits required by Public Law 98-64, Public Law 93-134(7), Public Law 92-254, Public Law 94-540, Public Law 94-114 and Public Law 96-240(9).

r. Payments required by Public Law 92-203.

s. Payments required by Public Law 101-201 or Public Law 101-239(10405).

t. Payments required by Public Law 100-383.

u. Payments required by Public Law 101-426.

v. Payments required by Public Law 100-707.

R982-403-6. Income Disregard.

1. The following definition applies to this section:

a. "Disregard" means a portion of income that is not counted.

2. 20% of earned income, including self-employment earned income, will be disregarded.

3. For self-employed households the cost of doing business will be deducted. The 20% disregard will be applied to the remainder.

R982-403-7. Income Deductions.

1. Medical

A deduction for payments on uncompensated medical bills will be allowed when those payments are actually made by a member of the household during the same time period as the income being counted.

a. The client must verify the payment was made directly to a medical provider in the month prior to the month of application and that they will not be reimbursed by a third party.

b. Health and accident insurance payments, dental insurance payments, and Medical Assistance Only (MAO) payments are considered medical expenses.

2. Child Support and Alimony

a. A deduction for child support and alimony payments will be allowed when those payments were actually made by a member of the household during the same time period as the income being counted.

b. The client must verify the payment was actually made directly to the custodial adult or through the court.

c. Payments in lieu of child support and alimony, including car payments or mortgage payments, are deductible.

R982-403-8. Self-Employment Income.

1. A self-employed person actively earns income directly

from their own business, trade, or profession.

2. Self-employment income will be determined by using the previous year's tax return or as follows:

a. All gross self-employment income is counted.

i. Capital gains will be included.

ii. The proceeds from the sale of capital goods or equipment will be calculated in the same way as a capital gain for Federal income tax purposes. Even if only part of the proceeds from the sale of capital goods or equipment is taxed, the full amount of the capital gain will be counted as income for HEAT program purposes.

b. The cost of doing business will be deducted.

i. Allowable business costs include:

A. labor;

B. stock;

C. raw materials;

D. seed and fertilizer;

E. interest paid toward the purchase of income producing property;

F. insurance premiums;

G. taxes paid on income producing property;

ii. Transportation costs will be allowed only if the person must move from place to place in the course of business.

iii. The following items will not be allowed as business expenses:

A. Payments on the principal of the purchase price of income producing real estate and capital assets, equipment, machinery and other durable goods.

B. Net losses from previous periods.

C. Federal, state and local income taxes, money set aside for retirement purposes, and other work related personal expenses.

D. Depreciation.

R982-403-9. HEAT Financial Eligibility and Payment Determination.

1. All countable income received in the previous calendar month for the current applicant household will be used to determine eligibility. Terminated income received in the previous calendar month or the month of application is exempt if no new source of income is identified. Failure to provide verification of income will result in the HEAT application being denied.

Verification of countable income includes preceding or current month's SSI or SSA checks, divorce decrees, award letters, or current check stubs if the income is stable and the amount is the same as the actual income received in the previous calendar month.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-404. Energy Assistance: Asset Standards.
R982-404-1. Resource Limits.

The value of any household assets, either real or personal property, will not be counted when determining eligibility for the HEAT program.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-405. Energy Assistance: Program Benefits.
R982-405-1. Program Benefits.

Each household may apply for HEAT Crisis assistance up to a maximum of $500 per utility (two separate utilities) per program year - October 1 through September 30. Any amount that adds up over $500, whether it is made through a combination of HEAT Crisis payments, or one crisis payment throughout the year must get prior approval from the State.

R982-405-2. Standard Payment Levels.

The energy assistance benefit payment level is based on a household's income and energy burden (energy burden is the proportion of a household's income used to pay for home heating). For example, households with the lowest income and the highest energy burden will receive the highest energy assistance benefit payment available. Households with children under age six years, the elderly (age 60 plus years), and/or disabled people may receive an additional energy assistance benefit amount.

R982-405-3. Benefit Payments.

1. Direct client payments will be made only when a contract with the primary heat source cannot be obtained or if the primary heat source is the landlord.

R982-405-4. Split Payments.

1. If the primary heat source's payment account is current, up to 50% of the HEAT payment may be made to the client. Payment disbursements may be split only in the percentages listed below:

a. 100%
b. 50%/50%
c. 75%/25%

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-406. Energy Assistance: Eligibility Determination.
R982-406-1. Eligibility Determination.

The local HEAT Office shall determine a household's eligibility for HEAT by applying the program and income standards to the household's circumstances, and by establishing the validity and accuracy of the information given by the applicant household.

R982-406-2. Acceptable Verification.

1. All factors of eligibility must be verified.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain acceptable verification.
3. If the household refuses to obtain the required verification and refuses to assist the HEAT Office in obtaining the verification, the application will be denied.

R982-406-3. Determination of The Primary Fuel Type.

The primary fuel type is the type of fuel for which the house is designed. If the household is actually using a less expensive fuel type as the primary heat source, the fuel type is the type of heat the household is actually using.

R982-406-4. Date of Application.

The date of application is the date the application is accepted at the correct HEAT office.

R982-406-5. Date of Approval or Denial.

The date of approval or denial is the action date of the application including applications forwarded by Outreach workers.

R982-406-6. Date of Payment.

The payment date is the date the HEAT check is actually issued.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-407. Energy Assistance: Records and Benefit Management.
R982-407-1. Records Management.

1. Documentation of the eligibility decision and amount of HEAT assistance is kept in the household's HEAT folder in the local HEAT office. Every person who completes an application shall have a case record.

2. HEAT case records shall not be removed from the local HEAT Office except by subpoena or request of the State HEAT Office (SHO) or in accordance with the Archives Schedule.

R982-407-2. Notification.

1. The local HEAT office shall provide all HEAT applicants with a written notice of any action that affects the amount, form, or requirements of the assistance.

2. Written notice shall include an explanation of the action, the reason for the action, and the effective date of the action. The notice shall also include an explanation of the applicant's hearing rights and how to file a hearing if the applicant is not satisfied with the decision on the case.

R982-407-3. Checks.

1. All HEAT payments to clients or vendors are issued by check.

2. If the payee dies before endorsing the check, the local Heat Office director or designee may authorize another person to endorse the check to use it on behalf of the payee or other person in the case.

3. Lost or stolen HEAT checks.

a. The client must report a lost or stolen check within 29 days of the issuance date. A check that is reported lost or stolen 30 days or more after the issuance date will not be replaced.

b. The client may report this by telephone or in person.

c. When a report is received, the HEAT worker or supervisor should review all office information (payroll, energy screens, case file, etc) to verify the information.

d. A replacement HEAT check which is lost or stolen after the payee receives it will not be issued.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-408. Energy Assistance: Special State Programs.
R982-408-1. Moratorium.

The department shall require compliance with Section 35A-8-1501.

1. The moratorium program protects eligible persons from winter utility shut offs.

2. A household can apply for moratorium protection only one time per utility per program year.

3. The protection of the Moratorium lasts from November 15 through the following March 15.

The Department has the option of beginning The Moratorium program earlier or extending it later when severe weather conditions warrant such action.

4. The moratorium applicant must:

a. Be the adult residential account holder, or the adult resident applying for service. A residential utility customer is any adult person who has an account with a utility or any adult who is applying for residential utility service;

b. Be living at the address where Moratorium protection is needed;

c. Have a termination notice from the utility company or have been refused service if the utility is not active;

d. Have applied for HEAT

e. Have applied for assistance through the American Red Cross

f. Have made a good faith effort to pay their utility bill on a consistent basis during the moratorium

5. In addition they must indicate that the client meets at least one of the following criteria:

A. Gross household income in the month of or the month prior to the month of the moratorium application must be less than 125% of the federal poverty limit.

B. have suffered a medical or other emergency in either the month of application or the month prior to the month of application.

C. loss of employment in either the month of application or the month prior to the month of application.

D. 50% drop in income in either the month of application or the month prior to the month of application.

5. Required Verification

a. All factors of eligibility must be verified.

b. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain acceptable verification.

c. If the household refuses to obtain the required verification and refuses to assist the local HEAT office in obtaining the verification, the moratorium application will be denied.

6. Good Faith Payment Effort

a. Each month during the moratorium the household must pay the utility company at least 5% of the gross income received in the month prior to the month of the moratorium application, unless the home is heated by electricity.

b. If the home is heated by electricity the household must pay the utility company at least 10% of the gross income received in the month prior to the month of application.

c. The minimum allowed monthly payment is $5.00 even if the client has no income in the month prior to the month of application.

7. In order to activate the moratorium, including the restoration of service to those households which are shut off, the first good faith payment is due at the time of application. Payments for subsequent months are due on or before the last day of each month.

8. For clients who defaulted during a previous Moratorium season the default payment is due before the client is eligible for protection under the current moratorium.

a. When a client defaults on a moratorium application, the client is not eligible for moratorium protection on that particular utility for the remainder of that moratorium season.

b. The client must pay the amount of any previous defaulted payment before they are eligible for the moratorium.

c. When a utility company notifies the HEAT office of a client default, the HEAT office will notify the client that of the default.

9. Regulated companies operating in Utah are subject to the Moratorium with the exception of the Mexican Hat Association.

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R982. Workforce Services, Administration.
R982-501. Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund (OWHLF).
R982-501-1. Authority.

(1) Pursuant to Section 35A-8-501 et seq., Utah Code, the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Board (OWHLF) determines how federal and state monies deposited to the fund shall be allocated and distributed.

(2) The Program Guidance and Rules govern the allocation and distribution of funds. The Program Guidance and Rules may be amended from time to time as new guidelines and regulations are issued or as the Board deems necessary to carry out the goals of the OWHLF.

R982-501-2. Purpose.

(1) Pursuant to Subsection 35A-8-502(1)(a), the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) shall administer the OWHLF as the designee of the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

(2) The objective of the OWHLF is to rehabilitate or develop housing that is affordable to very low, low and moderate-income persons through a fair and competitive process.

(3) In administering this fund, this rule incorporates by reference 24 CFR 84-85 as authorized under Utah Code Annotated Section 35A-8-503 through 508.

R982-501-3. Definitions.

In addition to terms defined in Section 35A-8-501:

(1) "Application" means the form provided and required by HCD to be submitted to request funds from the OWHLF.

(2) "Board" means the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Board.

(3) "BRC" means a Board Review Committee(s), consisting of members selected by the Board.

(4) "Consolidated Plan" means a plan of up to five years in length that describes community needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain HUD programs, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Shelter Grant Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and other partner funding sources.

(5) "Subsidy-layering" means an evaluation of the project conducted by HCD staff to ensure that the lowest amount of HOME and other funds necessary to provide affordable housing are invested in the project.

(6) "HOME, CDBG, or HOPWA" means HUD programs that provide funds for housing and community needs.

(7) "Affordable Housing" means assisting persons at or below 80% of area median income (as defined by HUD) to find decent, and safe housing at a reasonable cost.

(8) "Loan" means funds provided with the requirement of repayment of principal and interest over a fixed period of time.

(9) "Grant" means funds provided with no requirement or expectation of repayment.

(10) "Local Agency" means public housing authorities, counties, cities, towns, and association of governments.

(11) "Funding Cycle" means period of time in which OWHLF funds are allocated.

(12) "Allocation Plan" means an annual plan that describes housing needs, priorities, funding sources, and the process and policies to request funds from the OWHLF.

(13) "Other Funding Sources" means funds from other federal programs and community partners (including CRA funds).

R982-501-4. Applicant and Project Eligibility.

(1) The Board shall consider for funding, only those applications submitted by an eligible applicant as defined in Section 35A-8-506, Utah Code.

(2) The Board shall consider for funding only those eligible projects as defined in Section 35A-8-505, Utah Code and meet one or more of the following priorities established by the Board:

(a) Efficiently utilize funds, through cost containment and resource leveraging,

(b) Provide that largest numbers of units shall charge the lowest monthly rental amount at levels that are attainable over the longest periods of time,

(c) Provide the most equitable geographic distribution of resources,

(d) Provide housing for special-needs populations including: (i) transitional housing, (ii) elderly and frail elderly housing, and (iii) housing for physically and mentally disabled persons,

(e) Strengthen and expand the abilities of local governments, non-profits organizations and for-profit organizations to provide and preserve affordable housing,

(f) Assist various Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) in designing and implementing strategies to create affordable housing, and

(g) Promote partnerships among local government, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and CHDO.

(h) Meet the goals of the Utah Consolidated Plan and any local area plans regarding affordable housing.

R982-501-5. Application Requirements.

(1) OWHLF funds shall be distributed in accordance with an application process defined in this rule. Funds shall be issued during a scheduled funding cycle. The Board conducts four cycles during a calendar year.

(2) An applicant seeking to obtain funds shall submit a completed application form furnished by the HCD prior to the cycle's deadline.

(3) All completed applications will be reviewed by staff, which will present the application to the Board Review Committee (BRC) during the cycle in which the application is received. Applications will be ranked and scored according to how completely each application meets the criteria established by the Board.

(4) Applicants submitting incomplete applications will be notified of deficiencies. Each incomplete request(s) will be held in a file, pending submission of all required information by the applicant.

(5) A decision on each application will generally be made no later than the award notification date for each cycle. The Board may delay final decisions in order to accommodate scheduling and processing problems peculiar to each cycle.

(6) The Board may modify a given cycle and change submission deadlines to dates other than those previously scheduled. In doing so, the Board will make reasonable efforts to inform interested parties of such modifications.

(7) For Single-Family Program applicants, the Board may delegate responsibilities to local agencies for application intake, loan underwriting, processing, approval, project development, construction and weatherization oversight, and management. Local agencies will be governed by policies and procedures approved by the Board.

R982-501-6. Project Selection Process.

(1) The BRC shall select applications for funding according to the following process and requirements as outlined in the Allocation Plan:

(a) Project underwriting and threshold review,

(b) Scoring and documentation review,

(c) Market study and project reasonableness review,

(d) Calculation of OWHLF subsidy amount.

R982-501-7. Funding Approval.

(1) After each application has been processed and the funding amount has been determined for a given cycle, staff will present projects to the BRC at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The BRC shall hear comments from applicants at the committee meeting and obtain sufficient information to inform the full board about the project, its financial structure, and related general information.

(2) A copy of the BRC recommendation, including all conditional requirements imposed by the BRC and staff, shall become a part of the permanent record and placed in the applicant's file. Recommendations will be presented at the next regularly scheduled quarterly Board meetings. The board will approve, deny, or delay the application.

(3) An applicant may request a change in the terms as outlined in the original motion of the board by reapplying to HCD, with all updated, applicable financial information included, in subsequent funding rounds.

R982-501-8. Project Reporting.

(1) All projects receiving funding approval will be required to provide status reports at a scheduled frequency, in a format prescribed by the staff, and approved by the Board.

(2) Projects that have not begun construction within one year from the date of approval for funding must submit to staff a summary of significant progress made to date and an explanation of why the project is behind schedule. Staff will present this information to the BRC.

(3) The BRC may choose to extend the period of the project, to rescind the approval, or require the project to re-apply in accordance with current parameters.

R982-501-9. Compliance Monitoring.

(1) Monitoring of the project by HCD staff will be completed to ensure program compliance. Program non-compliance or lack of response to inquiries from staff will be reported to the HCD administration, the Board, HUD, and the Attorney General's Office as deemed necessary.

R982-501-10. Administration Fees.

(1) The local agencies listed below may use previously designated funds for project administration costs as approved by the Board. Such projects are still subject to on-site administrative supervision, staff oversight, or monitoring by HDC. The agencies include:

(a) Public Housing Authorities.

(b) Counties, cities and towns.

(c) Associations of Governments.

(2) The agencies shall be expected to demonstrate a significant level of business management and administrative experience and ability in order to receive administrative funds. They shall also demonstrate an acceptable level of background and experience to perform housing rehabilitation/reconstruction and implementation functions.

R982-501-11. Financial Subsidy Review.

(1) HCD staff shall conduct "subsidy layering" reviews on projects that directly or indirectly receive financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Service ("RD or RDS"), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") exclusive of HOME, CDBG, or HOPWA assistance, (i.e., the "Subsidy Layering Review") and other federal agencies.

(2) Subsidy Layering Reviews shall be conducted in accordance with guidelines established by the cognizant federal agency with respect to the review of any financial assistance provided by or through these agencies to the project and shall include a review of:

(a) The amount of equity capital contributed to a project by investors,

(b) The project costs including developer fees, and

(c) The contractor's profit, syndication costs and rates.

(3) In the course of conducting the review, the staff may disclose or provide a copy of the application to the cognizant federal agency for its review and comments and shall take any other action deemed necessary to satisfy its obligations under the respective review requirements. HCD staff will consider the results of any review completed by Utah Housing Corporation (UHC).

R982-501-12. Sharing of Information.

(1) Application information may be shared with participating lenders, IRS and UHC.

(2) In administering this program, the HCD staff shall conduct all functions in accordance with the provisions of the state GRAMA statute and the federal Freedom of Information Act.

R982-501-13. Portfolio Management.

(1) HCD staff will track the status of the OWHLF portfolio to assess any problem loans needing special loan servicing. Staff will make recommendations to the BRC regarding loan review, changes, and approvals.

(2) HCD staff will work with the board and the Attorney General's office to develop policies and procedures to govern special portfolio management issues such as loan restructuring, bankruptcies, and asset disposal.

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R986. Workforce Services, Employment Development.
R986-100. Employment Support Programs.
R986-100-101. Authority.

(1) The legal authority for these rules and for the Department of Workforce Services to carry out its responsibilities is found in Sections 35A-1-104 and 35A-3-103.

(2) If any applicable federal law or regulation conflicts with these rules, the federal law or regulation is controlling.

R986-100-102. Scope.

(1) These rules establish standards for the administration of the following programs, for the collection of overpayments as defined in 35A-3-602(7) and/or disqualifications from any public assistance program provided under a state or federally funded benefit program;

(a) Food Stamps
(b) Family Employment Program (FEP)
(c) Family Employment Program Two Parent (FEPTP)
(d) Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)
(e) Working Toward Employment (WTE)
(f) General Assistance (GA)
(g) Child Care Assistance (CC)
(h) Emergency Assistance Program (EA)
(i) Adoption Assistance Program (AA)
(j) Activities funded with TANF monies

(2) The rules in the 100 section (R986-100 et seq.) apply to all programs listed above. Additional rules which apply to each specific program can be found in the section number assigned for that program. Nothing in R986 et seq. is intended to apply to Unemployment Insurance.

R986-100-103. Acronyms.

The following acronyms are used throughout these rules:

(1) "AA" Adoption Assistance Program
(2) "ALJ" Administrative Law Judge
(3) "CC" Child Care Assistance
(4) "CFR" Code of Federal Regulations
(5) "DCFS" Division of Children and Family Services
(6) "DWS" Department of Workforce Services
(7) "EA" Emergency Assistance Program
(8) "FEP" Family Employment Program
(9) "FEPTP" Family Employment Program Two Parent
(10) "GA" General Assistance
(11) "INA" Immigration and Nationality Act
(12) "IPV" intentional program violation
(13) "ORS" Office of Recovery Service, Utah State Department of Human Services
(14) "PRWORA" the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
(15) "RRP" Refugee Resettlement Program
(16) "SNB" Standard Needs Budget
(17) "SSA" Social Security Administration
(18) "SSDI" Social Security Disability Insurance
(19) "SSI" Supplemental Security Insurance
(20) "SSN" Social Security Number
(21) "TANF" Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
(22) "UCA" Utah Code Annotated
(23) "UI" Unemployment Compensation Insurance
(24) "USCIS" United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
(25) "VA" US Department of Veteran Affairs
(26) "WTE" Working Toward Employment Program
(27) "WIA" Workforce Investment Act
(28) "WSL" Work Site Learning

R986-100-104. Definitions of Terms Used in These Rules.

In addition to the definitions of terms found in 35A Chapter 3, the following definitions apply to programs listed in R986-100-102:

(1) "Applicant" means any person requesting assistance under any program in Section 102 above.

(2) "Assistance" means "public assistance."

(3) "Certification period" is the period of time for which public assistance is presumptively approved. At the end of the certification period, the client must cooperate with the Department in providing any additional information needed to continue assistance for another certification period. The length of the certification period may vary between clients and programs depending on circumstances.

(4) "Client" means an applicant for, or recipient of, public assistance services or payments, administered by the Department.

(5) "Confidential information" means information that has limited access as provided under the provisions of UCA 63G-2-201 or 7 CFR 272.1. The name of a person who has disclosed information about the household without the household's knowledge is confidential and cannot be released. If the person disclosing the information states in writing that his or her name and the information may be disclosed, it is no longer considered confidential.

(6) "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services.

(7) "Education or training" means:

(a) basic remedial education;
(b) adult education;
(c) high school education;
(d) education to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma;
(e) education to learn English as a second language;
(f) applied technology training;
(g) employment skills training;
(h) WSL; or
(i) post high school education.

(8) "Employment plan" consists of two parts, a participation agreement and an employment plan. Together they constitute a written agreement between the Department and a client that describes the requirements for continued eligibility and the result if an obligation is not fulfilled.

(9) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Department of Workforce Services.

(10) "Financial assistance" means payments, other than for food stamps, child care or medical care, to an eligible individual or household under FEP, FEPTP, RRP, GA, or WTE and which is intended to provide for the individual's or household's basic needs.

(11) "Full-time education or training" means education or training attended on a full-time basis as defined by the institution attended.

(12) "Group Home." The Department uses the definition of group home as defined by the state Department of Human Services.

(13) "Household assistance unit" means a group of individuals who are living together or who are considered to be living together, and for whom assistance is requested or issued. For all programs except food stamps and CC, the individuals included in the household assistance unit must be related to each other as described in R986-200-205.

(14) "Income match" means accessing information about an applicant's or client's income from a source authorized by law. This includes state and federal sources.

(15) "Local office" means the Employment Center which serves the geographical area in which the client resides.

(16) "Material change" means anything that might affect household eligibility, participation levels or the level of any assistance payment including a change in household composition, eligibility, assets and/or income.

(17) "Minor child" is a child under the age of 18, or under 19 years of age and in school full time and expected to complete

his or her educational program prior to turning 19, and who has not been emancipated either by a lawful marriage or court order.

(18) "Parent" means all natural, adoptive, and stepparents.

(19) "Public assistance" means:

(a) services or benefits provided under UCA 35A Chapter 3, Employment Support Act;

(b) medical assistance provided under Title 26, Chapter 18, Medical Assistance Act;

(c) foster care maintenance payments provided with the General Fund or under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act;

(d) food stamps; and

(e) any other public funds expended for the benefit of a person in need of financial, medical, food, housing, or related assistance.

(20) "Recipient" means any individual receiving assistance under any of the programs listed in Section 102.

(21) Review or recertification. Client's who are found eligible for assistance or certain exceptions under R986-200-218 are given a date for review or recertification at which point continuing eligibility is determined.

(22) "Standard needs budget" is determined by the Department based on a survey of basic living expenses.

(23) "Work Site Learning" or "WSL" means work experience or training program.

R986-100-105. Availability of Program Manuals.

(1) Program manuals for all programs are available for examination on the Department's Internet site. If an interested party cannot obtain a copy from the Internet site, a copy will be provided by the Department upon request. Reasonable costs of copying may be assessed if more than ten pages are requested.

(2) For the Food Stamp Program, copies of additional information available to the public, including records, regulations, plans, policy memos, and procedures, are available for examination upon request by members of the public, during office hours, at the Department's administrative offices, as provided in 7 CFR 272.1(d)(1) (1999).

R986-100-106. Residency Requirements.

(1) To be eligible for assistance for any program listed in R986-100-102, a client must be living in Utah voluntarily and not for a temporary purpose. There is no requirement that the client have a fixed place of residence. An individual is not eligible for public assistance in Utah if they are receiving public assistance in another state.

(2) The Department may require that a household live in the area served by the local office in which they apply.

(3) Individuals are not eligible if they are:

(a) in the custody of the criminal justice system;

(b) residents of a facility administered by the criminal justice system;

(c) residents of a nursing home;

(d) hospitalized; or

(e) residents in an institution.

(4) Individuals who reside in a temporary shelter, including shelters for battered women and children, for a limited period of time are eligible for public assistance if they meet the other eligibility requirements.

(5) Residents of a substance abuse or mental health facility may be eligible if they meet all other eligibility requirements. To be eligible for food stamps, the substance abuse or mental health facility must be an approved facility. Approval is given by the Department. Approved facilities must notify the Department and give a "change report form" to a client when the client leaves the facility and tell the client to return it to the local office. The change report form serves to notify the Department that the client no longer lives in the approved facility.

(6) Residents of a group home may be eligible for food stamps provided the group home is an approved facility. The state Department of Human Services provides approval for group homes.

R986-100-107. Client Rights.

(1) A client may apply or reapply at any time for any program listed in R986-100-102 by completing and signing an application and turning it in, in person or by mail, at the local office.

(2) If a client needs help to apply, help will be given by the local office staff.

(3) No individual will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability.

(4) A client's home will not be entered without permission.

(5) Advance notice will be given if the client must be visited at home outside Department working hours.

(6) A client may request an agency conference to reconcile any dispute which may exist with the Department.

(7) Information about a client obtained by the Department will be safeguarded.

(8) If the client is physically or mentally incapable or has demonstrated an inability to manage funds, the Department may make payment to a protective payee.

R986-100-108. Safeguarding and Release of Information.

(1) All information obtained on specific clients, whether kept in the case file, in the computer system, maintained by the Department, the state, or somewhere else, is safeguarded in accordance with the provisions of Sections 63G-2-101 through 63G-2-901 and 7 CFR 272.1(c) and 7 CFR 272.8 and PRWORA (1996) Title VIII, Section 837.

(2) General statistical information may be released if it does not identify a specific client. This includes information obtained by the Department from another source. Information obtained from the federal government for purposes of income match can never be released.

R986-100-109. Release of Information to the Client or the Client's Representative.

(1) Information obtained by the Department from any source, which would identify the individual, will not be released without the individual's consent or, if the individual is a minor, the consent of his or her parent or guardian.

(2) A client may request, review and/or be provided with copies of anything in the case record unless it is confidential. This includes any records kept on the computer, in the file, or somewhere else.

(3) Information that may be released to the client may be released to persons other than the client with written permission from the client. All such requests must include:

(a) the date the request is made;

(b) the name of the person who will receive the information;

(c) a description of the specific information requested including the time period covered by the request; and

(d) the signature of the client.

(4) The client is entitled to a copy of his or her file at no cost. Duplicate requests may result in an appropriate fee for the copies in accordance with Department policy which will not be more than the cost to the Department for making copies.

(5) The original case file will only be removed from the office as provided in R986-100-110(6) and cannot be given to the client.

(6) Information that is not released to the client because it is confidential, cannot be used at a hearing or to close, deny or reduce assistance.

(7) Requests for information intended to be used for a commercial or political reason will be denied.

R986-100-110. Release of Information Other Than at the

Request of the Client.

(1) Information obtained from or about a client will not be published or open to public inspection in any manner which would reveal the client's identity except:

(a) unless there has been a criminal conviction against the client for fraud in obtaining public assistance. In that instance, the Department will only provide information available in the public record on the criminal charge; or

(b) if an abstract has been docketed in the district court on an overpayment, the Department can provide information that is a matter of public record in the abstract.

(2) Any information obtained by the Department pursuant to an application for or payment of public assistance may not be used in any court or admitted into evidence in an action or proceeding, except:

(a) in an action or proceeding arising out of the client's receipt of public assistance, including fraudulently obtaining or retaining public assistance, or any attempt to fraudulently obtain public assistance; or

(b) where obtained pursuant to a court order.

(3) If the case file, or any information about a client in the possession of the Department, is subpoenaed by an outside source, legal counsel for the Department will ask the court to quash the subpoena or take such action as legal counsel deems appropriate.

(4) Information obtained by the Department from the client or any other source, except information obtained from an income match, may be disclosed to:

(a) an employee of the Department in the performance of the employee's duties unless prohibited by law;

(b) an employee of a governmental agency that is specifically identified and authorized by federal or state law to receive the information;

(c) an employee of a governmental agency to the extent the information will aid in the detection or avoidance of duplicate, inconsistent, or fraudulent claims against public assistance programs, or the recovery of overpayments of public assistance funds;

(d) an employee of a law enforcement agency to the extent the disclosure is necessary to avoid a significant risk to public safety or to aid a felony criminal investigation except no information regarding a client receiving food stamps can be provided under this paragraph;

(e) to a law enforcement officer when the client is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody or confinement for a felony or is in violation of a condition of parole or probation or when the client has information which will assist a law enforcement officer in locating or apprehending an individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody or confinement for a felony or is in violation of a condition of parole or probation and the officer is acting in his official capacity. The only information under this paragraph which can be released on a client receiving food stamps is the client's address, SSN and photographic identification;

(f) to a law enforcement official, upon written request, for the purpose of investigating an alleged violation of the Food Stamp Act 7 USCA 2011 or any regulation promulgated pursuant to the act. The written request shall include the identity of the individual requesting the information and his/her authority to do so, the violation being investigated, and the identity of the person being investigated. Under this paragraph, the Department can release to the law enforcement official, more than just the client's address, SSN and photo identification;

(g) an educational institution, or other governmental entity engaged in programs providing financial assistance or federal needs-based assistance, job training, child welfare or protective services, foster care or adoption assistance programs, and to individuals or other agencies or organizations who, at the request of the Department, are coordinating services and evaluating the effectiveness of those services;

(h) to certify receipt of assistance for an employer to get a tax credit; or

(i) information necessary to complete any audit or review of expenditures in connection with a Department public assistance program. Any information provided under this part will be safeguarded by the individual or agency receiving the information and will only be used for the purpose expressed in its release.

(5) Any information released under paragraph (4) above can only be released if the Department receives assurances that:

(a) the information being released will only be used for the purposes stated when authorizing the release; and

(b) the agency making the request has rules for safeguarding the information which are at least as restrictive as the rules followed by the Department and that those rules will be adhered to.

(6) Case records or files will not be removed from the local office except by court order, at the request of authorized Department employees, the Department's Information Disclosure Officer, the Department's Quality Control office or ORS.

(7) In an emergency, as determined to exist by the Department's Information Disclosure Officer, information may be released to persons other than the client before permission is obtained.

(8) For clients receiving CC, the Department may provide limited additional information to the child care provider identified by the client as the provider as provided in R986-700-703.

(9) Taxpayer requests to view public assistance payrolls will be denied.

R986-100-111. How to Apply For Assistance.

(1) To be eligible for assistance, a client must complete and sign an application for assistance.

(2) The application is not complete until the applicant has provided complete and correct information and verification as requested by the Department so eligibility can be determined or re-established at the time of review at the end of the certification period. The client must agree to provide correct and complete information to the Department at all times to remain eligible. This includes:

(a) property or other assets owned by all individuals included in the household unit;

(b) insurance owned by any member of the immediate family;

(c) income available to all individuals included in the household unit;

(d) a verified SSN for each household member receiving assistance. If any household member does not have a SSN, the client must provide proof that the number has been applied for. If a client fails to provide a SSN without good cause, or if the application for a SSN is denied for a reason that would be disqualifying, assistance will not be provided for that household member. Good cause in this paragraph means the client has made every effort to comply. Good cause does not mean illness, lack of transportation or temporary absence because the SSA makes provisions for mail-in applications in lieu of applying in person. Good cause must be established each month for continued benefits;

(e) the identity of all individuals who are living in the household regardless of whether they are considered to be in the household assistance unit or not;

(f) proof of relationship for all dependent children in the household. Proof of relationship is not needed for food stamps or child care; and

(g) a release of information, if requested, which would allow the Department to obtain information from otherwise

protected sources when the information requested is necessary to establish eligibility or compliance with program requirements.

(3) All clients, including those not required to participate in an employment plan, will be provided with information about applicable program opportunities and supportive services.

R986-100-112. Assistance Cannot Be Paid for Periods Prior to Date of Application.

(1) Assistance payments for any program listed in Section 102 above cannot be made for any time period prior to the day on which the application for assistance was received by the Department.

(2) If an application for assistance is received after the first day of the month, and the client is eligible to receive assistance, payment for the first month is prorated from the date of the application.

(3) If additional verifying information is needed to complete an application, it must be provided within 30 days of the date the application was received. If the client is at fault in not providing the information within 30 days, the first day the client can be eligible is the day on which the verification was received by the Department.

(4) If the verification is not received within 60 days of the date the application was received by the Department, a new application is required and assistance payments cannot be made for periods prior to the date the new application is received.

(5) If an application for assistance was denied and no appeal taken within 90 days, or a decision unfavorable to the client was issued on appeal, assistance cannot be claimed, requested, or paid for that time period.

R986-100-113. A Client Must Inform the Department of All Material Changes.

(1) A material change is any change which might affect eligibility.

(2) Households receiving assistance must report all material changes to the Department as follows:

(a) households receiving food stamps must report a change in the household's gross income if the income exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level. The change must be reported within ten days of the change occurring; and

(b) households receiving GA, WTE, FEP, FEPTP, AA and RRP that do not meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) must report the following changes within ten days of the change occurring:

(i) if the household's gross income exceeds 185% of the adjusted standard needs budget;

(ii) a change of address; and

(iii) if the only eligible child leaves the household and the household receives FEP, FEPTP or AA.

(3) Households that do not meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) of this section will be assigned a review month. In addition to the ten-day reporting requirements listed in paragraphs (2)(b) and (c) of this section, the household must report, by the last day of the review month, all material changes that have occurred since the last review, or the date of application if it is the first review. The household is also required to accurately complete all review forms and reports as requested by the Department.

(4) Most changes which result in an increase of assistance will become effective the month following the month in which the report of the change was made. If verification is necessary, verification and changes will be made in the month following the month in which verification was received. If the change is to add a person to the household, the person will be added effective on the date reported, provided necessary verification is received within 30 days of the change. If verification is received after 30 days, the increase will be made effective the date verification was received.

R986-100-114. A Client's Continuing Obligation to Provide Verification and Information.

(1) A client who is eligible for assistance must provide additional verification and information, which may affect household eligibility or ongoing eligibility, after the application is approved if requested by the Department.

(2) The client must provide information to determine if eligibility was appropriately established and if payments made under these rules were appropriate. This information may be requested by an employee of the Department or a person authorized to obtain the information under contract with the Department such as an employee of ORS.

R986-100-114a. Determining When a Document or Information is Considered Received by the Department.

(1) The date of receipt of a document filed with the Department is the date the document is actually received by the Department and not the post mark date. Any document or information received after 5 p.m.by Fax, postal mail, email or hand delivery, will be considered received the next day Department offices are open. If an application for assistance or other information is filed through the "myCase" system, it will be considered received the day it was filed online even if it is filed after 5 p.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

(2) If a document has a due date and that due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time permitted for filing the document will be extended to 5 p.m. on the next day Department offices are open.

(3) "Document" as used in this section means application for assistance, verification, report, form and written notification of any kind.

(4) A verbal report or notification will be considered received on the date the client talks to a Department representative. A voice message received after 5 p.m. will be considered received the next day Department offices are open.

R986-100-115. Underpayment Due to an Error on the Part of the Department.

(1) If it is determined that a client was entitled to assistance but, due to an error on the part of the Department, assistance was not paid, the Department will correct its error and make retroactive payment.

(2) If a client receives assistance payments and it is later discovered that due to Department error the assistance payment should have been made at a higher level than the client actually received, retroactive payment will be made to correct the Department's error.

(3) If the client's public assistance was terminated due to the error, the client will be notified and assistance, plus any retroactive payments, will commence immediately.

(4) An underpayment found to have been made within the last 12 calendar months will be corrected and issued to the client. Errors which resulted in an underpayment which were made more than 12 months prior to the date of the discovery of the error are not subject to a retroactive payment.

(5) Retroactive payment under this section cannot be made for any month prior to the date on which the application for assistance was completed.

(6) The client must not have been at fault in the creation of the error.

R986-100-116. Overpayments.

(1) A client is responsible for repaying any overpayment for any program listed in R986-100-102 regardless of who was at fault in creating the overpayment.

(2) Underpayments may be used to offset an overpayment for the same program.

(3) If a change is not reported as required by R986-100-113 it may result in an overpayment.

(4) The Department will collect overpayments for all programs listed in R986-100-102 as provided by federal regulation for food stamps unless otherwise noted in this rule or inconsistent with federal regulations specific to those other programs.

(5) This rule will apply to overpayments determined under contract with the Department of Health.

(6) If an obligor has more than one overpayment account and does not tell the Department which account to credit, the Department will make that determination.

R986-100-117. Disqualification For Fraud (Intentional Program Violations or IPVs).

(1) Any person who is at fault in obtaining or attempting to obtain, an overpayment of assistance, as defined in Section 35A-3-602 from any of the programs listed in R986-100-102 or otherwise intentionally breaches any program rule either personally or through a representative is guilty of an intentional program violation (IPV). Acts which constitute an IPV include but are not limited to:

(a) knowingly making false or misleading statements;

(b) misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts or information;

(c) posing as someone else;

(d) not reporting the receipt of a public assistance payment the individual knew or should have known they were not eligible to receive;

(e) not reporting a material change as required by and in accordance with these rules; and

(f) committing an act intended to mislead, misrepresent, conceal or withhold facts or propound a falsity.

(2) An IPV occurs when a person commits any of the above acts in an attempt to obtain, maintain, increase or prevent the decrease or termination of any public assistance payment(s).

(3) When the Department determines or receives notice from a court that fraud or an IPV has occurred, the client is disqualified from receiving assistance of the same type for the time period as set forth in rule, statute or federal regulation.

(4) Disqualifications run concurrently.

(5) All income and assets of a person who has been disqualified from assistance for an IPV continue to be counted and affect the eligibility and assistance amount of the household assistance unit in which the person resides.

(6) If an individual has been disqualified in another state, the disqualification period for the IPV in that state will apply in Utah provided the act which resulted in the disqualification would have resulted in a disqualification had it occurred in Utah. If the individual has been disqualified in another state for an act which would have led to disqualification had it occurred in Utah and is found to have committed an IPV in Utah, the prior periods of disqualification in any other state count toward determining the length of disqualification in Utah.

(7) The client will be notified that a disqualification period has been determined. The disqualification period shall begin no later than the second month which follows the date the client receives written notice of the disqualification and continues in consecutive months until the disqualification period has expired.

(8) Nothing in these rules is intended to limit or prevent a criminal prosecution for fraud based on the same facts used to determine the IPV.

R986-100-118. Additional Penalty for a Client Who Intentionally Misrepresents Residence.

A person who has been convicted in federal or state court of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the place of residence in order to receive assistance simultaneously from two or more states is disqualified from receiving assistance for any and all programs listed in R986-100-102 above, for a period of 10 years. This applies even if Utah was not one of the states involved in the original fraudulent misrepresentation.

R986-100-119. Reporting Possible Child Abuse or Neglect.

When a Department employee has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, it shall be reported under the provisions of Section 62A-4a-401 et seq.

R986-100-120. Discrimination Complaints.

(1) Complaints of discrimination can be made in person, by phone, or in writing to the local office, the Office of the Executive Director or the Director's designee, the Department's Equal Opportunity Officer, or the appropriate Federal agency.

(2) Complaints shall be resolved and responded to as quickly as possible.

(3) A record of complaints will be maintained by the local office including the response to the complaint.

(4) If a complaint is made to the local office, a copy of the complaint together with a copy of the written response will be sent to the Office of the Executive Director or the Director's designee.

(5) Discrimination complaints pertaining to the Food Stamp Program will also be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture or the Administrator of Food and Nutrition Service, Washington, D.C., 20250 in accordance with the provisions of 7 CFR 272.6 (1999).

R986-100-121. Agency Conferences.

(1) Agency conferences are used to resolve disputes between the client and Department staff.

(2) Clients or Department staff may request an agency conference at any time to resolve a dispute regarding a denial or reduction of assistance.

(3) Clients may have an authorized representative attend the agency conference.

(4) An agency conference will be attended by the client's employment counselor and the counselor's supervisor unless the client or the supervisor request that the employment counselor not attend the conference.

(5) If an agency conference has previously been held on the same dispute, the Department may decline to hold the requested conference if, in the judgment of the employment counselor's supervisor, it will not result in the resolution of the dispute.

(6) If the Department requests the agency conference and the client fails to respond, attend or otherwise cooperate in this process, documentation in the case file of attempts by the staff to follow these steps will be considered as compliance with the requirement to attempt to resolve the dispute.

(7) An agency conference may be held after a client has made a request for hearing in an effort to resolve the dispute. If so, the client must be notified that failure to participate or failure to resolve the dispute at the agency conference will not affect the client's right to proceed with the hearing.

R986-100-122. Advance Notice of Department Action.

(1) Except as provided in (2) below, clients will be notified in writing when a decision concerning eligibility, amount of assistance payment or action on the part of the Department which affects the client's eligibility or amount of assistance has been made. Notice will be sent prior to the effective date of any action to reduce or terminate assistance payments. The Department will send advance notice of its intent to collect overpayments or to disqualify a household member.

(2) Except for overpayments, advance notice is not required when:

(a) the client requests in writing that the case be closed;

(b) the client has been admitted to an institution under

governmental administrative supervision;

(c) the client has been placed in skilled nursing care, intermediate care, or long-term hospitalization;

(d) the client's whereabouts are unknown and mail sent to the client has been returned by the post office with no forwarding address;

(e) it has been determined the client is receiving public assistance in another state;

(f) a child in the household has been removed from the home by court order or by voluntary relinquishment;

(g) a special allowance provided for a specific period is ended and the client was informed in writing at the time the allowance began that it would terminate at the end of the specified period;

(h) a household member has been disqualified for an IPV in accordance with 7 CFR 273.16, or the benefits of the remaining household members are reduced or terminated to reflect the disqualification of that household member;

(i) the Department has received factual information confirming the death of a client or payee if there is no other relative able to serve as a new payee;

(j) the client's certification period has expired;

(k) the action to terminate assistance is based on the expiration of the time limits imposed by the program;

(l) the client has provided information to the Department, or the Department has information obtained from another reliable source, that the client is not eligible or that payment should be reduced or terminated;

(m) the Department determines that the client willfully withheld information or;

(n) when payment of financial assistance is made after performance under R986-200-215 and R986-400-454 no advance notice is needed when performance requirements are not met.

(3) For food stamp recipients and recipients of assistance under R986-300, no action will be taken until ten days after notice was sent unless one of the exceptions in (2)(a) through (k) above apply.

(4) Notice is complete if sent to the client's last known address. If notice is sent to the client's last known address and the notice is returned by the post office or electronically with no forwarding address, the notice will be considered to have been properly served. If a client elects to receive correspondence electronically, notice is complete when sent to the client's last known email address and/or posted to the client's Department sponsored web page.

R986-100-123. The Right To a Hearing and How to Request a Hearing.

(1) A client has the right to a review of an adverse Department action by requesting a hearing.

(2) In cases where the Department sends notice of its intent to take action to collect an alleged overpayment but there is no alleged overpayment of food stamps, the client must request a hearing in writing or orally within 30 days of the date of notice of agency action. In all other cases, the client must request a hearing in writing or orally within 90 days of the date of the notice of agency action with which the client disagrees.

(3) Only a clear expression by the client to the effect that the client wants an opportunity to present his or her case is required.

(4) The request for a hearing can be made at the local office or the Division of Adjudication.

(5) If the client disagrees with the level of food stamp benefits paid or payable, the client can request a hearing within the certification period, even if that is longer than 90 days.

(6) If a request for restoration of lost food stamp benefits is made within one year of the loss of benefits a client may request a hearing within 90 days of the date of the denial of restoration.

(7) In the case of an overpayment and/or IPV the obligor may contact the presiding officer and attempt to resolve the dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the obligor may still request a hearing provided it is filed within the time limit provided in the notice of agency action.

R986-100-124. How Hearings Are Conducted.

(1) Hearings are held at the state level and not at the local level.

(2) Where not inconsistent with federal law or regulation governing hearing procedure, the Department will follow the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

(3) Hearings for all programs listed in R986-100-102 and overpayments and IPVs in Section 35A-3-601 et seq. are declared to be informal.

(4) Hearings are conducted by an ALJ or a Hearing Officer in the Division of Adjudication. A Hearing Officer has all of the same rights, duties, powers and responsibilities as an ALJ under these rules and the terms are interchangeable.

(5) Hearings are scheduled as telephone hearings. Every party wishing to participate in the telephone hearing must call the Division of Adjudication before the hearing and provide a telephone number where the party can be reached at the time of the hearing. If the client fails to call in advance, as required by the notice of hearing, the appeal will be dismissed.

(6) If a client requires an in-person hearing, the client must contact an ALJ and request that the hearing be scheduled as an in-person hearing. The request should be made sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that all other parties may be given notice of the change in hearing type and the opportunity to appear in person also. Requests will only be granted if the client can show that an in-person hearing is necessary to accommodate a special need or if the ALJ deems an in-person hearing is necessary to ensure an orderly and fair hearing which meets due process requirements. If the ALJ grants the request, all parties will be informed that the hearing will be conducted in person. Even if the hearing is scheduled as an in-person hearing, a party may elect to participate by telephone. In-person hearings are held in the office of the Appeals Unit unless the ALJ determines that another location is more appropriate. A client can participate from the local Employment Center.

(7) the Department is not responsible for any travel costs incurred by the client in attending an in-person hearing.

(8) the Division of Adjudication will permit collect calls from parties and their witnesses participating in telephone hearings.

R986-100-125. When a Client Needs an Interpreter at the Hearing.

(1) If a client notifies the Department that an interpreter is needed at the time the request for hearing is made, the Department will arrange for an interpreter at no cost to the client.

(2) If an interpreter is needed at the hearing by a client or the client's witness(es), the client may arrange for an interpreter to be present at the hearing who is an adult with fluent ability to understand and speak English and the language of the person testifying, or notify the Division of Adjudication at the time the appeal is filed that assistance is required in arranging for an interpreter.

R986-100-126. Procedure For Use of an Interpreter.

(1) The ALJ will be assured that the interpreter:

(a) understands the English language; and

(b) understands the language of the client or witness for whom the interpreter will interpret.

(2) The ALJ will instruct the interpreter to interpret, word for word, and not summarize, add, change, or delete any of the

testimony or questions.

(3) The interpreter will be sworn to truthfully and accurately translate all statements made, all questions asked, and all answers given.

(4) The interpreter will be instructed to translate to the client the explanation of the hearing procedures as provided by the ALJ.

R986-100-127. Notice of Hearing.

(1) All interested parties will be notified by mail at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

(2) Advance written notice of the hearing can be waived if the client and Department agree.

(3) The notice shall contain:

(a) the time, date, and place, or conditions of the hearing. If the hearing is to be by telephone, the notice will provide the number for the client to call and a notice that the client can call the number collect;

(b) the legal issues or reason for the hearing;

(c) the consequences of not appearing;

(d) the procedures and limitations for requesting rescheduling; and

(e) notification that the client can examine the case file prior to the hearing.

(4) If a client has designated a person or professional organization as the client's agent, notice of the hearing will be sent to that agent. It will be considered that the client has been given notice when notice is sent to the agent.

(5) When a new issue arises during the hearing or under other unusual circumstances, advance written notice may be waived, if the Department and the client agree, after a full verbal explanation of the issues and potential results.

(6) The client must notify any representatives, including counsel and witnesses, of the time and place of the hearing and make necessary arrangements for their participation.

(7) The notice of hearing will be translated, either in writing or verbally, for certain clients participating in the RRP program in accordance with RRP regulations.

R986-100-128. Hearing Procedure.

(1) Hearings are not open to the public.

(2) A client may be represented at the hearing. The client may also invite friends or relatives to attend as space permits.

(3) Representatives from the Department or other state agencies may be present.

(4) All hearings will be conducted informally and in such manner as to protect the rights of the parties. The hearing may be recorded.

(5) All issues relevant to the appeal will be considered and decided upon.

(6) The decision of the ALJ will be based solely on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing.

(7) All parties may testify, present evidence or comment on the issues.

(8) All testimony of the parties and witnesses will be given under oath or affirmation.

(9) Any party to an appeal will be given an adequate opportunity to be heard and present any pertinent evidence of probative value and to know and rebut by cross-examination or otherwise any other evidence submitted.

(10) The ALJ will direct the order of testimony and rule on the admissibility of evidence.

(11) Oral or written evidence of any nature, whether or not conforming to the legal rules of evidence including hearsay, may be accepted and will be given its proper weight.

(12) Official records of the Department, including reports submitted in connection with any program administered by the Department or other State agency may be included in the record.

(13) The ALJ may request the presentation of and may take such additional evidence as the ALJ deems necessary.

(14) The parties, with consent of the ALJ, may stipulate to the facts involved. The ALJ may decide the issues on the basis of such facts or may set the matter for hearing and take such further evidence as deemed necessary to determine the issues.

(15) The ALJ may require portions of the evidence be transcribed as necessary for rendering a decision.

(16) Unless the client requests a continuance, the decision of the ALJ will be issued within 60 days of the date on which the client requests a hearing.

(17) A decision of the ALJ which results in a reversal of the Department decision shall be complied with within 10 days of the issuance of the decision.

R986-100-129. Rescheduling or Continuance of Hearing.

(1) The ALJ may adjourn, reschedule, continue or reopen a hearing on the ALJ's own motion or on the motion of the client or the Department.

(2) If a party knows in advance of the hearing that they will be unable to proceed with or participate in the hearing on the date or time scheduled, the party must request that the hearing be rescheduled or continued to another day or time.

(a) The request must be received prior to the hearing.

(b) The request must be made orally or in writing to the ALJ who is scheduled to hear the case. If the request is not received prior to the hearing, the party must show cause for failing to make a timely request.

(c) The party making the request must show cause for the request.

(d) Normally, a party will not be granted more than one request for a continuance.

(3) The rescheduled hearing must be held within 30 days of the original hearing date.

R986-100-130. Default Order or Dismissal for Failure to Participate.

(1) The Department will issue a default order if an obligor in an IPV or IPV overpayment case fails to participate in the administrative process. Participation for an obligor means:

(a) signing and returning to the Department an approved stipulation for repayment and making all of the payments as agreed,

(b) requesting and participating in a hearing, or

(c) paying the overpayment in full.

(2) If a hearing has been scheduled at the request of a client or an obligor in a case not involving an IPV and the client or obligor fails to appear at or participate in the hearing, either in person or through a representative, the ALJ will, unless a continuance or rescheduling has been requested, dismiss the request for a fair hearing.

(3) A default order will be based on the record and best evidence available at the time of the order.

R986-100-131. Setting Aside A Default or Dismissal and/or Reopening the Hearing After the Hearing Has Been Concluded.

(1) Any party who fails to participate personally or by authorized representative as defined in R986-100-130 may request that the default order or dismissal be set aside and a hearing or a new hearing be scheduled. If a party failed to participate in a hearing but no decision has yet been issued, the party may request that the hearing be reopened.

(2) The request must be in writing, must set forth the reason for the request and must be mailed, faxed or delivered to the ALJ or presiding officer who issued the default order or dismissal within ten days of the issuance of the default or dismissal. If the request is made after the expiration of the ten-day time limit, the party requesting reopening must show good cause for not making the request within ten days.

(3) The ALJ has the discretion to schedule a hearing to determine if a party requesting that a default order or dismissal be set aside or a reopening satisfied the requirements of this rule or may grant or deny the request on the basis of the record in the case.

(4) If a presiding officer issued the default or dismissal, the officer shall forward the request to the Division of Adjudication. The request will be assigned to an ALJ who will then determine if the party requesting that the default or dismissal be set aside or that the hearing be reopened has satisfied the requirements of this rule.

(5) The ALJ may, on his or her own motion, reschedule, continue or reopen a case if it appears necessary to take continuing jurisdiction based on a mistake as to facts or if the denial of a hearing would be an affront to fairness. A presiding officer may, on his or her own motion, set aside a default or dismissal on the same grounds.

(6) If a request to set aside the default or dismissal or a request for reopening is not granted, the ALJ will issue a decision denying the request to reopen. A copy of the decision will be given or mailed to each party, with a clear statement of the right of appeal or judicial review. A defaulted party may appeal a denial of a request to set aside a default or dismissal by following the procedure in R986-100-135. The appeal can only contest the denial of the request to set aside the default and not the underlying merits of the case. If the default or dismissal is set aside on appeal, the Executive Director or designee may rule on the merits or remand the case to an ALJ for a ruling on the merits on an additional hearing if necessary.

R986-100-132. What Constitutes Grounds to Set Aside a Default or Dismissal.

(1) A request to reopen or set aside for failure to participate:

(a) will be granted if the party was prevented from participating and/or appearing at the hearing due to circumstances beyond the party's control;

(b) may be granted upon such terms as are just for any of the following reasons: mistake, inadvertence, surprise, excusable neglect or any other reason justifying relief from the operation of the decision. The determination of what sorts of neglect will be considered excusable is an equitable one, taking into account all of the relevant circumstances including:

(i) the danger that the party not requesting reopening will be harmed by reopening,

(ii) the length of the delay caused by the party's failure to participate including the length of time to request reopening,

(iii) the reason for the request including whether it was within the reasonable control of the party requesting reopening,

(iv) whether the party requesting reopening acted in good faith, and

(v) whether the party was represented by another at the time of the hearing. Because they are required to know and understand Department rules, attorneys and professional representatives are held to a higher standard, and

(vi) whether based on the evidence of record and the parties arguments or statements, setting aside the default and taking additional evidence might effect the outcome of the case.

(2) Requests to reopen or set aside are remedial in nature and thus must be liberally construed in favor of providing parties with an opportunity to be heard and present their case. Any doubt must be resolved in favor of granting reopening.

R986-100-133. Canceling an Appeal and Hearing.

When a client notifies the Division of Adjudication or the ALJ that the client wants to cancel the hearing and not proceed with the appeal, a decision dismissing the appeal will be issued. This decision will have the effect of upholding the Department decision. The client will have ten days in which to reinstate the appeal by filing a written request for reinstatement with the Division of Adjudication.

R986-100-134. Payments of Assistance Pending the Hearing.

(1) A client is entitled to receive continued assistance pending a hearing contesting a Department decision to reduce or terminate food stamps or RRP financial assistance if the client's request for a hearing is received no later than 10 days after the date of the notice of the reduction, or termination. The assistance will continue unless the certification period expires until a decision is issued by the ALJ. If the certification period expires while the hearing or decision is pending, assistance will be terminated. If a client becomes ineligible or the assistance amount is reduced for another reason pending a hearing, assistance will be terminated or reduced for the new reason unless a hearing is requested on the new action.

(2) If the client can show good cause for not requesting the hearing within 10 days of the notice, assistance may be continued if the client can show good cause for failing to file in a timely fashion. Good cause in this paragraph means that the delay in filing was due to circumstances beyond the client's control or for circumstances which were compelling and reasonable. Because the Department allows a client to request a hearing by telephone or mail, good cause does not mean illness, lack of transportation or temporary absence.

(3) A client can request that payment of assistance not be continued pending a hearing but the request must be in writing.

(4) If payments are continued pending a hearing, the client is responsible for any overpayment in the event of an adverse decision.

(5) If the decision of the ALJ is adverse to the client, the client is not eligible for continued assistance pending any appeal of that decision.

(6) If a decision favorable to the client is rendered after a hearing, and payments were not made pending the decision, retroactive payment will be paid back to the date of the adverse action if the client is otherwise eligible.

(7) Financial assistance payments under FEP, FEPTP, GA or WTE, and CC subsidies will not continue during the hearing process regardless of when the appeal is filed.

(8) Financial assistance under the RRP will not extend for longer than the eight-month time limit for that program under any circumstances.

(9) Assistance is not allowed pending a hearing from a denial of an application for assistance.

R986-100-135. Further Appeal From the Decision of the ALJ or Presiding Officer.

Either party has the option of appealing the decision of the ALJ or presiding officer to either the Executive Director or person designated by the Executive Director or to the District Court. The appeal must be filed, in writing, within 30 days of the issuance of the decision of the ALJ or presiding officer. If a request for a fair hearing is not timely filed under R986-100-123, there are no further appeal rights.

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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, sign a FEP Agreement, and negotiate and sign an employment plan 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.

(5) If a parent in the financial assistance household received TANF funded financial assistance benefits from another state or from a tribe, the entire household is ineligible to receive TANF funded financial assistance in Utah the same month. This is true even if household composition has changed.

If a child in the household has received TANF funded financial assistance in another household, in this or any other state, the child will be excluded from the household determination in the same month according to the provisions of R986-200-205(2)(d). TANF funded financial assistance in Utah is FEP, FEP-TP, Emergency Assistance and AA.

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, parents listed on the birth certificate 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.

(d) a child who was counted as a dependent in a household that received TANF funded financial assistance or in a specified relative household in the same month. A child cannot be counted as a dependent in two households that receive TANF funded financial assistance or specific relative assistance in the same month.

(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 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) When an employment counselor discovers that a client is not complying with his or her employment plan, the employment counselor will attempt to discuss compliance with the client and explore solutions. The employment counselor will also send written notice of the failure to comply to the client. The notice will specify a date certain by which the client must comply and the consequences of not complying by that date.

(2) If compliance is not resolved by the date specified in the notice sent under subsection (1) of this section, the employment counselor will send a second written notice and initiate termination of the household financial assistance. This second notice will advise the client that the financial assistance will terminate at the end of that month unless the client resolves the problem, as provided in paragraph (2)(a) of this section. This second notice will also provide a date certain by which the compliance problems must be resolved for benefits to continue.

(a) If the client establishes reasonable cause for not complying with the employment plan or provides required documentation by the date specified in the first or second notice, financial assistance will continue or be restored.

(b) If the compliance problem is not resolved as provided in subparagraph (a) of this subsection, the household will be ineligible for financial assistance for one full month. The client must then reapply for financial benefits and successfully complete a two week trial participation period before financial

assistance will be approved.

(3) A client must demonstrate a genuine willingness to comply with the employment plan during the two week trial period.

(4) The two week trial period may be waived only if the client has cured all previous compliance issues prior to re-application.

(5) 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.

(6) A child age 16-18 who is not a parent and who is not participating will be removed from the financial assistance grant. 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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) If a client is also receiving food stamps and the client 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 specified relative must provide proof of relationship to the child. If the specified relative is unable to provide proof, but DCFS has determined that one of the relationships in subparagraph (1) of this section exists, the Department will accept the DCFS determination. DCFS will not be liable for any potential overpayment resulting from a determination made regarding relationship.

(3) The Department shall require compliance with Section 30-1-4.5

(4) 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 or have a blood relationship to a dependent child who in the home and who is included in the household for assistance purposes;

(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.

(5) If the specified relative is currently receiving FEP or FEPTP, the child must be included in that household assistance unit.

(6) The income and resources of the specified relative are not counted unless the specified relative requests inclusion in the household assistance unit.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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. Refugee families may participate in any combination of eligible and priority activities for a combined total of 60 hours per week, as provided in the employment plan.

(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 determinated 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.

(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 unforseen expenses or work related expenses which cannot be met with current or anticipated resources;

(b) show that within the diversion period, the applicant will be employed or have other specific means of self support, and

(c) meet all eligibility criteria for a FEP financial assistance payment except the applicant does not need to cooperate with ORS in obtaining support. If the client is applying for other assistance such as medical or child care, the client will have to follow the eligibility rules for that type of assistance which may require cooperation with ORS.

(4) If the Department and the client agree diversion is appropriate, the client must sign a diversion agreement listing conditions, expectations and participation requirements.

(5) The diversion payment will equal 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, the client is ineligible for FEP for the three months covered by the diversion payment and must reapply at the end of the three month period.

(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.

(10) A household can only receive one diversion assistance payment in a 12 month period.

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) Employment extension. An exception to the time limit can be granted for a maximum of an additional 24 months if 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.

(a) If, at the end of the 24-month extension, the parent client qualifies for an extension under subsections (1) or (2) of this section, an additional extension can be granted under the provisions of those sections.

(b) A family cannot receive financial assistance for more than a total of 60 months unless an extension can be granted under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(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.

R986-200-221. Drug Testing Requirements.

(1) A parent client or specified relative who is counted in the household assistance unit under R986-200-205 must complete a substance abuse questionnaire. A substance abuse questionnaire is defined as a written screening questionnaire designed to accurately determine the reasonable likelihood of the client having a substance use disorder involving the misuse of a controlled substance. Individuals in the household who have been disqualified from the receipt of assistance because of an IPV are also required to complete a substance abuse questionnaire and otherwise comply with this section.

(2) If the results of the substance abuse questionnaire indicate a reasonable likelihood of a substance use disorder involving the misuse of a controlled substance, a drug test is required within a period of time as specified by the Department. The test will be performed in accordance with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. Section 34-38-6. Before taking the drug test, the client may advise the person administering the test of any prescription or any over the counter medication the client is taking.

(3) If the client tests positive for the unlawful use of a controlled substance on the drug test required under subsection (2), benefits may continue but only if the client agrees to receive treatment from a Department approved provider. The treatment will be for a minimum of 60 days and the client must also submit to drug tests during, and at the conclusion of, treatment. Each test must be negative. The length of treatment, if over 60 days, will be determined by the treatment provider and the Department. The client cannot change treatment providers unless the treatment provider and the Department agree to the change.

(4) The entire household unit will be denied financial assistance for a period of three months for the first occurrence and 12 months for any subsequence occurrence within a 12 month period if a client identified in subsection (1):

(a) refuses to take a drug test as required in subsection (2) or (3) of this section,

(b) fails to enter and successfully complete treatment as required in subsection (3) of this section, or

(c) tests positive for the unlawful use of a controlled substance, on any subsequent drug test required by the Department, while in treatment or at the completion of treatment.

(5) A client can be excused from complying with the requirements of this section if the necessary resources are not available through no fault of the client.

(6) A client can be excused from complying with the requirements of this section in a timely manner if the client can show reasonable cause. Reasonable cause under this section means the client was prevented from complying in a timely manner through no fault of his or her own or failed to comply in a timely manner for reasons that are reasonable and compelling.

(7) If a client disagrees with the results of a drug test performed under subsections (2) or (3) of this section, the client can provide the Department with the results of a second drug test. This second drug test will be performed:

(i) at the client's expense,

(ii) at a testing facility approved by the Department,

(iii) in accordance with requirements of Utah Code Ann. Section 34-38-6, and

(iv) within seven days of the Department sending notice of the results of the original drug test.

(c) If the results of the second drug test are negative, the Department will reimburse the client the actual and reasonable verified costs incurred in obtaining the second test.

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. Any asset purchased with profit distributions or income to tribal members derived from tribal owned casinos and privately owned land is countable;

(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, except, starting March 1, 2009 and continuing as long as it is authorized by Congress and not counted for food stamps, the $25 supplemental weekly Unemployment Compensation payment authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will not be countable unearned income;

(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. Profit distributions or income to tribal members derived from tribal owned casinos and privately owned land are countable income;

(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 earned and 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 termination pending due to non participation as provided in R986-200-212, the client is not eligible for TCA,

(b) be employed and

(i) have income greater than the FEP or FEP TP income guideline

(ii) the FEP or FEP TP assistance was terminated because of that income, and

(iii) the earned income exceeds the unearned income at the time the FEP or FEP TP was terminated, and

(c) continue to cooperate with the Office of Recovery Services, Child Support Enforcement.

(3) TCA is only available if the customer verifies income at the minimum required in subparagraph (2)(b) of this section.

(4) The TCA benefit is available for a maximum of three months in a 12 month period. The three months do not need to be consecutive.

(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) To receive the second and third month of the TCA benefit, the client must remain employed or have had an open FEP case that closed during the prior month due to income described in (2)(b) of this section.

(6) 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.

(7) TCA does not count toward the 36 month time limit found in R986-200-217.

R986-200-247. Utah Back to Work Pilot Program (BWP).

(1) BWP is a voluntary program providing short term subsidized employment for a maximum of three months to an eligible unemployment insurance (UI) claimant. To be eligible, a UI claimant must:

(a) be currently receiving UI benefits and have received at least one week of paid UI benefit. The waiting week is not considered a "paid" benefit for the purposes of this section;

(b) be legally eligible to work in the U.S. and be a U.S. citizen or meet the alienage requirements of R986-200-203;

(c) have at least 1 week of UI benefits remaining on his or her claim. The week can be Extended Benefits under 35A-4-402 or Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits as defined by the UI division;

(d) be the parent of at least one minor dependent child and be contributing to the financial support of that child or children;

(e) have not worked for the employer where the claimant is to be hired under this program more than 40 hours in the 60 days immediately preceding the date of hire under the BWP program;

(f) have not previously participated in the BWP or BWY program; and

(g) sign a "statement of facts" agreement.

(2) The Utah Back to Work Youth Program (BWY) provides short term subsidized employment for a maximum of three months to unemployed youth 18-24 years of age. BWY youth must be legally eligible to work in the U.S. and be unemployed but do not need to be receiving or eligible to receive UI benefits. BWY youth do not need to be a parent but must meet the requirements of subsections (1)(e) through (g) of this section. Eligible Utah Back to Work Youth who are also eligible UI claimants are not required to have a minor dependent child.

(3) An employer eligible for a subsidy under this section is an employer that:

(a) is registered with the Department's UI division as an active employer in "good standing". For the purposes of this section, "good standing" means the employer has no delinquent UI contributions or reports, or has no outstanding balance owed the BWP program;

(b) is a "qualified employer" which "means any employer other than the United States, any State, or any political subdivision" or instrumentality thereof. A public institution of higher education is considered a "qualified employer" for purposes of this section. The employer cannot be a Temporary Help Company as defined in R994-202-102 or a Professional Employer Organization as defined in R994-202-106;

(c) pays a wage of at least $9 per hour. Commission only jobs may qualify if the employer guarantees $9 per hour or more, employees who receive gratuities plus wages may qualify if the employer reports $9 per hour or more to the UI Contributions division;

(d) has not displaced or partially displaced existing workers by participating in this program;

(e) has at least one other employee;

(f) will provide the claimant with at least 35 hours work per week;

(g) does not hire the claimant for temporary or seasonal work and

(h) has signed a participation agreement with the department. The agreement must be signed no later than seven calendar days after the "date of hire" of the qualified unemployed individual. A qualified unemployed individual is one who has enrolled in, and is eligible for, the BWP. The date of hire means the date services for remuneration were first performed by the employee.

(4) Once it has been verified that a claimant has been hired, a qualified employer will be paid a $500 subsidy and an additional $1,500 subsidy at the conclusion of the third month of employment provided the required DWS invoices have been provided.

(5) If any employer has received any subsidy payment from DWS that the department determines was not entitled to,

(a) the employer shall repay the sum, or shall, at the discretion of the department, have the sum deducted from any future subsidy payment payable to the employer;

(b) the sum the employer is determined liable for shall be collectible in the same manner as provided for in Section 35A-3-601 et seq.

(6) A review of a decision or determination involving BWP subsidy payment liability shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35A-3-605(2) and Department rules R986-100-123 et seq.

(7) BWP and BWY will continue for as long as funding is available.

R986-200-248. Wasatch Front North Service Area Pilot: FEP Subsidized Employment (FEP SE).

(1) FEP SE is a voluntary program providing short term subsidized employment for a maximum of three months to an eligible FEP recipient. FEP SE is a pilot program for Wasatch Front North Service Area but may be expanded to other service areas if funding permits. To be eligible, a FEP recipient must:

(a) be currently receiving FEP benefits and have received at least one FEP payment;

(b) have a current employment plan. If the client is working less than 30 hours per week, the employment plan must provide additional activities,

(c) be legally eligible to work in the U.S. and be a U.S. citizen or meet the alienage requirements of R986-200-203;

(d) have not worked for the employer where the client is to be hired under this program more than 40 hours in the 60 days immediately preceding the date of hire under the FEP SE program; and

(e) have not previously participated in the FEP SE program.

(2) An employer eligible for a subsidy under this section is an employer that:

(a) is registered with the Department's UI division as an active employer in "good standing". For the purposes of this section, "good standing" means the employer has no delinquent UI contributions or reports;

(b) is a "qualified employer" which is defined as any employer other than the United States, any State, or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof. A public institution of higher education is considered a "qualified employer" for purposes of this section. The employer cannot be a Temporary Help Company as defined in R994-202-102 or a Professional

Employer Organization as defined in R994-202-106;

(c) pays a wage of at least $8 per hour. Commission only jobs may qualify if the employer guarantees $8 per hour or more;

(d) has not displaced or partially displaced existing workers by participating in this program;

(e) has at least one other employee;

(f) will provide the client with at least 20 hours work per week; and

(g) does not hire the client for temporary or seasonal work.

(3) Once it has been verified that a FEP recipient has been hired, a qualified employer will be paid a $500 subsidy and an additional $1,500 subsidy at the conclusion of the third month of employment provided the required DWS invoices have been provided.

(4) FEP SE will continue for as long as funding is available.

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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R986. Workforce Services, Employment Development.
R986-700. Child Care Assistance.
R986-700-701. Authority for Child Care Assistance (CC) and Other Applicable Rules.

(1) The Department administers Child Care Assistance (CC) pursuant to the authority granted in Section 35A-3-310.

(2) Rule R986-100 applies to CC except as noted in this rule.

(3) Applicable provisions of R986-200 apply to CC, except as noted in this rule or where in conflict with this rule.

R986-700-702. General Provisions.

(1) CC is provided to support employment.

(2) CC is available, as funding permits, to the following clients who are employed or are participating in activities that lead to employment:

(a) parents;

(b) specified relatives; or

(c) clients who have been awarded custody or appointed guardian of the child by court order and both parents are absent from the home. If there is no court order, an exception can be made on a case by case basis in unusual circumstances by the Department program specialist.

(3) Child care is provided only for children living in the home and only during hours when neither parent is available to provide care for the children.

(4) If a client is eligible to receive CC, the following children, living in the household unit, are eligible:

(a) children under the age of 13; and

(b) children up to the age of 18 years if the child;

(i) meets the requirements of rule R986-700-717, and/or

(ii) is under court supervision.

(5) Clients who qualify for child care services will be paid if and as funding is available. When the child care needs of eligible applicants exceed available funding, applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Eligible applicants on the list will be served as funding becomes available. Special needs children, homeless children and FEP or FEPTP eligible children will be prioritized at the top of the list and will be served first. "Special needs child" is defined in rule R986-700-717.

(6) The amount of CC might not cover the entire cost of care.

(7) A client is only eligible for CC if the client has no other options available for child care. The client is encouraged to obtain child care at no cost from a parent, sibling, relative, or other suitable provider. If suitable child care is available to the client at no cost from another source, CC cannot be provided.

(8) CC can only be provided for an eligible provider and will not be provided for illegal or unsafe child care. Illegal child care is care provided by any person or facility required to be licensed or certified but where the provider has not fulfilled the requirements necessary to obtain the license or certification.

(9) CC will not be paid to a client for the care of his or her own child(ren) unless the client is working for an approved child care center.

(10) Neither the Department nor the state of Utah is liable for injuries that may occur when a child is placed in child care even if the parent receives a subsidy from the Department.

(11) Foster care parents receiving payment from the Department of Human Services are not eligible to receive CC for the foster children.

(12) Once eligibility for CC has been established, eligibility must be reviewed at least once every six months. The review is not complete until the client has completed, signed and returned all necessary review forms to the local office. All requested verifications must be provided at the time of the review. If the Department has reason to believe the client's circumstances have changed, affecting either eligibility or payment amount, the Department will reduce or terminate CC even if the certification period has not expired.

R986-700-703. Client Rights and Responsibilities.

In addition to the client rights and responsibilities found in R986-100, the following client rights and responsibilities apply:

(1) A client has the right to select the type of child care which best meets the family's needs.

(2) If a client requests help in selecting a provider, the Department will refer the client to the local Child Care Resource and Referral agency.

(3) A client is responsible for monitoring the child care provider. The Department will not monitor the provider.

(4) A client is responsible to pay all costs of care charged by the provider. If the child care assistance payment provided by the Department is less than the amount charged by the provider, the client is responsible for paying the provider the difference.

(5) The only changes a client must report to the Department within ten days of the change occurring are:

(a) that the household's gross monthly income exceeds the percentage of the state median income as determined by the Department in R986-700-710(3);

(b) that the client is no longer in an approved training or educational program;

(c) if the client's and/or child's schedule changes so that child care is no longer needed during the hours of approved employment and/or training activities;

(d) that the client does not meet the minimum work requirements of an average of 15 hours per week or 15 and 30 hours per week when two parents are in the household and it is expected to continue;

(e) the client is separated from his or her employment;

(f) a change of address;

(g) any of the following changes in household composition; a parent, stepparent, spouse, or former spouse moves into the home, a child receiving child care moves out of the home, or the client gets married; or

(h) a change in the child care provider, including when care is provided at no cost.

(6) If a material change which would result in a decrease in the amount of the CC payment is reported within 10 days, the decrease will be made effective beginning the next month and sums received in the month in which the change occurred will not be treated as an overpayment. If it is too late to make the change to the next month's CC payment, the client is responsible for repayment even if the 10 days for reporting the change has not expired. If the client fails to report the change within 10 days, the decrease will occur as soon as the Department learns of the change and the overpayment will be assessed back to the date of the change.

(7) A client is responsible for payment to the Department of any overpayment made in CC.

(8) If the client has failed to provide all necessary information and the child care provider requests information about payment of CC to the client, the Department is authorized to inform the provider that further information is needed before payment can be determined.

(9) The Department may also release the following information to the designated provider:

(a) limited information regarding the status of a CC payment including that no payment was issued or services were denied;

(b) information contained on the Form 980;

(c) the date the child care subsidy was issued;

(d) the subsidy amount for that provider;

(e) the subsidy deduction amount;

(f) the date a two party check was mailed to the client;

(g) a copy of the two party check on a need to know basis; and

(h) the month the client is scheduled for review or reestablishment.

(10) Unused child care funds issued on the client's electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card will be removed from ("aged off") the EBT card 90 days after those funds were deposited onto the EBT card. Aged off funds will no longer be available to the client.

R986-700-704. Establishment of Paternity.

The provisions of rules R986-100 and R986-200 pertaining to cooperation with ORS in the establishment of paternity and collection of child support do not apply to ES CC.

R986-700-705. Eligible Providers and Provider Settings.

(1) The Department will only pay CC to clients who select eligible providers. The only eligible providers are:

(a) licensed and accredited providers:

(i) licensed homes;

(ii) licensed family group homes; and

(iii) licensed child care centers.

(b) license exempt providers who are not required by law to be licensed and are either;

(i) license exempt centers; or

(ii) related to at least one of the children for whom CC is provided. Related under this paragraph means: siblings who are at least 18 years of age and who live in a different residence than the parent, grandparents, step grandparents, aunts, step aunts, uncles, step uncles or people of prior generations of grandparents, aunts, or uncles, as designated by the prefix grand or, great, or persons who meet any of the above relationships even if the marriage has been terminated.

(c) homes with a Residential Certificate obtained from the Bureau of Licensing.

(2) The Department may, on a case by case basis, grant an exception and pay for CC when an eligible provider is not available:

(a) within a reasonable distance from the client's home. A reasonable distance, for the purpose of this exception only, will be determined by the transportation situation of the parent and child care availability in the community where the parent resides;

(b) because a child in the home has special needs which cannot be otherwise accommodated; or

(c) which will accommodate the hours when the client needs child care.

(d) However, the child's sibling, living in the same home, can never be approved even under the exceptions in this subsection.

(3) If an eligible provider is available, an exception may be granted in the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances but only with the approval of a Department supervisor.

(4) If an exception is granted under paragraph (2) or (3) above, the exception will be reviewed at each of the client's review dates to determine if an exception is still appropriate.

(5) License exempt providers must register with the Department and agree to maintain minimal health and safety criteria by signing a certification before payment to the client can be approved. The minimum criteria are that:

(a) the provider be at least 18 years of age and be legally able to work in the United States;

(b) the provider's home is clean and safe from hazardous items which could cause injury to a child. This applies to outdoor areas as well;

(c) there are working smoke detectors where children are provided care;

(d) the provider and all individuals 12 years old or older living in the home where care is provided submit to and pass a background check as provided in R986-700-751 et seq.;

(e) there is a telephone in operating condition with a list of emergency numbers;

(f) food will be provided to the child in care. Food supplies will be maintained to prevent spoilage or contamination;

(g) the child in care will be immunized as required for children in licensed day care and;

(h) good hand washing practices will be maintained to discourage infection and contamination.

(6) The following providers are not eligible for receipt of a CC payment:

(a) a member of a household assistance unit who is receiving one or more of the following assistance payments: FEP, FEPTP, diversion assistance or food stamps for any child in that household assistance unit. The person may, however, be paid as a provider for a child in a different household assistance unit;

(b) a sibling of the child living in the home;

(c) household members whose income must be counted in determining eligibility for CC;

(d) a parent, foster care parent, stepparent or former stepparent, even if living in another residence;

(e) illegal aliens;

(f) persons under age 18;

(g) a provider providing care for the child in another state;

(h) a provider who has committed fraud as a provider, as determined by the Department or by a court;

(i) any provider disqualified under R986-700-718;

(j) a provider who does not cooperate with a Department investigation of a potential overpayment

(k) a provider living in the same home as the client unless one of the exceptions in subsection (2) of this section are met.

R986-700-706. Provider Rights and Responsibilities.

(1) Providers assume the responsibility to collect payment for child care services rendered. Neither the Department nor the state of Utah assumes responsibility for payment to providers.

(2) A provider may not charge clients receiving a CC subsidy a higher rate than their customers who do not receive a CC subsidy.

(3) Providers must keep accurate records of subsidized child care payments, time and attendance. The Department has the right to investigate child care providers and audit their records. Time and attendance records for all subsidized clients must be kept for at least one year. If a provider fails to cooperate with a Department investigation or audit, or fails to keep records for one year, the provider will no longer be an approved provider.

(4) If a provider accepts payment from funds provided by the Department for services which were not provided, the provider may be referred for criminal prosecution and will no longer be an approved provider following the procedure outlined in section R986-700-718. This is true even if the funds were authorized under R986-700-718.

(5) If an overpayment is established and it is determined that the provider was at fault in the creation of the overpayment, the provider is responsible for repayment of the overpayment.

(6) Records will be kept by the Department for individuals who are not approved providers and against whom a referral or complaint is received.

R986-700-707. Subsidy Deduction and Transitional Child Care.

(1) "Subsidy deduction" means a dollar amount which is deducted from the standard CC subsidy for Employment Support CC. The deduction is determined on a sliding scale and the amount of the deduction is based on the parent(s) countable earned and unearned income and household size.

(2) The parent is responsible for paying the amount of the subsidy deduction directly to the child care provider.

(3) If the subsidy deduction exceeds the actual cost of child care, the family is not eligible for child care assistance.

(4) The full monthly subsidy deduction is taken even if the client receives CC for only part of the month.

(5) There is no subsidy deduction during transitional child care. Transitional child care is available during the six months immediately following a FEP or FEPTP termination if the termination was due to increased income and the parent is otherwise eligible for ESCC. The subsidy deduction will resume in the seventh month after the termination of FEP or FEPTP. The six month time limit is the same regardless of whether the client receives TCA or not.

(6) A client does not need to fill out a new application for child care during the six month transitional period even if there is a gap in services during those six months.

R986-700-708. FEP CC.

(1) FEP CC may be provided to clients receiving financial assistance from FEP or FEPTP. FEP CC will only be provided to cover the hours a client needs child care to support the activities required by the employment plan. FEP CC is not subject to the subsidy deduction.

(2) Additional time for travel may be included on a case by case basis when circumstances create a hardship for the client because the required activities necessitate travel of distances taking at least one hour each way.

R986-700-709. Employment Support (ES) CC.

(1) Parents who are not eligible for FEP CC may be eligible for Employment Support (ES) CC. To be eligible, a parent must be employed or be employed while participating in educational or training activities. Work Study is not considered employment. A parent who attends school but is not employed at least 15 hours per week, is not eligible for ES CC. ES CC will only be provided to cover the hours a client needs child care for work or work and approved educational or training activities.

(2) If the household has only one parent, the parent must be employed at least an average of 15 hours per week.

(3) If the family has two parents, CC can be provided if:

(a) one parent is employed at least an average of 30 hours per week and the other parent is employed at least an average of 15 hours per week and their work schedules cannot be changed to provide care for the child(ren). CC will only be provided during the time both parents are in approved activities and neither is available to care for the children; or

(b) one parent is employed and the other parent cannot work, or is not capable of earning $500 per month and cannot provide care for their own children because of a physical, emotional or mental incapacity. Any employment or educational or training activities invalidate a claim of incapacity. The incapacity must be expected to last 30 days or longer. The individual claiming incapacity must verify that incapacity in one of the following ways:

(i) receipt of disability benefits from SSA;

(ii) 100% disabled by VA; or

(iii) by submitting a written statement from:

(A) a licensed medical doctor;

(B) a doctor of osteopathy;

(C) a licensed Mental Health Therapist as defined in UCA 58-60-102;

(D) a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; or

(E) a licensed Physician's Assistant.

(4) Employed or self-employed parent client(s) must make, either through wages or profit from self-employment, a rate of pay equal to or greater than minimum wage multiplied by the number of hours the parent is working. To be eligible for ES CC, a self employed parent must provide business records for the most recent three month time period to establish that the parent is likely to make at least minimum wage. If a parent has a barrier to other types of employment, exceptions can be made in extraordinary cases with the approval of the state program specialist.

(5) Americorps*Vista is not supported. Job Corps activities are considered to be training and a client in the Job Corps would also have to meet the work requirements to be eligible for ES CC.

(6) Applicants must verify identity but are not required to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) for household members. Benefits will not be denied or withheld if a customer chooses not to provide a SSN if all factors of eligibility are met. SSN's that are supplied will be verified. If an SSN is provided but is not valid, further verification will be requested to confirm identity.

R986-700-710. Income Limits for ES CC.

(1) Rule R986-200 is used to determine:

(a) who must be included in the household assistance unit for determining whose income must be counted to establish eligibility. In some circumstances, determining household composition for a ES CC household is different from determining household composition for a FEP or FEPTP household. ES CC follows the parent and the child, not just the child so, for example, if a parent in the household is ineligible, the entire ES CC household is ineligible. A specified relative may not opt out of the household assistance unit when determining eligibility for CC. The income of the specified relatives needing ES CC in the household must be counted. For ES CC, only the income of the parent/client is counted in determining eligibility regardless of who else lives in the household. If both parents are living in the household, the income of both parents is counted.

(b) what is counted as income except:

(i) the earned income of a minor child who is not a parent is not counted; and

(ii) child support, including in kind child support payments, is counted as unearned income, even if it exceeds the court or ORS ordered amount of child support, if the payments are made directly to the client. If the child support payments are paid to a third party, only the amount up to the court or ORS ordered child support amount is counted.

(c) how to estimate income.

(2) The following income deductions are the only deductions allowed on a monthly basis:

(a) the first $50 of child support received by the family;

(b) court ordered and verified child support and alimony paid out by the household;

(c) $100 for each person with countable earned income; and

(d) a $100 medical deduction. The medical deduction is automatic and does not require proof of expenditure.

(3) The household's countable income, less applicable deductions in paragraph (2) above, must be at, or below, a percentage of the state median income as determined by the Department. The Department will make adjustments to the percentage of the state median income as funding permits. The percentage currently in use is available at the Department's administrative office.

(4) Charts establishing income limits and the subsidy deduction amounts are available at all local Department offices.

(5) An independent living grant paid by DHS to a minor parent is not counted as income.

R986-700-711. ES CC to Support Education and Training Activities.

(1) CC may be provided when the client(s) is engaged in education or training and employment, provided the client(s) meet the work requirements under Section R986-700-709(1).

(2) The education or training is limited to courses that

directly relate to improving the parent(s)' employment skills.

(3) ES CC will only be paid to support education or training activities for a total of 24 calendar months. The months need not be consecutive.

(a) On a case by case basis, and for a reasonable length of time, months do not count toward the 24-month time limit when a client is enrolled in a formal course of study for any of the following:

(i) obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent,

(ii) adult basic education, and/or

(iii) learning English as a second language.

(b) Months during which the client received FEP child care while receiving education and training do not count toward the 24-month time limit.

(c) CC can not ordinarily be used to support short term workshops unless they are required or encouraged by the employer. If a short term workshop is required or encouraged by the employer, and approved by the Department, months during which the client receives child care to attend such a workshop do not count toward the 24- month time limit.

(4) Education or training can only be approved if the parent can realistically complete the course of study within 24 months.

(5) Any child care assistance payment made for a calendar month, or a partial calendar month, counts as one month toward the 24-month limit.

(6) There are no exceptions to the 24-month time limit, and no extensions can be granted.

(7) CC is not allowed to support education or training if the parent already has a bachelor's degree.

(8) CC cannot be approved for graduate study or obtaining a teaching certificate if the client already has a bachelor's degree.

R986-700-712. CC for Certain Homeless Families.

(1) CC can be provided for homeless families with one or two parents when the family meets the following criteria:

(a) The family must present a referral for CC from an agency known by the local office to be an agency that works with homeless families, including shelters for abused women and children. This referral will serve as proof of their homeless state. Local offices will provide a list of recognized homeless agencies in local office area.

(b) The family must show a need for child care to resolve an emergency crisis.

(c) The family must meet all other relationship and income eligibility criteria.

(2) CC for homeless families is only available for up to three months in any 12-month period. When a payment is made for any part of a calendar month, that month counts as one of the three months. The months need not be consecutive.

(3) Qualifying families may use child care assistance for any activity including, but not limited to, employment, job search, training, shelter search or working through a crisis situation.

(4) If the family is eligible for a different type of CC, the family will be paid under the other type of CC.

R986-700-713. Amount of CC Payment.

CC will be paid at the lower of the following levels:

(1) the maximum monthly local market rate as calculated using the Local Market Survey. The Local Market Survey is conducted by the Department and based on the provider category and age of the child. The Survey results are available for review at any Department office through the Department web site on the Internet; or

(2) the rate established by the provider for services; or

(3) the unit cost multiplied by the number of hours approved by the Department. The unit cost is determined by dividing the maximum monthly local market rate by 137.6 hours.

R986-700-714. CC Payment Method.

(1) CC payments to parents will be generated monthly by a two-party check issued in the parent's name and the chosen provider's name, except as noted in paragraph (2) below. The check is mailed to the client.

(2) CC payments will be made by electronic benefit transfer (EBT) either through a point of sale (POS) machine or interactive voice recording (IVR) system to authorized provider types as determined by the Department. The provider may elect which option of EBT to use. The provider must complete the application process and sign an agreement with the Department's contractor in order to be eligible to receive CC payments. If the provider elects to use the POS method of payment, the provider must lease a POS machine at the provider's own expense. Providers that completed the application process prior to August 1, 2011 need to provide additional information to the Department contractor. If the provider does not provide this additional information, the provider will not be eligible for CC payments as of January 1, 2012.

(3) In the event that a check is reported as lost or stolen, both the parent and the provider are required to sign a statement that they have not received funds from the original check before a replacement check can be issued. The check must be reported as lost or stolen within 60 days of the date the check was mailed. The statement must be signed on an approved Department form and the signing witnessed, and in some cases notarized, at a local office of the Department. If the provider is unable to come into a Department office to sign the form, the form may be accepted if the signature is notarized. If the original check has been redeemed, a copy of the check will be reviewed and both the parent and provider must provide a sworn, notarized statement that the signature on the endorsed check is a forgery. The Department may require a waiting period prior to issuing a replacement check.

(4) The Department is authorized to stop payment on a CC check without prior notice to the client if:

(a) the Department has determined that the client was not eligible for the CC payment, the Department has confirmed with the child care provider that no services were provided for the month in question or the provider cannot be located, and the Department has made an attempt to contact the parent: or

(b) when the check has been outstanding for at least 90 days; or

(c) the check is lost or stolen.

(5) No stop payment will be issued by the Department without prior notice to the provider unless the provider is not providing services or cannot be contacted.

R986-700-715. Overpayments.

(1) An overpayment occurs when a client or provider received CC for which they were not eligible. If the Department fails to establish one or more of the eligibility criteria and through no fault of the client, payments are made, it will not be considered to have been an overpayment if the client would have been eligible and the amount of the subsidy would not have been affected.

(2) If the overpayment was because the client committed fraud, including forging a provider's name on a two party CC check, the client will be responsible for repayment of the resulting overpayment and will be disqualified from further receipt of CC:

(a) for a period of one year for the first occurrence of fraud;

(b) for a period of two years for the second occurrence of fraud; and

(c) for life for the third occurrence of fraud.

(3) If the client was at fault in the creation of an overpayment for any reason other than fraud in paragraph (2) above, the client will be responsible for repayment of the overpayment. There is no disqualification or ineligibility period for a fault overpayment.

(4) All CC overpayments must be repaid to the Department.

Overpayments may be deducted from ongoing CC payments for clients who are receiving CC. If the Department is at fault in the creation of an overpayment, the Department will deduct $10 from each month's CC payment unless the client requests a larger amount.

(5) CC will be terminated if a client fails to cooperate with the Department's efforts to investigate alleged overpayments.

(6) If the Department has reason to believe an overpayment has occurred and it is likely that the client will be determined to be disqualified or ineligible as a result of the overpayment, payment of future CC may be withheld, at the discretion of the Department, to offset any overpayment which may be determined.

R986-700-716. CC in Unusual Circumstances.

(1) CC may be provided for study time, to support clients in education or training activities if the parent has classes scheduled in such a way that it is not feasible or practical to pick up the child between classes. For example, if a client has one class from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and a second class from 11:00 a.m. to noon it might not be practical to remove the child from care between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

(2) An away-from-home study hall or lab may be required as part of the class course. A client who takes courses with this requirement must verify study hall or lab class attendance. The Department will not approve more study hall hours or lab hours in this setting than hours for which the client is enrolled in school. For example: A client enrolled for ten hours of classes each week may not receive more than ten hours of this type of study hall or lab.

(3) CC will not be provided for private kindergarten or preschool activities when a publicly funded education program is available.

(4) CC may be authorized to support employment for clients who work graveyard shifts and need child care services during the day for sleep time. If no other child care options are available, child care services may be authorized for the graveyard shift or during the day, but not for both. A maximum of six hours per day will be approved for sleep time.

(5) CC may be authorized to support employment for clients who work at home, provided the client makes at least minimum wage from the at home work, and the client has a need for child care services. The client must choose a provider setting outside the home.

(6) CC with an provider that is not licensed, accredited, certified, or a licensed exempt center will not be approved between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. except;

(a) for a child under the age of 24 months old,

(b) to accommodate a special needs child, or

(c) under unusual circumstances and then only if approved by the Department program specialist on a case by case basis.

R986-700-717. Child Care for Children With Disabilities or Special Needs.

(1) The Department will fund child care for children with disabilities or special needs at a higher rate if the child has a physical, social, or mental condition or special health care need that requires;

(a) an increase in the amount of care or supervision and/or

(b) special care, which includes but is not limited to the use of special equipment, assistance with movement, feeding, toileting or the administration of medications that require specialized procedures.

(2) To be eligible under this section, the client must submit a statement from one of the professionals listed in rule R986-700-709(3)(b)(ii) or one of the following agencies documenting the child's disability or special child care needs;

(a) Social Security Administration showing that the child is a SSI recipient,

(b) Division of Services for People with Disabilities,

(c) Division of Mental Health,

(d) State Office of Education, or

(e) Baby Watch, Early Intervention Program.

(3) Verification to support that the child is disabled or has a special need must be dated and signed by the preparer and include the following;

(a) the child's name,

(b) a description of the child's disability, and

(c) the special provisions that justify a higher payment rate.

(4) The Department may require additional information and may deny requests if adequate or complete information or justification is not provided.

(5) The higher rate is available through the month the child turns 18 years of age.

(6) Clients qualify for child care under this section if the household is at or below 85% of the state median income.

(7) The higher rate in effect for each child care category is available at any Department office.

R986-700-718. Provider Disqualification.

(1) A child care provider removing child care subsidy funds from a client's account by way of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) and interactive voice response (IVR), can only remove those funds from a client's account that are authorized by the Department for that provider. All providers receiving payment for child care services through an EBT may learn the exact amount authorized for that provider for each client by accessing the Department's Provider Payment Authorization website. Providers who remove more funds than authorized will be required to reimburse the Department for the excess funds and will be disqualified from receipt of further CC subsidy funds as follows;

(a) if the provider has never removed unauthorized CC subsidy funds before, the Department will send a demand letter to the provider's last known address informing the provider of the unauthorized access and establishing an overpayment in the amount of the excess funds. If the provider repays the overpayment within six months of the date of the demand letter, no further action will be taken on that overpayment,

(b) if the provider removes funds in excess of those authorized by the Department a second time, and the provider repaid the previous overpayment or is making a good faith effort to repay the overpayment, a second demand letter will be sent to the provider's last known address. The second letter will establish an overpayment in the amount of the excess funds removed and inform the provider that any further unauthorized access will result in disqualification. If the provider removes unauthorized funds and has not repaid the first overpayment, or is not making a good faith effort to repay the first overpayment to the Department, no second demand letter will be sent and the provider will be disqualified for a period of one year from the date the Department issues its letter, or in the case of an appeal, from the date the ALJ issues his or her determination. A good faith effort to repay the overpayment means the provider is repaying at least 10% of the overpayment due each month,

(c) if a child care provider removes unauthorized funds a third time, or a second time without repayment of the first overpayment as provided in paragraph (1)(b) of this subsection, the provider will be disqualified and is ineligible for receipt of further CC subsidy funds for a period of one year from the date

the Department issues its letter, or in the case of an appeal, from the date the ALJ issues his or her determination,

(d) a CC provider previously disqualified for one year from receipt of CC subsidy funds due to unauthorized removal of funds in paragraph (1)(c) of this subsection, will be disqualified for a period of two years if the provider removes unauthorized funds again. Warning letters under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection will not be sent if a provider was previously disqualified for receipt of CC subsidy funds,

(e) a CC provider previously disqualified for a two year period due to unauthorized removal of funds in paragraph (1)(d) of this subsection will be permanently disqualified if the provider removes unauthorized funds again. Warning letters under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection will not be sent if a provider was previously disqualified for receipt of CC subsidy funds.

(2) Even if CC funds are authorized under this section, a CC provider cannot remove, accept and/or retain funds for any month during which no CC services were provided. If authorized or unauthorized subsidy funds were accepted from a client or removed from a client's account as provided in this section but no CC services were provided during the month, the provider will be required to reimburse the Department for the excess funds and will be disqualified from receipt of further CC subsidy funds in the same manner as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) CC providers disqualified under subsections (1) or (2) of this section will be ineligible for receipt of quality grants awarded by the Department during the period of disqualification.

(4) A CC provider overpayment not paid in full within six months will be referred to collection and will be collected in the same manner as all public assistance overpayments. Payment of provider overpayments must be made to the Department and not to the client.

(5) A CC provider may appeal an overpayment or disqualification as provided for public assistance appeals in rule R986-100. Any appeal must be filed in writing within 30 days of the date of letter establishing the overpayment or disqualification. A provider who has been found ineligible may continue to receive CC subsidy funds pending appeal until a decision is issued by the ALJ. The disqualification period will take effect even if the provider files an appeal of the decision issued by the ALJ.

R986-700-751. Background Checks.

(1) Sections R986-700-751 through 756 apply to child care providers identified in Utah Code Section 35A-3-310.5(1).

(2) The provider and each person age 12 years old or older living in the household where the child care is provided must submit to a background check.

(3) If child care is provided in the child's home, a background check must be done on each person age 12 years old or older living in the child's home who is not on the client's child care case.

(4) A client is not eligible for a subsidy if the client chooses a provider and the provider or any person age 12 years old or older living in the household where the child care is provided has:

(a) a supported finding of severe abuse or neglect by the Department of Human Services, a substantiated finding by a Juvenile court under Subsection 78-3a-320 or a criminal conviction related to neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse of any person; or

(b) a conviction for an offense as identified in R986-700-754; or

(c) an adjudication in juvenile court of an act which if committed by an adult would be an offense identified in R986-700-754.

R986-700-752. Definitions.

Terms used in the section R986-700-751 through 756 are defined as followed:

(1) "Convicted" includes a conviction by a jury or court, a guilty plea or a plea of no contest, an adjudication in juvenile court or an individual who is currently subjected to a deferred judgment and sentence agreement, a deferred prosecution agreement, a deferred adjudication agreement, or a plea in abeyance.

(2) "Covered Individual" means:

(a) each person providing child care;

(b) all individuals 12 years old or older residing in a residence where child care is provided.

(3) "Supported" means a finding by the Utah Department of Human Services (DHS), at the completion of an investigation by DHS, that there is a reasonable basis to conclude that one or more of the following severe types of abuse or neglect has occurred:

(a) if committed by a person 18 years of age or older;

(i) severe or chronic physical abuse;

(ii) sexual abuse;

(iii) sexual exploitation;

(iv) abandonment;

(v) medical neglect resulting in death, disability, or serious illness;

(vi) chronic or severe neglect; or

(vii) chronic or severe emotional abuse

(b) if committed by a person under the age of 18:

(i) serious physical injury, as defined in Subsection 76-5-109(1)(f) to another child which indicates a significant risk to other children, or

(ii) sexual behavior with or upon another child which indicates a significant risk to other children.

R986-700-753. Criminal Background Screening.

(1) Each client requesting approval of a covered child care provider must submit to the Department a form, which will include a waiver and certification, completed and signed by the child care provider before the client's application for child care assistance can be approved. A fingerprint card and fee, prepared either by the local law enforcement agency or an agency approved by local law enforcement, shall also be submitted unless an exception is granted under subsection (3) of this section. Normally, child care subsidy will not be delayed pending completion of the background check.

(2) The provider must state in writing, based upon the provider's best information and belief, that no covered person, including the provider's own children, has ever been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or had a supported finding from DHS or a substantiated finding from a juvenile court of severe abuse or neglect of a child. If the provider is aware of any such conviction or supported or substantiated finding, but is not certain it will result in a disqualification, the Department will obtain information from the provider to assess the threat to children. If the provider knowingly makes false representations or material omissions to the Department regarding a covered individual's record, the provider will be responsible for repayment to the Department of the child care subsidy paid by the Department prior to the background check. If a provider signs an attestation, a disqualification based on a covered individual who no longer lives in the home can be cured under certain conditions.

(3) Fingerprint cards are not required if the Department is reasonably satisfied that the covered individual has resided in Utah for the last five years. A fingerprint card may be required, even if the individual has resided in Utah for the last five years, if requested by the Department.

(4) The Department will contract with the Department of Health (DOH) to perform a criminal background screening,

which includes a review of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, (BCI) database maintained by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Part 2 of Chapter 10, Title 53; and if a fingerprint card, waiver and fee are submitted, the Department or DOH will forward the fingerprint card, waiver and fee to the Utah Department of Public Safety for submission to the FBI for a national criminal history record check.

(5) If the Department takes an action adverse to any covered individual based upon the background screening, the Department will send a written decision to the client explaining the action and the right of appeal. DOH will send a denial letter to the provider and the covered individual.

R986-700-754. Exclusion from Child Care Due to Criminal Convictions.

(1) As required by Utah Code Subsection 35A-3-310.5(4), if the criminal conviction was a felony, or is a misdemeanor that is not excluded under paragraphs (2) or (3) below, the covered individual may not provide child care or reside in a home where child care is provided.

(2) As allowed by Utah Code Subsection 35A-3-310.5(5), the Department hereby excludes the following misdemeanors and determines that a misdemeanor conviction listed below does not disqualify a covered individual from providing child care:

(a) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 32A, Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, except for 32A-12-203, Unlawful sale or furnishing to minors;

(b) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code except for 41-6a-502, Driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both or with specified or unsafe blood alcohol concentration, when the individual had a child in the car at the time of the offense;

(c) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act;

(d) any Class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 58, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;

(e) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 58, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act;

(f) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 76, Chapter 4, Inchoate Offenses, except for 76-4-401, Enticing a Minor;

(g) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 6, Title 76, Offenses Against Property, Utah Criminal Code;

(h) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 6a, Title 76, Pyramid Schemes, Utah Criminal Code;

(i) any class B or C misdemeanor offense under Title 76, Chapter 7, Subsection 103, Adultery, and 104, Fornication;

(j) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 8, Title 76, Offenses Against the Administration of Government, Utah Criminal Code except 76-8-1201 through 1207, Public Assistance Fraud; and 76-8-1301 False statements regarding unemployment compensation;

(k) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 9, Title 76, Offenses Against Public Order and Decency, Utah Criminal Code, except for:

(i) 76-9-301, Cruelty to Animals;

(ii) 76-9-301.1, Dog Fighting;

(iii) 76-9-301.8, Bestiality;

(iv) 76-9-702, Lewdness;

(v) 76-9-702.5, Lewdness Involving Child; and

(vi) 76-9-702.7, Voyeurism; and

(l) any class B or C conviction under Chapter 10, Title 76, Offenses Against Public Health, Welfare, Safety and Morals, Utah Criminal Code, except for:

(i) 76-10-509.5, Providing Certain Weapons to a Minor;

(ii) 76-10-509.6, Parent or guardian providing firearm to violent minor;

(iii) 76-10-509.7, Parent or Guardian Knowing of a Minor's Possession of a Dangerous Weapon;

(iv) 76-10-1201 to 1229.5, Pornographic Material or Performance;

(v) 76-10-1301 to 1314, Prostitution; and

(vi) 76-10-2301, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

(3) The Executive Director or designee may consider and approve individual cases where a covered individual will be allowed to provide child care who would otherwise be excluded by this section.

(4) The Department will rely on the criminal background screening as conclusive evidence of the conviction and the Department may revoke or deny approval for a provider based on that evidence.

(5) If a covered individual causes a provider to be disqualified as a provider based upon the criminal background screening and the covered individual disagrees with the information provided by BCI, the covered individual may challenge the information by contacting BCI directly. If the information causing the disqualification came from a Utah court, the covered individual must contact that court or seek an expungement as provided in Utah Code Ann. Sections 77-18-10 through 77-18-15.

(6) All child care providers must report all felony and misdemeanor arrests, charges or convictions of covered individuals to DOH within ten calendar days of the arrest, notice of the charge, or conviction. All child care providers must also report a person aged 12 or older moving into the home where child care is provided within ten calendar days of that person moving in. A release for a background check must also be provided for that person within the time requested by the Department or DOH.

R986-700-755. Covered Individuals with Arrests or Pending Criminal Charges.

(1) If the Department determines there exists credible evidence that a covered individual has been arrested or charged with a felony or a misdemeanor that would not be excluded under R986-700-754, the Department will act to protect the health and safety of children in child care that the covered individual may have contact with. The Department may revoke or suspend approval of the provider if necessary to protect the health and safety of children in care.

(2) If the Department denies or revokes approval based upon the arrest or felony or misdemeanor charge, the Department will send a written decision to the client notifying the client that a hearing with the Department may be requested.

(3) The Department may hold the revocation or denial in abeyance until the arrest or felony or nonexempt misdemeanor charge is resolved.

R986-700-756. Exclusion From Child Care Due to Finding of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation.

(1) Pursuant to Utah Code Subsection 62A-4a-1005(2)(a)(v) the Department or DOH will screen all covered individuals, including children residing in a home where child care is provided, for a history of a supported finding of severe abuse, neglect, or exploitation from the licensing information system maintained by the Utah Department of Human Services (DHS) and the juvenile court records.

(2) If a covered individual appears on the licensing information system, the threat to the safety and health of children will be assessed. The Department may revoke any existing approval and refuse to permit child care in the home until the Department is reasonably convinced that the covered individual no longer resides in the home.

(3) If the Department denies or revokes approval of a child care subsidy based upon the licensing information system, the Department will send a written decision to the client.

(4) If the DHS determines a covered individual has a

supported finding of severe abuse, neglect or exploitation after the Department approves a child care subsidy, the covered individual has ten calendar days to notify DOH. Failure to notify DOH may result in the child care provider being liable for an overpayment for all subsidy amounts paid to the client between the finding and when it is reported or discovered.

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R986-900. Food Stamps.
R986-900-901. Authority for Food Stamps and Applicable Rules.

(1) Food stamps provide assistance to eligible individuals in accordance with the requirements found in: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 as amended (7 USC 2011 et seq); 7 CFR 271 through 7 CFR 283; and PRWORA and its amendments. The complete text of all applicable federal laws and regulations can be found at the United States Department of Agriculture web site at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/. Federal regulations are also available at most public libraries, on the Internet at: http://access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_00/7cfrv4_00.html, at the Department of Workforce Services, Division of Employment Development, Appeals Division 2nd Floor, 140 E 300 S, Salt Lake City UT, 84145; or at the Division of Administrative Rules, 4120 State Office Building, Salt Lake City UT, 84114. The state maintains a policy manual describing the benefits and eligibility requirements for receipt of food stamps. The policy manual is available on the Department's Internet web site. The provisions of 7 CFR 271 through 7 CFR 283 (2000) are incorporated herein by reference.

(2) The provisions of R986-100 apply to food stamps except where specifically noted otherwise.

R986-900-902. Options and Waivers.

The Department administers the Food Stamp Program in compliance with federal law with the following exceptions or clarifications:

(1) The following options not otherwise found in R986-100 have been adopted by the Department where allowed by the applicable federal law or regulation:

(a) The Department has opted to hold hearings at the state level and not at the local level.

(b) The Department does not offer a workfare program for ABAWDs (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents).

(c) An applicant is required to apply at the local office which serves the area in which they reside.

(d) The Department has opted to use the Simplified Standard Utility Allowance found in 7 USC 2014(e)(7)(C)(iii) as amended by 2002 H.R. 2646 known as Section 4104 of the Farm Bill. The Department has a mandatory standard utility allowance. This means the customer is eligible for an appropriate utility allowance at the time of application and eligibility for the appropriate allowance is re-determined at recertification or if the household moves to a different place of residence. The customer does not have the choice of using "actual" utility expenses. The Department has three utility standards that are updated annually and are available upon request. This Farm Bill option allows households in subsidized housing and households in shared living arrangements to receive the full appropriate utility allowance.

(e) The Department does not use photo ID cards. ID cards are available upon request to homeless, disabled, and elderly clients so that the client is able to use food stamp benefits at a participating restaurant.

(f) The state has opted to provide food stamp benefits through the use of an electronic benefit transfer system known as the Horizon Card.

(g) The Department counts diversion payments in the food stamp allotment calculation.

(h) The Department has opted to use Utah's TANF vehicle allowance rules in conjunction with the Food Stamp Program vehicle allowance regulations at 7 CFR 273.8, as authorized by Pub. L. No. 106-387 of the Agriculture Appropriations Act 2001, Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 USC 2014.

(i) The Department has opted to count all of an ineligible alien's resources and all but a pro rata share of the ineligible alien's income and deductible expenses as provided in 7 CFR 273.11(c)(3)(ii)(A).

(j) A client may waive his or her right to an administrative disqualification hearing.

(k) A client may deduct actual, allowable expenses from self employment, or may opt to deduct 40% of the gross income from self employment to determine net income.

(l) The Department has opted to align food stamps with FEP in determining how to count educational assistance income. That income is counted for food stamps as provided in R986-200-235(3)(q).

(m) The Department has opted to do simplified reporting as provided in 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii).

(n) The Department has opted to operate a Mini Simplified Food Stamp Program under 7 CFR 273.25. Under this option, a client receiving food stamps and FEP or FEPTP, must participate as required in R986-200-210. A client found ineligible due to non-compliance under R986-200-212 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.

(o) Effective July 1, 2010, the Department will count the full income of an ineligible alien household member for both the gross and net income tests and for determining the level of benefits. The deductible expenses of the ineligible alien household member will no longer be prorated and the full value of all assets will continue to be counted. This also applies to ineligible aliens who are unable or unwilling to provide documentation of their alien status. This does not apply to the following ineligible aliens:

(i) An alien who is lawfully admitted as a permanent resident.

(ii) An alien who is granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA.

(iii) An alien who is admitted as a refugee under Section 207 of the INA.

(iv) An alien who is paroled in accordance with Section 212(d)(5) of the INA.

(v) An alien whose deportation or removal has been withheld in accordance with Section 243 of the INA.

(vi) An alien who is aged, blind or disabled and is admitted for temporary or permanent residency under Section 245A(b)(1) of the INA.

(vi) An alien who is a special agricultural worker admitted for temporary residence under Section 210 (a) of the INA.

For an ineligible alien listed in this subparagraphs (i) through (vi), a prorated share of the ineligible alien's income and expenses will be counted for purposes of applying the gross and net income tests and to determine the level of benefits. The full amount of the ineligible alien's assets will count.

(q) The Department allows the following exemptions from the Employment and Training (E and T) program for individuals who:

(i) are Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) participants;

(ii) are on a temporary layoff from their place of employment;

(iii) are unemployed for less than 6 months;

(iv) live more than 35 miles from an employment center;

(v) lack child care, either because it is not available or the customer is not eligible for child care assistance;

(vi) are not appropriate for E and T as determined by a manager or designee;

(vii) are age 47 through the month of their 60th birthday;

(viii) are low functioning/have developmental disabilities/are socially dysfunctional and who have obvious functional limitations that are a substantial handicap to employment;

(ix) have current domestic violence issues;

(x) have limited language skills or individuals whose primary language is other than English;

(xi) lack public and/or private transportation;

(xii) are in the application or appeals process for SSI;

(xiii) work 80 hours a month regardless of the amount earned;

(A) if the individual is working less than 80 hours a month but is making at least minimum wage times 80 hours per month, the individual is considered to be meeting the 80 hours per month exemption

(B) if an individual is self-employed and working less than 80 hours a month, the gross income before expenses must be minimum wage times 80 hours a month. An individual working but being paid in-kind does not meet this exemption.

(xiv) have no fixed address;

(xv) do not have a GED or high school diploma;

(xvi) are pregnant regardless of trimester;

(xvii) are on probation or parole who are required to complete court ordered activities such as work release and drug court; or

(xvii) are participating in a program with a Department partner such as case management by Vocational Rehabilitation, or are participating in a Title V or Choose to Work program.

(r) Beginning July 1, 2012, individuals who meet the requirements of an exemption will no longer be allowed to receive services on a voluntary basis or receive a work reimbursement.

(2) The Department has been granted the following applicable waivers from the Food and Nutrition Service:

(a) Certain Utah counties have been granted a waiver which exempts ABAWDs from the work requirements of Section 824 of PRWORA. The counties granted this waiver change each year based on Department of Labor statistics. A list of counties granted this waiver is available from the Department.

(b) The Department requires that a household need only report changes in earned income if there is a change in source, the hourly rate or salary, or if there is a change in full-time or part-time status. A client is required to report any change in unearned income over $25 or a change in the source of unearned income.

(c) The Department uses a combined Notice of Expiration and Shortened Recertification Form. Notice of Expiration is required in 7 CFR 273.14(b)(1)(i). The Recertification Form is found under 7 CFR 273.14(b)(2)(i).

(d) The Department conducts the Family Nutrition Education Program for individuals even if they are otherwise ineligible for food stamps.

(e) The Department may deduct overpayments that resulted from an IPV from a household's monthly entitlement.

(f) If the application was received before the 15th of the month and the client has earned income, the certification period can be no longer than six months. The initial certification period may be as long as seven months if the application was received after the 15th of the month.

(g) A household which had its food stamps terminated can be reinstated during the calendar month following the month assistance was terminated without completing a new application if the reason for the termination is fully resolved. The reason for the termination does not matter. Assistance will be prorated to the date on which the client reported that the disqualifying condition was resolved if verification is received within ten days of the report. Assistance is reinstated for the remaining months of the certification period and the certification period must not be changed.

(h) If the Department is unable to obtain proper documentary evidence from an employer, the Department may use Utah quarterly wage data as the primary verification of income when calculating overpayments.

(i) The Department will hold disqualification hearings by telephone.

(j) All initial interviews, and recertification interviews for households certified for 12 months or less, will have their initial or recertification interviews conducted by telephone, rather than in person, unless the household requests an in-person interview or the Department determines that an in-person interview is necessary to resolve issues that would be better facilitated face-to-face.

(k) The federal regulation that requires all interviews be scheduled for a specific date and time is waved for initial telephone interviews. This allows clients to call anytime Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to complete the required initial interview.

(l) To meet the student work exemption. a student enrolled in post-secondary education half-time or more must work an average of 20 hours per week. The work hours must be averaged over the 30 days immediately prior to the date of application or recertification.

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R990. Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development.
R990-8. Permanent Community Impact Fund Board Review and Approval of Applications for Funding Assistance.
R990-8-1. Purpose.

The Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (the Board) provides loans and/or grants to State agencies and subdivisions of the State which are or may be socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development. Authorization for the Board is contained in Section 35A-8-301 et seq.

R990-8-2. Eligibility.

Only those applications for funding assistance which are submitted by an eligible applicant for an eligible project shall be funded by the Board.

Eligible projects include: a) planning; b) the construction and maintenance of public facilities; and c) the provision of public services. "Public Facilities and Services" means public infrastructure or services traditionally provided by local governmental entities.

Eligible applicants include state agencies and subdivisions of the state and Interlocal agencies as defined in Subsection 35A-8-302, which are or may be socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development.

R990-8-3. Application Requirements.

A. Applicants shall submit their funding requests on the Board's most current application form, furnished by the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD). Applicants submitting incomplete applications will be notified of deficiencies and their request for funding assistance will be held by the Board's staff pending submission of the required information by the applicant.

Complete applications which have been accepted for processing will be placed one of the Trimester's upcoming "Application Review Meeting" agendas.

B. Additional general information not specifically covered by the application form should also be furnished to the Board and its staff when such information would be helpful to the Board in appraising the merits of the project.

C. For proposed drinking water and sewer projects, sufficient technical information must be provided to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to permit their review. The Board will not act on any drinking water or sewer project unless they receive such review from DEQ.

D. Planning grants and studies normally require a fifty percent cash contribution by the applicant.

E. The Board requires all applicants to have a vigorous public participation effort. All applicants shall hold at least one formal public hearing to solicit comment concerning the size, scope and nature of any funding request prior to its submission to the Board. In that public hearing, the public shall be advised the financing may be in the form of a loan, even if the application requests a grant.

Complete and detailed information shall be given to the public regarding the proposed project and its financing. The information shall include the expected financial impact including potential repayment terms and the costs to the public as user fees, special assessments, or property taxes if the financing is in the form of a loan. The Board may require additional public hearings if determines the applicant did not adequately disclose to the public the impact of the financial assistance during the initial public hearing.

When the Board offers the applicant a financial package that is substantially different in the amounts, terms or conditions initially requested by an applicant, the Board may require additional public hearings to solicit public comment on the modified funding package.

A copy of the public notice and transcript or minutes of the hearing shall be attached to the funding request. Public opinion polls may be submitted in addition to the transcript or minutes.

F. Letters of comment outlining specific benefits (or problems) to the community and State may be submitted with the application.

G. All applicants are required to notify in writing the applicable Association of Governments of their intention to submit a funding request to the Board. A copy of any comments made by the Association of Governments shall be attached to the funding request. It is the intent of the Board to encourage regional review and prioritization of funding requests to help ensure the timely consideration of all worthwhile projects.

H. Section 9-8-404 requires all state agencies before they expend any state funds or approves any undertaking to take into account the effect of the undertaking on any district, site, building structure or specimen that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register and to allow the state historic preservation officer (SHPO) a reasonable opportunity to comment on the undertaking or expenditure. In order to comply with that duty, the Board requires all applicants provide the Board's staff with a detailed description of the proposed project attached to the application. The Board's staff will provide SHPO with descriptions of applications which may have potential historic preservation concerns for SHPO's review and comment in compliance with the CIB/SHPO Programmatic Agreement. SHPO comments on individual applications will be provided to the Board as part of the review process outline in R990-8-4. Additionally the Board requires that if during the construction of the project the applicant discovers any cultural/paleontological resources, the applicant shall cease project activities which may affect or impact the cultural/paleontological resource, notify the Board and SHPO of the discovery, allow the Board to take into account the effects of the project on cultural/paleontological resources, and not proceed until further approval is given by the Board.

I. All applicants must provide evidence and arguments to the Board as to how the proposed funding assistance provides for planning, the construction and maintenance of public facilities or the provision of public services.

J. All applicants must demonstrate that the facilities or services provided will be available and open to the general public and that the proposed funding assistance is not merely a device to pass along low interest government financing to the private sector.

K. All applicants must demonstrate that any arrangement with a lessee of the proposed project will constitute a true lease, and not a disguised financing arrangement. The lessee must be required to pay a reasonable market rental for the use of the facility. In addition, the applicant shall have no arrangement with the lessee to sell the facility to the lessee, unless fair market value is received.

L. Each applicant must submit evidence and legal opinion that it has the authority to construct, own and lease the proposed project. In the case of a request for an interest bearing loan, the applicant must provide an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that the interest will not be subject to federal income taxes.

M. All applicants shall certify to the Board that they will comply with the provisions of Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e), as amended, which prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment or any applicant or recipient of services, on the basis of race, religion, color, or national origin; and further agree to abide by Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; 45 CFR 90, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and 28 CFR 35, as amended, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disabilities; Utah Anti-Discrimination Act, Section 34A-5-101 et seq., which prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or handicap, and to certify compliance with the ADA to the Board on an annual basis and upon completion of the project.

R990-8-4. Board Review Procedures.

A. The Board will review applications and authorize funding assistance on a "Trimester" basis. The initial meetings of each "Trimester" are "Project Review Meetings". The final meeting of each "Trimester" is the "Project Funding Meeting". Board meetings shall be held monthly on the 1st Thursday of each month, unless rescheduled or cancelled by the chairman or by formal motion of the board. The Trimesters shall be as follows:

1. 1st Trimester: application deadline, June 1st; Project Review Meetings, July, August, September; Project Funding Meeting October.

2. 2nd Trimester: application deadline, October 1st; Project Review Meetings, November, December, January; Project Funding Meeting, February.

3. 3rd Trimester: application deadline, February 1st; Project Review Meetings, March April, May; Project Funding Meeting, June.

B. The process for review of new applications for funding assistance shall be as follows:

1. Submission of an application, on or before the applicable deadline to the Board's staff for technical review and analysis.

2. Incomplete applications will be held by the Board's staff pending submission of required information.

3. Complete applications accepted for processing will be placed on one of the Trimester's upcoming "Project Review Meeting" agendas.

4. At the "Project Review Meeting" the Board may either:

a. deny the application;

b. place the application on the "Pending List" for consideration at a future "Project Review Meeting" after additional review, options analysis and funding coordination by the applicant and the Board's staff;

c. place the application on the "Priority List" for consideration at the next "Project Funding Meeting".

C. Applicants and their representatives shall be informed of any "Project Review Meeting" at which their applications will be considered. Applicants shall make formal presentations to the Board and respond to the Board's questions during the "Project Review Meetings". If an applicant or its representatives are not present to make a presentation, the board may either:

1. deny the application;

2. place the application on the "Pending List" for consideration at a future "Project Review Meeting".

D. No funds shall be committed by the Board at the "Project Review Meetings", with the exception of circumstances described in Subsection F.

E. Applications for funding assistance which have been placed on the "Priority List" will be considered at the "Project Funding Meeting" for that Trimester. At the "Project Funding Meeting' the Board may either:

1. deny the application;

2. place the application on the "Pending List" for consideration at a future "Project Review Meeting".

3. authorize funding the application in the amount and terms as determined by the Board.

F. In instances of bona fide public safety or health emergencies or for other compelling reasons, the Board may suspend the provisions of this section and accept, process, review and authorize funding of an application on an expedited basis.

R990-8-5. Local Capital Improvement Lists.

A. A consolidated list of the anticipated capital needs for eligible entities shall be submitted from each county area, or in the case of state agencies, from HCD. This list shall be produced as a cooperative venture of all the eligible entities within each county area.

B. The list shall contain a short term (one year) and a medium term (five year) component.

C. The list shall contain the following items: jurisdiction, summary description, project time frame, anticipated time of submission to the Board, projected overall cost of project, anticipated funding sources, the individual applicant's priority for their own projects, and the county area priority for each project. The county area priority for each project shall be developed as a cooperative venture of all eligible entities within a county area.

D. Projects not identified in a county area's or HCD's list, will not be funded by the Board, unless they address a bona fide public safety or health emergency or for other compelling reasons.

E. An up-dated list shall be submitted to the Board no later than April 1st of each year. The up- dated list shall be submitted in the uniform format required by the Board.

F. If the consolidated list from a county area does not contain the information required in R990-8-5-C, or is not in the uniform format required in R990-8-5-E, all applications from the affected county area will be held by the Board's staff until a future Trimester pending submission of the required information in the uniform format.

G. The Board has authorized its staff to hold any application that does not appear on the applicable local capital improvement list. Such applications will be held until a future Trimester to allow the applicant time to pursue amending the local capital improvement list.

H. The amendment to include an additional project must follow the process used for the original list, and it must contain the required information and be submitted in the uniform format, particularly the applicant and county area prioritization.

I. The regional Association of Governments are the compilers of the capital improvement lists. The AOG cannot simply add additional applications to any given list without the applicant meeting the process requirements outlined in Subsection C.

J. Not withstanding Subsection I, allowing an applicant to add a project to the capital improvement list just prior to the application deadline subverts the intent of the capital improvement list process. Such applications will be held by the Board's staff until the next Trimester.

R990-8-6. Modification or Alteration of Approved Projects.

A recipient of PCIFB grant funds may not, for a period of ten years from the approval of funding by the Board, change or alter the use, intended use, ownership or scope of a project without the prior approval of the Board. A recipient of PCIFB loan funds may not, for the term of the loan, change or alter the use, intended use, ownership or scope of a project without the prior approval of the Board. The recipient shall submit a written request for such approval and provide such information as requested by the Board or its staff, including at a minimum a description of the modified project sufficient for the Board to determine whether the modified project is an eligible use of PCIFB funds.

The Board may place such conditions on the proposed modifications or modified project as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to modifying or changing the financial

terms, requiring additional project actions or participants, or requiring purchase or other satisfaction of all or a portion of the Board's interests in the approved project. Approval shall only be granted if the modified project, use or ownership is also an eligible us of PCIFB funds, unless the recipient purchases or otherwise satisfies in full the Board's interest in the previously approved or the proposed project.

R990-8-7. Procedures for Electronic Meetings.

A. These provisions govern any meeting at which one or more members of the Board or one or more applicant agencies appear telephonically or electronically pursuant to Section 52-4-7.8.

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

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

D. Notice of the possibility of an electronic meeting shall be given to the members of the Board and applicant agencies at least 24 hours before the meeting. In addition, the notice shall describe how the members of the Board and applicant agencies may participate in the meeting electronically or telephonically.

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

F. The anchor location shall be designated in the notice. The anchor location is the physical location from which the electronic meeting originates or from which the participants are connected. In addition, the anchor location has space and facilities so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting.

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R990. Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development.
R990-9. Policy Concerning Enforceability and Taxability of Bonds Purchased.
R990-9-1. Enforceability.

In providing any financial assistance in the form of a loan, the (Board/Committee) representing the State of Utah (the "State") may purchase Bonds or other legal obligations (the "Bonds") of various political subdivisions (interchangeably, as appropriate, the "Issuer" or "Sponsor") of the State only if the Bonds are accompanied by a legal opinion of recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that the Bonds are legal and binding under applicable Utah law.

R990-9-2. Tax-Exempt Bonds.

In providing any financial assistance in the form of a loan, the (Board/Committee) may purchase either taxable or tax-exempt Bonds; provided that it shall be the general policy of the (Board/Committee) to purchase Bonds of the Issuer only if the Bonds are tax-exempt and are accompanied by a legal opinion of recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that interest on the Bonds is exempt from federal income taxation. This does not apply for Bonds carrying a zero percent interest taxation. This tax opinion must be provided by the Issuer in the following circumstances:

a. When Bonds are issued and sold to the State to finance a project which will also be financed in part at any time by the proceeds of other Bonds, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation.

b. When (i) Bonds are issued which are no subject to the arbitrage rebate provision or Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or any successor provisions of similar intent) (the "Code"), including, without limitation, Bonds covered by the "small governmental units" exemption contained in Section 148 (f) (4) (c) of the Code, and (ii) when Bonds are issued which are not subject to arbitrage rebate because the gross proceeds from the loan will be completely expended within six months after the issuance of the Bonds.

Notwithstanding the above, the (Board/Committee) may purchase taxable Bonds if it determines, after evaluating all relevant circumstances including the Issuer's ability to pay, that the purchase of the taxable Bonds is in the best interests of the State and the Issuer.

R990-9-3. Parity Bonds.

In addition to the policy stated above, it is the general policy of the (Board/Committee) that Bonds purchased by the (Board/Committee) shall be full parity Bonds with other outstanding Bonds of the Issuer. Exceptions to this parity requirement may be authorized by the (Board/Committee) if the (Board/Committee) makes a determination that

(i) the revenues or other resources pledged as security for the repayment of the Bonds are adequate (in excess of 100% coverage) to secure all future payments on the Bonds and all debt having a lien superior to that of the Bonds and

(ii) the Issuer has covenanted not to issue additional Bonds having a lien superior to the Bonds owned by the (Board/Committee) without the prior written consent of the (Board/Committee), and

(iii) requiring the Issuer to issue parity bonds would cause undue stress on the financial feasibility of the project.

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R990. Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development.
R990-10. Procedures in Case of Inability to Formulate Contract for Alleviation of Impact.
R990-10-1. Purpose.

A. The following procedures are promulgated and adopted by the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board ("Board") of the Department of Workforce Services of the State of Utah pursuant to Section 35A-8-306(4), UCA 1953 as amended.

B. In the event a project entity or a candidate ("Complainant") submits a request for determination to the Board under Section 11-13-306, UCA 1953 as amended, the Board shall hold a hearing on the questions presented. These proceedings shall be conducted informally, in accordance with the requirements of the Utah Administrative Procedure Act ("Act"), Section 63G-4-202(1), UCA 1953 as amended, unless the Board at its discretion converts the proceeding to a formal proceeding, in accordance with Section 63G-4-202(3) UCA 1953 as amended, if such action is deemed to be in the public interest and does not unfairly prejudice the rights of any party.

C. The only grounds available for relief are those set forth in Section 11-13-306, UCA 1953 as amended, or those reasonably inferred therefrom.

R990-10-2. Commencement of the Procedure Requesting a Determination.

A. Commencement of the procedure to request a determination from the Board shall be conducted in conformity with Section 63G-4-201(3).

1. A complainant requesting a determination from the Board must submit such a request:

a. In writing;

b. Signed by the person invoking the jurisdiction of the Board or by that person's representative; and

c. Including the following information:

1. The names and addresses of all parties to whom a copy of the request for a hearing is being sent;

2. The Board's file number or other reference number;

3. The name of the adjudicative proceeding, if known;

4. The date the request for the hearing was mailed;

5. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which action by the Board is requested;

6. A statement of relief sought from the Board; and

7. A statement of facts and reasons forming the basis for relief.

B. The Complainant shall file the request for a determination with the Board and at the same time, shall serve a copy of the request upon the party complained against (the "Respondent"). The Complainant shall also mail a copy of the request to each person known to have a direct interest in the request for a determination by the Board.

C. The Respondent shall serve a response within fifteen (15) days after the request is served upon the Respondent. The Respondent may admit, deny or explain the point of view of Respondent as to each allegation in the request. Not to respond to any allegation is to admit that allegation. The Respondent may pose a counteroffer to Complainant's request for relief. Any counteroffer must be supported by reasons. Requests and responses may be directed at multiple parties.

R990-10-3. Notification of Parties.

A. The Board shall promptly give notice by mail to all parties that the hearing will be held, stating the following:

1. The Board's file number or other reference number;

2. The name of the proceedings;

3. Designate that the proceeding is to be conducted informally according to the provisions or rules enacted under Section 63G-4-202 and Section 63G-4-202, UCA 1953 as amended, with citation to Section 63G-4-202 authorizing the designation;

4. State the time and place of the scheduled hearing, the purpose for which the hearing is to be held, and that a party who fails to attend or participate may be held in default; and

5. Give the name, title, mailing address and telephone number of the presiding officer for the hearing.

B. At any time twenty (20) or more days before the hearing begins, either party may serve upon the adverse party an offer to agree to specific terms and payments. If, within ten (10) days after the service of the offer, the adverse party serves written notice that the offer is accepted, either party may then file the offer and notice of acceptance, together with proof of service thereof, and the Board shall enter a corresponding order. An offer not accepted shall be deemed withdrawn and evidence concerning it is not admissible except in a proceeding to determine costs. If the order finally obtained from the offeree is not more favorable than the offer, the offeree shall pay the costs incurred after the making of the offer, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The fact that an offer is made but not accepted does not preclude a subsequent offer.

R990-10-4. Informal Hearing Procedures.

A. Within forty (40) days after receiving a request for determination, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the questions at issue.

B. The Board may appoint an administrative law judge to preside in its stead at the hearing and to hear such preliminary motions and manage such ancillary matters as the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

C. In the hearing, the parties named in the request for determination shall be permitted to testify, present evidence, comment on the issues and bring forth witnesses who may be examined and cross-examined. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time in the interest of a full and fair investigation of the facts and the law.

D. Discovery is prohibited, and the Board may not issue subpoenas or other discovery orders.

E. All parties shall have access to information contained in the Board's files and to all materials and information gathered by any investigation to the extent permitted by the law.

F. Any intervention is prohibited.

G. All hearings shall be open to all parties.

H. Within twenty (20) days after the close of the hearing, the Board or the administrative law judge shall issue a signed order in writing that states:

1. The decision;

2. The reasons for the decision;

3. A notice of any right for administrative or judicial review available to the parties; and

4. The time limits for filing a request for reconsideration or judicial review.

I. The order issued by the Board or by the administrative law judge shall be based on the facts appearing in the Board's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the hearing.

J. Any determination order issued by the Board or by the administrative law judge shall specify:

1. The direct impacts, if any, or methods determining the direct impacts to be covered; and

2. The amounts, or methods of computing the amounts, of the alleviation payments, if any, or the means to provide for impact alleviation, provisions assuring the timely completion of the facilities and the furnishing of the service, if any; and

3. Other pertinent matters.

K. A copy of the Board's or the administrative law judge's order shall be promptly sent to all parties.

L. All hearings shall be recorded at the Board's expense. Any party, at his own expense, may have a reporter approved by the Board prepare a transcript from the Board's record of the hearing.

R990-10-5. Formal Hearing Procedures.

A. At any time prior to issuance of the final order, the Board at its discretion may convert the informal adjudicative hearing into a formal adjudicative hearing, as allowed in Section 63G-4-202(3). The procedures to be followed in such a formal adjudicative hearing are given below.

B. The Board may appoint an administrative law judge to preside in its stead at the hearing and to hear such preliminary motions and manage such ancillary matters as the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

C. A party may be represented by an officer or the party or by legal counsel.

D. In the hearing, the parties named in the request for determination shall be permitted to testify, present evidence, comment on the issues and bring forth witnesses who may be examined and cross-examined. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time in the interest of a full and fair investigation of the facts and the law.

E. Utah Rules of Evidence shall be in effect; however,

1. Copies of original documents may be introduced into evidence unless objected to for reasons of illegibility or tampering.

2. Hearsay will be considered for its weight but will not be conclusive in and of itself as to any matter subject to proof.

F. Discovery in formal proceedings shall be limited. Because negotiation between the parties shall have been proceeding prior to a request for determination being submitted, the Board or the administrative law judge shall assume that discovery is complete when a request is submitted. However, upon motion and sufficient cause shown, the Board or the administrative law judge may extend the period of discovery.

G. All parties shall have access to information contained in the Board's files and to all materials and information gathered by any investigation to the extent permitted by the law.

H. The Board or the administrative law judge may give a person not a party to the proceeding the opportunity to present oral or written statements at the hearing.

I. All testimony presented at the hearing, if offered as evidence to be considered in reaching a decision on the merits, shall be given under oath.

J. All hearings shall be open to all parties.

K. Intervention into the formal hearing will be allowed on the following basis:

1. Any person not a party may file a signed, written petition to intervene in a formal adjudicative hearing with the Board. The person who wishes to intervene shall mail a copy of the petition to each party. The petition shall include:

a. The Board's file number or other reference number;

b. The name of the proceeding;

c. A statement of facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights or interests are substantially affected by the formal adjudicative hearing, or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and

d. A statement of the relief the petitioner seeks from the Board.

2. The Board or the administrative law judge shall grant a petition for intervention if it determines that:

a. The petitioner's legal interests may be substantially affected by the formal adjudicative hearing; and

b. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the adjudicative hearing will not be materially impaired by allowing the intervention.

3. Any order granting or denying a petition to intervene shall be in writing and sent by mail to the petitioner and each party.

4. An order permitting intervention may impose conditions on the intervenor's participation in the adjudicative hearing that are necessary for a just, orderly, and prompt conduct of that hearing. Such conditions may be imposed by the Board or the administrative law judge at any time after the intervention.

L. Within twenty (20) days after the close of the hearing, the Board or the administrative law judge shall issue a signed order in writing that states:

1. The decision based upon findings of fact and conclusions of law;

2. The reasons for the decision;

3. A notice of any right for administrative or judicial review available to the parties; and

4. The time limits for filing a request for reconsideration or judicial review.

M. The order issued by the Board or by the administrative law judge shall be based on the facts appearing in the Board's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the hearing.

N. Any determination order issued by the Board or by the administrative law judge shall specify:

1. The direct impacts, if any, or methods determining the direct impacts to be covered; and

2. The amounts, or methods of computing the amounts, of the alleviation payments, if any, or the means to provide for impact alleviation, provisions assuring the timely completion of the facilities and the furnishing of the service, if any; and

3. Other pertinent matters.

O. A copy of the Board's or the administrative law judge's order shall be promptly sent to all parties.

P. All hearings shall be recorded at the Board's expense. Any party, at his own expense, may have a reporter approved by the Board prepare a transcript from the Board's record of the hearing.

R990-10-6. Default.

A. The Board or the administrative law judge may enter an order of default against a party if that party fails to participate in the adjudicative proceedings.

B. The order shall include a statement of the grounds for default and shall be mailed to all parties.

C. A defaulted party may seek to have the Board set aside the default order according to procedures outlined in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

D. After issuing the order of default, the Board or the administrative law judge shall conduct any further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudicative proceeding without the participation of the party in default and shall determine all issues in the adjudicative proceeding, including those affecting the defaulted party.

R990-10-7. Reconsideration by the Board.

Within ten (10) days after the date that a final order is issued by the Board or the administrative law judge, any party may file a written request for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Section 63G-4-302, UCA 1953 as amended. Upon receipt of the request, the disposition by the Board of that written request shall be in accordance with Section 63G-4-302(3), UCA 1953 as amended. With the exception of reconsideration, all orders issued by the Board or the administrative law judge shall be final. There shall be no other review except for judicial review as provided below.

R990-10-8. Judicial Review.

An aggrieved party may also obtain judicial review of final orders issued by the Board or by the administrative law judge by filing a petition for judicial review of that order in compliance with the provisions and requirements of Section 63G-4-401 and Section 63G-4-402, UCA 1953 as amended.

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R990. Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development.
R990-11. Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
R990-11-1. Purpose and Authority.

This rule incorporates by reference 24 CFR 570 (1996) as authorized by Section 35A-8-202.

R990-11-2. State and Regional Funding Processes.

(1) CDBG funds are to be distributed based on regional prioritization of projects by utilizing a rating and ranking system developed and applied by the regional review committees (RRC). The role of each RRC is to receive, review and to prioritize the CDBG applications in its region.

(2) The RRC shall develop a rating and ranking system prior to the receipt of grant application. Upon completion of the rating and ranking process, each RRC shall present to the state a list of:

(a) all projects submitted to them for ranking,

(b) copies of ranking result sheets,

(c) the rationale for not ranking any submitted projects, and

(d) a summary of all final ranking results.

R990-11-3. Eligible Grant Applicants, National Objectives and Eligible Projects.

(1) Eligible applicants for the State CDBG Program are:

(a) incorporated cities and towns with populations of less than 50,000, except Clearfield and jurisdictions located in Salt Lake County;

(b) all of Utah's counties except Salt Lake County;

(c) units of local government recognized by the Secretary of The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

(2) National Objective Compliance Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.208.

(a) The national objective may be met in three possible ways:

(i) activities that benefit low and moderate income individuals, families and communities.

(ii) activities aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

(iii) activities that address urgent health and welfare needs.

(3) Inclusive Federal Compliance Requirements.

(a) applicants shall comply with all regulations in 24 CFR part 570 and all applicable federal and state regulations, laws and overlay statutes.

(b) additional federal overlay statutes and regulations may apply to the state program if directed by HUD and Congress.

(4) Eligible activities are those defined by Section 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

R990-11-4. Responsibilities of Grantee, Regions and State.

(1) Grantee Responsibilities

(a) Grantees are allowed to take up to 10% of the contract amount for administration purposes. Administrative cost must be broken out from the rest of the project costs when the application and contract budget are prepared.

(b) The formal contract with the state must include an environmental review, federal labor standards and civil rights.

(2) Regional Responsibilities.

(a) Prioritization - Each RRC shall rate and rank all applications based on a set of criteria available to the public for comment.

(b) Public participation - Each RRC is required to hold at least one public hearing yearly to assist applicants and obtain comments and suggestions regarding the CDBG process.

(c) Application completion - Each RRC has the responsibility to assure that applications are completed in full prior to submission to the state.

(d) Administrative Capacity - The RRC will assess the ability of each applicant to administer a CDBG grant.

(3) State Responsibilities.

(a) Public Participation - The state is required to hold at least one public hearing yearly to notify the public, explain the community development program and to receive comments.

(b) Review of Applications - Upon receipt of the CDBG prioritized applications from the regions, the state staff shall begin a review process.

(c) Timely Distribution of Funds - The state is required by HUD to ensure that CDBG funds are allocated and distributed in a timely manner.

(i) Application - Each applicant shall make their final application decision prior to submitting it to the RRC.

(A) Contracts will be sent out in April and Grantees will have until June 1, to sign and return all copies of the contract to the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) of the Department of Workforce Services.

(B) On a case by case basis, RRCs may allow a one month extension to grantees experiencing unavoidable delays. Grantees must notify their RRC prior to the deadline;

(C) Funds from all contracts not returned to HCD by July 1, will be returned to the appropriate RRC for reallocation;

(D) Any funds not reallocated by the RRC by August 1, will be returned to the State. The State will reallocate the funds to an approved project;

Grantees may not delay the processing of the current application based on the possibility of receiving an allocation in the following year.

(d) Five Percent Withholding - The state reserves the right to withhold five percent of the CDBG grant amount pending a satisfactory final programmatic financial monitoring review of all projects.

(e) Cost Overruns - The state may authorize the funding of project cost overruns requested by the RRC.

(f) Fund Leveraging - One of the state's roles in the CDBG funding process is to provide assistance to grantees in leveraging other available financial resources.

(g) Program Monitoring - During the course of each CDBG contract the state must monitor all grantees.

(h) Grant Close Out - A grant close out packet will be submitted to the state at the completion of each CDBG-funded activity.

R990-11-5. Threshold Requirements.

Minimum threshold requirements are those defined by Section 105(e) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and as stipulated in section 4 of the State CDBG Application Guide available from HCD.

(1) The determination of eligibility for recipients and activities shall be made by the RRC and State CDBG staff under state and federal criteria and regulations contained in 24 CFR part 500 and the State CDBG Application Guide available by contacting HCD at 140 E 300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

(2) Each grant application must clearly demonstrate that the project will meet one of the three National Objectives identified in R990-1-3.

(3) Each grant applicant must demonstrate consistency with the Consolidated Plan, available from HCD at 140 E 300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

(4) Each grant application may contain more than one activity addressing identified needs; however, these activities must be interrelated.

(5) All costs incorporated with the grant must be realistic given the nature and type of activities to be performed.

(6) Program income generated as a result of CDBG activities may be retained by the grantee when income is applied to continue the activity from which the income was derived, or when used for other community development projects eligible

under Section 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and after the preparation of a plan, approved by the state, specifying the proposed activity and stating the method that will be employed for its use.

R990-11-6. Length of Contract and Type of Grants.

(1) All grantees shall have 18 months depending upon contract execution, or until October 31, of the following year to complete their project.

(2) There are two types of grants: Single year and multi-year.

R990-11-7. Adjudicative Proceedings to Appeal Decisions of RRC.

(1) Classification of Actions. Adjudicative proceeding to appeal decisions of RRC by CDBG applicant agencies shall be conducted in accordance with section 63G-4-203.

(2) Commencement of Appeals Procedure. An applicant agency requesting an appeal hearing from HCD, shall submit a request:

(a) in writing;

(b) signed by the chief elected official; and

(c) include the following information:

(i) the names and addresses of all persons to whom a copy of the request for a hearing is being sent;

(ii) the RRC file number;

(iii) the name of the adjudicative proceeding;

(iv) the date the request for an appeals hearing was mailed;

(v) a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which CDBG action is requested;

(vi) a statement of relief sought from HCD; and

(vii) a statement of facts and reasons forming the basis for relief.

(d) The request for an appeals hearing must be submitted within ten days following the notice of decision by the RRC. At this point it shall be necessary for HCD to place a hold on processing any contracts from the region in which the dispute has occurred until the matter is settled.

(3) Notification of interested parties.

(a) The CDBG applicant agency that requests an appeals hearing shall file the request with the Director of HCD and shall send a copy by mail to each person known to have a direct interest in the requested hearing.

(b) The Director of HCD, or a hearing officer appointed by the Director of HCD, will within five working days after the appeals request, set the time and date for an appeals hearing. The Director of HCD or the hearing officer shall promptly give notice by mail to all parties, stating the following:

(i) HCD and RRC file number;

(ii) the name of the proceeding;

(iii) a statement indicating that the proceeding is to be conducted informally and according to the provisions of rules enacted under Sections 63G-4-203 authorizing informal proceedings.

(iv) the time and place of the scheduled appeals hearing, the purpose of the hearing, and that a party may be held in default if failing to attend or participate in the hearing.

(v) the name, title, mailing address and telephone number of the director of HCD or the hearing officer.

(vi) Hearing Procedures

(a) hearing shall be held only after notice to interested parties is given in conformance with R990-7-1C;

(b) no answer or other pleading responsive to the request for a hearing need be filed.

(c) the following issues shall be reviewed at the appeals hearing:

(i) whether reasonable and equitable criteria are established for reviewing CDBG applications by the RRC

(ii) whether the priority ranking process is fair to all applicants;

(iii) whether the criteria and process were applied equitably and consistently to all applicants.

(d) in the appeals hearing, the parties named in the request for a hearing shall be permitted to testify, present evidence, and comment on the issues.

(e) discovery is prohibited, and HCD may not issue subpoenas or other discovery orders.

(f) all parties shall have access to information contained in HCD's files and to all materials and information gathered by any investigation to the extent permitted by law.

(g) any intervention is prohibited.

(h) all hearings shall be open to all parties.

(i) within 21 days after the close of the hearing, the Director of HCD shall issue a signed order in writing that states:

(i) the decision;

(ii) the reason for the decision;

(iii) a notice of any right for administrative or judicial review available to the parties; and

(iv) the time limits for filing a request for reconsideration or judicial review.

(j) the Director of HCD's order shall be based on the facts appearing in HCD's files and on the facts presented in evidence at the appeals hearing.

(k) a copy of the Director of HCD's order shall be promptly mailed to the parties.

(l) all hearings shall be recorded at the expense of HCD. Any party, at his own expense, may have a reporter approved by HCD prepare a transcript from HCD's record of the hearing.

(5) Default

(a) the Director of HCD may enter an order of default against a party if a party fails to participate in the adjudicative proceeding.

(b) the order shall include a statement of the grounds of default and shall be mailed to all parties.

(c) a defaulted party may seek to have HCD set aside the default order according to procedures outlined in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(d) after issuing the order of default, the Director of HCD will conduct any further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudicative proceeding without the participation of the party in default and will determine all issues in the adjudicative proceeding, including those affecting the defaulted party.

(6) Reconsideration by HCD. Within ten days after the date that a final order is issued by the Director of HCD, any party may file a written request for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 63G-4-302. Upon receipt of the request, the disposition by the Director of HCD of that written request shall be in accordance with Section 63G-4-302. With the exception of reconsideration, all orders issued by the Director of HCD shall be final. There shall be no other review except for judicial review as provided below.

(7) Judicial Review. An aggrieved party may also obtain judicial review of final HCD orders by filing a petition for judicial review of that order in compliance with the provisions and requirements of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Sections 63G-4-401and 63G-4-402.

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R990. Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development.
R990-100. Community Services Block Grant Rules.
R990-100-1. Authority.

This rule is authorized under Section 35A-8-1004, U.C.A. 1953, which allows the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) to receive funds for and to administer federal aid programs.

R990-100-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this rule is to establish standards and procedures for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) authorized under the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Title XVII, Chapter 2, Sections 671 through 683), contracted to eligible entities (counties or combinations of counties and Community Action Programs) to provide a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on causes of poverty in the local communities.

R990-100-3. Eligible Grantees for CSBG Programs and Projects.

A. Utah shall distribute at least 90 percent of available funds as pass-through grants to eligible entities (hereinafter referred to as local grantees) for them to administer directly or, at their option, to sub-contract (hereinafter referred to as local sub-grantees) for the performance of eligible activities. Eligibility for the 5 percent discretionary funds will be established by the state plan each fiscal year.

B. Whenever a public grantee chooses to sub-contract all program operations to a private entity rather than administer them directly, the private entity must be a non-profit organization directed by a board whose composition complies with Section 675 (c)(3) of the Community Services Block Grant Act.

R990-100-4. Assurances Required by CSBG Act.

All grantees shall be required to submit a certification of assurances based on CSBG programmatic, administrative and financial requirements of the Act as outlined by Community Services Block Grant Program Directives prepared by the State Community Services Office (SCSO).

R990-100-5. Compliance.

Local grantees must maintain their eligibility to receive CSBG funds by being in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and contractual agreements. The state reserves the right to examine all aspects of CSBG funded activities to ensure that this is the case.

R990-100-6. Qualifications.

Local grantees must demonstrate that they have in place, or shall have in place prior to undertaking CSBG funded program activities, management systems adequate to ensure that CSBG funds shall be spent efficiently and effectively. When activities are sub-contracted, the local grantee must have in place a system and assume the responsibility for monitoring and evaluating sub-contracts. Files must be retained containing such monitoring and evaluation results. In no case shall the state provide funds to a grantee if available evidence suggests that the grantee cannot fulfill its obligations under the terms of the assurances required by the CSBG Act and the state plan for the use of CSBG funds.

R990-100-7. Program Participant Eligibility.

Income eligibility for program participation shall be based on the Office of Management and Budget official poverty guidelines as described in Section 673 of the CSBG Act.

R990-100-8. Funds Allocation.

A. CSBG funds shall be allocated on the basis of federal fiscal years beginning October 1 to local agencies by the following formula:

(1) All agencies selected for funding shall be awarded an equal, minimum base amount.

(2) The amount remaining after subtraction of the sum of the minimum base amount shall be allocated among the local grantees based on the census counts (or updates) of low-income residents and other related criteria such as long-term unemployment.

R990-100-9. Approval Process.

Criteria shall be used to review applications for CSBG funds and shall be distributed to eligible grantees as a SCSO Community Services Block Grant Program Directives. A panel will screen and give a numerical rating to every application submitted by an eligible grantee based on the criteria outlined. The Community Services Office will compile these ratings and will make a final determination as to proposals that will receive funding and as to the level of funding that will be provided. Proposals must score a minimum number of points to be considered eligible. Prospective CSBG grantees shall be notified of application status 60 days or less after the closing date of application submissions. Any application found to be incomplete or inadequate will be returned to the local grantee for appropriate changes. The Community Services Office will provide technical assistance to any eligible agency scoring below the minimum.

R990-100-10. Award Procedures.

The state shall enter into a contract with local grantees October 1 contingent upon Federal authorization and appropriation for CSBG. Once signed, this contract shall be binding on both parties.

R990-100-11. Fiscal Operations Procedures.

A. Each local grantee shall have an acceptable procedure describing functions of its fiscal office and including at a minimum:

(1) Purchasing procedure
(2) System of cash control
(3) Payroll system
(4) Internal and external reporting systems

B. Fiscal procedures shall be in compliance with applicable state and federal regulations and conform with generally accepted accounting procedures.

R990-100-12. Financial Reports and Reimbursements.

Financial reports (Form CSBG 611-D) are to be submitted on a monthly basis, no later than twenty (20) days following the end of each month. Local grantees shall receive reimbursement based on a monthly financial status report and certification of work program activities. All reports must have an authorized signature, i.e., the contract signatory or someone designated by the signatory, with a letter of designation filed with the state.

R990-100-13. Administrative Cost.

Administrative costs include allowable expenditures incurred to administer the CSBG through an indirect cost plan, approved by a cognizant Federal Agency or a cost allocation plan approved by the SCSO. Such costs should not exceed 10%.

R990-100-14. Travel and Per Diem.

Travel, per diem and allowances for staff and board members shall be determined by approved local agency guidelines which establish rates of reimbursement.

R990-100-15. Purchasing, Receiving and Accounts Payable.

A. Grantee agencies shall develop and have approved procedures for handling purchasing, receiving, and accounts payable. (In the absence of a local procedure, the state procedure shall be followed.) These procedures should include:

(1) Pre-numbered purchase orders and/or vouchers for all items of cost and expense.

(2) Procedures to insure procurement at competitive prices.

(3) Receiving reports to control the receipt of merchandise.

(4) Effective review following prescribed procedures for program coding, pricing and extending vendors' invoices.

(5) Invoices matched with purchase orders and receiving reports.

(6) The local grantee must have adequate controls, such as checklists for statement - closing procedures to insure that open invoices and uninvolved amounts for goods and services are properly accrued or recorded in the books or controlled through worksheet entries.

(7) Adequate segregation of duties in that different individuals are responsible for:

(a) Purchase;

(b) Receipt of merchandise or services; and

(c) Voucher approval

B. A list of anticipated equipment purchases must accompany the application for funding. Purchases over $1,000 must receive written state approval.

R990-100-16. Property and Equipment.

A. Each local grantee shall develop procedures for control of property and equipment. These procedures should include; but are not limited to:

(1) An effective system of authorization and approval of equipment purchase;

(2) Accounting practices for recording assets;

(3) Detailed records of individual assets which are maintained and periodically balanced with the general ledger accounts;

(4) Effective procedures for authorizing and accounting for equipment disposal; and

(5) Secure storage of property and equipment.

R990-100-17. Purchase or Improvement of Land or Buildings.

Funds shall not be used for purchase or improvement of land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than low-cost residential weatherization or other energy related home repairs) of any building or other facility except as this prohibition may be waived under conditions described in Section 680 (b) of the CSBG act.

R990-100-18. Personnel Policies.

A. Each local grantee shall maintain written personnel policies, available for review, which should include:

(1) Classification and pay plan;

(2) Policies governing selection and appointment;

(3) Conditions of employment and employee performance;

(4) Employee benefits;

(5) Employee-management relations including procedures for filing and handling grievances, complaints and rights of appeal;

(6) Personnel records and payroll procedures;

(7) Job description for all positions;

(8) Drug Free Work Place Policy.

R990-100-19. Civil Rights.

A. All CSBG funded programs shall comply with the nondiscrimination provisions contained in Section 677 of the Community Services Act.

B. Local grantees shall be required to have on file an affirmative action plan that describes what they will do to ensure that current and prospective employees and program participants are treated in a non-discriminatory manner. This plan shall also include a grievance procedure to deal with allegations of discrimination on the part of prospective and current staff members or program participants.

C. The provisions of this section shall apply to any and all grantees and sub-grantees, except where special conditions apply, i.e., Indians, migrants, or seasonal farm workers.

R990-100-20. Prohibition of Political Activities.

Each CSBG grantee shall be responsible for assuring adherence to political activity prohibitions contained in Sec. 675 (c) (7) of the CSBG Act. Monitoring of sub-grantees shall be required as a part of administrative responsibilities. A description of this process is to be available for state review during monitoring visits or upon request. Violations of the prohibitions are to be reported to the state CSO immediately along with reports of measures taken by the grantee to restore compliance.

R990-100-21. Audits and Inspection.

Each local grantee shall have performed by an independent certified public accounting firm an annual audit that conforms with the provisions and requirements of OMB Circular A-128, A-122 and A-133. The audit shall be due no later than one year following the end of the grantee's fiscal year.

R990-100-22. Suspension or Termination of Funds.

A. HCD may suspend funding to a local grantee if monitoring reports or independent audit reports indicate continuing, substantial non-compliance with contract requirements, accounting procedures, or fiscal control requirements. If problems identified are not corrected within a reasonable length of time, but not to exceed 60 days, HCD may terminate its contract with local grantee and make the remaining funds available to other eligible entities. Action to suspend or terminate funding will not be taken, however, unless timely and reasonable communication with the local grantee fails to produce corrective action to HCD's satisfaction. The local grantee shall not be relieved of liability to the state for funds expended for improper purpose or federal audit exceptions sustained by the state by virtue of any breach of the contract by the agency, and the state may withhold or recover any payments to the grantee for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damage due the state from the grantee is determined.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of the contract between the state and local grantee, delegation of funds and activities to others may not be made without prior approval of HCD, SCSO.

R990-100-23. Transfer of Funds.

Because of the limited funds anticipated to be made available, HCD shall not transfer any of the CSBG to eligible entities under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Head Start, or Low-income Home Energy Assistance, nor consider a grantee in compliance if such transfers are made locally.

R990-100-24. Amendments/Waivers.

A. Prior approval for budget changes is required in the following instances:

(1) The dollar amount of transfers among budget categories exceeds or is expected to exceed $10,000 or five percent of the grant budget, whichever is greater, for grants of $100,000 or larger.

(2) For grants under $100,000, approval is required if transfers exceed or are expected to exceed five percent of the grant budget.

(3) Limited flexibility in budget adjustments will be

allowed as follows (submit informational copies of adjusted CSBG forms to SCSO):

(a) Rebudgeted funds within the Personnel Services portion of their CSBG budget;

(b) Rebudgeted funds within the Supportive Services portion of their CSBG budget;

(c) On a one-time basis, allowable transfers from the Personnel Services budget to Supportive Services;

(d) On a one-time basis, allowable transfers from the Supportive Services budget to Personnel Services;

B. Program goals may be amended by submitting changes for approval on appropriate CSBG forms. At any point during the program year it appears that a goal may be achieved at less than 90%, a program and budget amendment must be submitted for approval.

C. Grantees may also request contract period end dates be extended for up to sixty (60) days in order to spend program or project carryover funds amounting to less than ten (10) percent, or an amount approved by the state, of the total contract amount.

R990-100-25. Project Monitoring and Evaluations.

A. Monitoring will be accomplished through review of the fiscal and progress reports and on-site. On-site visits shall automatically be initiated in response to a written complaint of financial or programmatic non-compliance.

B. Evaluation of CSBG funded programs shall be conducted either by the state or by the local CSBG grantees and shall be distinct from both compliance monitoring and the state's examination of CSBG grantees to ensure that they are eligible to receive CSBG funds and that they are in compliance with all CSBG related obligations. Monitoring will relate to grantee compliance with federal assurances and state requirements in program management and operation. Evaluation will involve an attempt to measure program performance project results, and to determine the impact a grantee's efforts have had on the causes of a problem being addressed and on the problem itself.

C. For the most part, CSBG evaluations will be a joint state/local effort, but the state does reserve the right to conduct evaluations of CSBG programs at any time for purposes it deems appropriate. In such cases, reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the concerns of any local grantee that is involved.

R990-100-26. Program Reporting Requirements.

Local grantees shall be required to maintain client profile sheets on individual clients, households or groups of clients, if appropriate. A compiled report of the number and characteristics of clients served, by category, shall be submitted to SCSO on the prescribed CSBG Form thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter of the program period. The program progress report is also due at the same time.

R990-100-27. Appeals Procedure.

A. Grantees identified in the state plan as eligible to receive funding from the Community Services Block Grant can use the following procedure to appeal decisions made by the State Community Services Office in regards to program and funding.

B. Any substantive decision of SCSO which a local grantee believes to be unfair or unreasonable and having a major adverse impact on the local program, may be appealed by the grantee. The appeal process is as follows:

(1) Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a SCSO decision that is believed to be unfair or unreasonable, the grantee believing itself to be aggrieved must submit a letter to the executive director of DWS or designee, approved and signed by its elected officials, setting forth:

(a) The decision that is being questioned;

(b) The date on which the grantee received notice of the decision;

(c) The rationale of the grantee for considering the decision to be substantial and unfair or unreasonable to the grantee;

(d) A request for a hearing, including a statement as to the desired outcome of such a hearing.

(2) Within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the grantee's request for a hearing, the executive director shall name a hearing officer, who shall schedule a hearing date no later than two (2) weeks after being so named and will notify the appellant grantee. The hearing officer will be independent of HCD.

(3) Prior to the scheduled hearing, the SCSO staff shall contact the Board of Directors of the appellant grantee:

(a) To obtain additional information pertinent to the issue;

(b) To clarify any misunderstanding of fact or policy;

(c) To explore possible alternatives that would eliminate the necessity for a hearing;

(d) To obtain a written withdrawal of the request for a hearing if the issue is resolved through negotiation.

(4) The hearing, should there be one, shall be conducted by the hearing officer. The appellant grantee may be represented by whomever it chooses at the hearing, but must notify HCD at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing who that person will be.

(5) The hearing officer shall review all testimony and evidence presented at the hearing and recommend a decision to the DWS Executive Director or designee. The DWS Executive Director or designee shall issue a written decision on the appeal within 10 working days after receipt of the hearing officer's recommendations.

(6) The decision resulting from the hearing shall be final. Any necessary hearings shall be held in Salt Lake City or at a site more convenient to the appellant agency, at the discretion of the Executive Director of DWS.

R990-100-28. Citizen Participation.

A. The state requires citizen participation and supports maximum participation of all interested persons and groups in the development and implementation of the CSBG programs at the state and local level, in advisory or administering capacity.

1. Tripartite boards are required for governing boards of private, non-profit organizations and for the administering/advisory boards of public agencies and shall conform to the requirements outlined in Sec. 675 (c) (3).

a. A minimum of one third of the board is to represent low income. A description of the democratic selection process for representatives of the poor is to be available for review.

b. One third of the members of the board are to be elected public officials, currently holding office, or their representatives, except if not enough public officials are willing or available, appointed public officials may serve. Minutes of meetings or letters of appointment must be on file for review.

c. The remainder of the members are to be officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education or other major groups in the community. A description of the process used for selection of private sector representatives is to be available for review. The description should include a process for interested private sector groups to petition for membership and how the petition will be considered.

B. As a part of the problem assessment portion of the planning phase (conducted every three years), each local agency shall conduct public forums for low-income residents of the areas. These forums are to allow a discussion and listing of problems as viewed by the low-income and their suggestions for solutions.

R990-100-29. Federal Program Regulations.

The CSBG is subject to regulations periodically published

in the Federal Register.

R990-100-30. Required Documentation and Forms.

The required application, budget and reporting forms shall be designated through SCSO Community Services Block Grant Program Directives.

R990-100-31. Application Process and Submission Timetable.

A. The grant application phase of CSBG for local grantees involves:

(1) A local poverty problem identification process developed under prescribed criteria outlined in a Community Services Block Grant Program Directives, problem analysis, resource analysis, service delivery system description, prioritization process and coordination policy process with appropriate documentation submitted to SCSO by May 15 every three (3) years, starting in 1998;

(2) The development of a work program for addressing problems identified and prioritized includes;

(a) Community review of draft work program;

(b) Approval of final plan by local boards or by local officials;

(c) Submission to state office by June 30 of each year.

(3) As part of the application package, the applicant must submit an administrative budget separate from the program operation budget.

R990-100-32. Budget Estimate.

By May 1, the state shall make available to eligible applicants, an estimate of funding amounts for each geographical area, based on the formula contained in the State Plan.

R990-100-33. Public Review and Comment.

A. After the work program has been prepared, but before Board approval, the applicant must provide ample opportunity for its' review by low-income residents, the community as a whole, and relevant community organizations and agencies. Notice of the availability of the application for citizen review and comment shall also be given by providing written notice to organizations and agencies, to the local media, and posting of notice in public places convenient to low-income residents. The grantee must submit all of the comments of persons and organizations choosing to respond with the application to the State Office of Community Services.

R990-100-34. Senate Bill 50 - Sales Tax Refund on Donated Food.

A. The State Community Services Office shall:

(1) Provide definitions for certification and de-certification of eligible agencies to receive the sales tax refund;

(2) Provide criteria for an organization to apply for recognition as a qualified emergency food agency;

(3) Provide procedures to be used in the certifying and de-certifying of agencies for Rules and Procedure infractions;

(4) Provide standards for determining and verifying the amount of the donated food;

(5) Certify organizations to receive the Sales Tax Refund to the State Tax Commission;

(6) Provide monitoring to insure certified agencies maintain required weighing capabilities and inventory records;

(7) Develop other procedures necessary to implement Senate Bill 50 in consultation with the State Tax Commission.

KEY: antipoverty programs, grants, community action programs, food sales tax refunds

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R990. Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development.
R990-101. Qualified Emergency Food Agencies Fund (QEFAF).
R990-101-1. Designation as a Qualified Emergency Food Fund Agency.

A. A qualified emergency food agency is an organization that is: a) exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; or b) an association of governments which, as part of its activities operates a program that has as the program's primary purpose to i) warehouse and distribute food to other agencies and organizations providing food and food ingredients to low-income persons; or ii) provide food and food ingredients directly to low-income persons. For initial designation, an organization shall file an application with the State Community Services Office (SCSO) and must be approved as a qualified emergency food agency before receiving distributions under Utah Code Section 9-4-1409. The application form and instructions are available on the SCSO Website at http://housing.utah.gov/scso/qefaf.html

B. After initial designation as a qualified emergency food agency, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization must maintain a current Charitable Solicitations Permit issued by the Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection per Utah Code Section 13-22-6 or be exempt under Utah Code Section 13-22-8. An association of governments must continue to operate a program which has, as the program's primary purpose to i) warehouse and distribute food to other agencies and organizations providing food and food ingredients to low-income persons; or ii) provide food and food ingredients directly to low-income persons.

C. All organizations shall submit a current Board Roster and contact information for the individual primarily responsible for maintaining the organization's financial records. This information should be submitted with the signed copies of the Memorandum of Understanding each year.

R990-101-2. Use of Funds.

Funds received from the Qualified Emergency Food Agency Fund must be expended by the Qualified Agency only for purposes related to: a) warehousing and distributing food and food ingredients to other agencies and organizations providing food and food ingredients to low-income persons; or b) providing food and food ingredients directly to low-income persons.

R990-101-3. Allowable Expenditures.

A. Warehousing - Expenditures directly related to receiving, sorting, weighing, handling, and storing of food and food ingredients, including direct staff costs for warehousing activities, scales, fork lifts, pallet jacks, shelving, refrigeration equipment, supplies for food storage, and space costs associated with the warehousing activity such as utilities, insurance, cleaning supplies, pest control, and minor repairs and maintenance.

B. Distributing - Expenditures directly related to packaging and transporting food and food ingredients to other agencies and organizations which provide food and food ingredients to qualified low-income individuals and households, including direct staff costs, transportation equipment costs such as refrigeration units, insurance on vehicles used exclusively to pick up and drop off food and food ingredients, fuel, licensing, repairs and maintenance.

C. Providing - Expenditures directly related to providing food and food ingredients directly to low-income individuals and households, including direct staff costs for client intake, case management, meal preparation and/or delivery of meals to home-bound clients or congregate meal sites; operational expenditures, including telephones, computer systems used to track client eligibility, food intake and distribution; staff and volunteer training costs such as food safety training; food handler's permits; and other direct costs which are reasonable and necessary.

D. Direct staff costs - is defined as salaries and wages, employer's payroll taxes, and fringe benefits for staff directly involved in collecting, transporting, receiving, weighing, sorting, handling, and packaging food and food ingredients; dispensing food and food ingredients directly to eligible clients; preparing, serving and/or delivering meals to eligible clients; and providing case management services directly to eligible food bank clients. Personnel costs for staff who also work in non-QEFAF supported activities must be supported by time and activity reports.

E. Food and food ingredients - reasonable and necessary purchases of food and food ingredients that are warehoused, distributed, and/or provided directly to eligible low-income individuals and households is allowable.

F. Administrative Expenditures - QEFAF funds expended for administrative costs shall not exceed 5% of the total distributions received under the QEFAF program for any fiscal year. Any QEFAF funds unexpended as of the end of Qualifying Agency's fiscal year should be clearly identified and treated as temporarily restricted funds.

R990-101-4. Non-Allowable Expenditures.

Expenditures that do not directly pertain to warehousing, distributing, or providing food and food ingredients to low-income persons, other than the maximum 5% administrative costs mentioned above, are not allowed. Specifically, expenditures associated with soliciting or promoting cash or food donations, recognizing donors and volunteers, and transportation costs other than picking up and delivering food and food ingredients are not allowed. Any other expenditure not specifically listed under the sections above not allowed.

R990-101-5. Submission of Claims.

A. Claims shall be submitted no more frequent than monthly. Claims must be submitted by the Qualified Agency online using the Web Grants system at the following website address: http://www.webgrants.community.utah.gov

B. Claims shall be based on the eligible pounds of food donated to Qualified Agency during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 valued at the rate of $0.12 per pound.

R990-101-6. Limited Funds Available.

Funds available under the Qualified Emergency Food Agency Fund are limited. In the event funds deposited into the Qualified Emergency Food Agency Fund are insufficient to meet the claims for distribution received, the State Community Services Office (SCSO) shall make distributions to Qualified Agencies in the order that SCSO receives the claims. The time submitted as recorded in the Web Grants system shall be used to determine the order in which claims are received by SCSO.

R990-101-7. Eligible Pounds.

Eligible pounds shall mean the aggregate number of pounds of food and food ingredients, as defined in Utah Code Section 59-12-102 that are a) donated to Qualified Agency on or after July 1, 2009; and b) for which Utah sales or use tax was paid by the person donating the food or food ingredients.

R990-101-8. Recordkeeping Requirements.

A. Qualified Agency agrees to maintain receipts and other original records for donations of food and food ingredients, including schedules and work papers supporting claims made under the Qualified Emergency Food Agency Fund program. Such records must be maintained for a period of three years

following the date of the last refund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

B. Qualified Agency agrees to maintain a financial management system that provides accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the receipt and disbursements of all QEFAF funds, including accounting records that are supported by source documentation sufficient to determine that QEFAF funds were expended only for purposes as stated in Utah Code 35A-8-1009 and the Use of Funds section above.

C. Qualified Agency agrees to maintain effective control and accountability for all QEFAF funds and all property, equipment, and other assets acquired with QEFAF funds. Qualified Agency agrees to adequately safeguard all such assets and assure they are used solely for authorized purposes. Such records must be maintained by Qualified Agency for a period of five years following the date of the last refund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

R990-101-9. Monitoring.

SCSO will monitor Qualified Agency's claims and may conduct one or more site visits to inspect records supporting the pounds of food and food ingredients claimed. SCSO may also review financial records to determine that distributions received are expended in accordance with Utah Code Section 35A-8-1009(8). Qualified Agency agrees to provide all information needed by SCSO in performing this monitoring responsibility and will make such records available, upon reasonable notice, for said monitoring.

R990-101-10. Overpayment Recoupment.

A. Amounts claimed by Qualified Agency under this agreement that are determined by audit to be ineligible for reimbursement because a) such claims were based on ineligible food or food ingredient donations; or b) lack of adequate documentation to support the total poundage of food or food ingredient donations claimed shall be immediately returned to the State.

B. Expenditures of QEFAF funds determined by audit to be unallowable because 1) funds were used for purposes not specified above under Use of Funds; or 2) expenditures not supported by adequate source documentation shall be a) immediately returned to the State; or b) properly segregated in the Qualified Agency's accounting records and identified as temporarily restricted until such time as those funds are used for the purposed specified under Use of Funds above.

R990-101-11. Training and Technical Assistance.

SCSO agrees to provide training and technical assistance to Qualified Agency in regards to accessing and submitting a claim online using the Web Grants system. Qualified Agency is responsible for ensuring that its staff receives such training and assistance.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-403. Claim for Benefits.
R994-403-101a. Filing a New Claim.

(1) A new claim for unemployment benefits is made by filing with the Department of Workforce Services Claims Center. A new claim can be filed by telephone, completing an application at the Department's web site, or as otherwise instructed by the Department.

(2) The effective date of a new claim for benefits is the Sunday of the week in which the claim is filed, provided the claimant did not work full-time during that week, or is not entitled to earnings equal to or in excess of the WBA for that week. A claim for benefits can only be made effective for a prior week if the claimant can establish good cause for late filing in accordance with R994-403-106a.

(3) When a claimant files a new claim during the last week of a quarter and has worked less than full-time for that week, the Department will make the claim effective that week if it is advantageous to the claimant, even if the claimant has earnings for that week that are equal to or in excess of the WBA.

(4) Wages used to establish eligibility for a claim cannot be used on a subsequent claim.

R994-403-102a. Cancellation of Claim.

(1) Once a weekly claim has been filed and the claimant has been deemed monetarily eligible, the claim is considered to have been established, even if no payment has been made or waiting week credit granted. The claim then remains established for 52 weeks during which time another regular claim may not be filed against the state of Utah unless the claim is canceled.

(2) A claim may be canceled if the claimant requests that the claim be canceled and one of the following circumstances can be shown:

(a) no weekly claims have been filed;

(b) cancellation is requested prior to the issuance of the monetary determination;

(c) the request is made within the same time period permitted for an appeal of the monetary determination and the claimant returns any benefits that have been paid;

(d) the claimant had earnings, severance, or vacation payments equal to or greater than the WBA applicable to all weeks for which claims were filed;

(e) the claimant meets the eligibility requirements for filing a new claim following a disqualification due to a strike in accordance with the requalifying provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4)(c);

(f) the claimant meets the requirements for cancellation established under the provisions for combined wage claims in R994-106-107; or

(g) the claimant has filed an unemployment compensation for ex-military (UCX) claim, and it is determined the claimant does not have wage credits under Title 5, chapter 85, U.S. Code.

(3) If a claimant is disqualified from the receipt of unemployment benefits because he or she was discharged for a crime in connection with work under R994-405-210, whether the claimant was deemed monetarily eligible or not, the claim will be established for 52 weeks and cannot be canceled even if the requirements of subsection (2) have been satisfied.

R994-403-103a. Reopening a Claim.

(1) A claim for benefits is considered "closed" when a claimant reports four consecutive weeks of earnings equal to or in excess of the WBA or does not file a weekly claim within 27 days from the last week filed. In those circumstances, the claimant must reopen the claim before benefits can be paid.

(2) A claimant may reopen the claim any time during the 52-week period after first filing by contacting the Claims Center. The effective date of the reopened claim will be the Sunday of the week in which the claimant requests reopening unless good cause is established for failure to request reopening during a prior week in accordance with R994-403-106a.

R994-403-104g. Using Unused Wages for a Subsequent Claim.

(1) A claimant may have sufficient wage credits to monetarily qualify for a subsequent claim without intervening employment.

(2) Before payment can be made on a subsequent claim using those unused wages, each of the following elements must be satisfied:

(a) the claimant must have performed work in covered employment after the effective date of the original claim, but not necessarily during the benefit year of the original claim;

(b) actual services must have been performed. Vacation, severance pay, or a bonus cannot be used to requalify;

(c) the claimant must have earnings from covered employment, as defined in R994-201-101(9), equal to at least six times the WBA of the original or subsequent claim, whichever is lower;

(d) the claimant must have actually received benefits during the preceding benefit year; and

(e) benefits will not be paid under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(g) from the effective date of the claim and continuing until the week the claimant provides proof of covered employment equal to at least six times the WBA.

R994-403-105a. Filing Weekly Claims.

(1) Claims must be filed on a weekly basis. For unemployment benefit purposes, the week begins at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday and ends at midnight on Saturday. The claimant is the only person who is authorized to file weekly claims. The responsibility for filing weekly claims cannot be delegated to another person.

(2) Each weekly claim should be filed as soon as possible after the Saturday week ending date. If the claim has not been closed, the Department will allow 20 days after the week ending date to file a timely claim. A weekly claim filed 21 or more calendar days after the week ending date will be denied unless good cause for late filing is established in accordance with R994-403-106a.

R994-403-106a. Good Cause for Late Filing.

(1) Claims must be filed timely to insure prompt, accurate payment of benefits. Untimely claims are susceptible to errors and deprive the Department of its responsibility to monitor eligibility. Benefits may be paid if it is determined that the claimant had good cause for not filing in a timely manner.

(2) The claimant has the burden to establish good cause by competent evidence. Good cause is limited to circumstances where it is shown that the reasons for the delay in filing were due to circumstances beyond the claimant's control or were compelling and reasonable. Some reasons for good cause for late filing may raise other eligibility issues. Some examples that may establish good cause for late filing are:

(a) a crisis of several days duration that interrupts the normal routine during the time the claim should be filed;

(b) hospitalization or incarceration; or

(c) coercion or intimidation exercised by the employer to prevent the prompt filing of a claim.

(3) The Department is the only acceptable source of information about unemployment benefits. Relying on inaccurate advice from friends, relatives, other claimants or similar sources does not constitute good cause.

(4) Good cause for late filing cannot extend beyond 65 weeks from the filing date of the initial claim.

R994-403-107b. Registration, Workshops, Deferrals - General Definition.

(1) A claimant must register for work with the Department, unless, at the discretion of the Department, registration is waived or deferred.

(2) The Department may require attendance at workshops designed to assist claimants in obtaining employment.

(3) Failure, without good cause, to comply with the requirements of Subsections (1) and (2) of this section may result in a denial of benefits. The claimant has the burden to establish good cause through competent evidence. Good cause is limited to circumstances where it is shown that the failure to comply was due to circumstances beyond the control of the claimant or which were compelling and reasonable. The proof of inability to register or report may raise an able or available issue.

(4) The denial of benefits begins with the week the claimant failed to comply and ends with the week the claimant contacts the Department and complies by either registering for work, reporting as required, or scheduling an appointment to attend the next available workshop or conference. The denial can be waived if the Department determines the claimant complied within a reasonable amount of time.

R994-403-108b. Deferral of Work Registration and Work Search.

(1) The Department may elect to defer the work registration and work search requirements. A claimant placed in a deferred status is not required to actively seek work but must meet all other availability requirements of the act. Deferrals are generally limited to the following circumstances:

(a) Labor Disputes.

A claimant who is unemployed due to a labor dispute may be deferred while an eligibility determination under Subsection 35A-4-405(4) is pending. If benefits are allowed, the claimant must register for work immediately.

(b) Union Attachment.

(i) A claimant who is a union member in good standing, is on the out-of-work list, or is otherwise eligible for a job referral by the union, and has earned at least half of his or her base period earnings through the union, may be eligible for a deferral. If a deferral is granted to a union member, it shall not be extended beyond the mid-point of the claim unless the claimant can demonstrate a reasonable expectation of obtaining employment through the union.

(ii) If the claimant is not in deferred status because the claimant did not earn at least 50 percent of his or her base period wage credits in employment as a union member, or the deferral has ended, the claimant must meet the requirements of an active, good faith work search by contacting employers in addition to contacts with the union. This work search is required even though unions may have regulations and rules which penalize members for making independent contacts to try to find work or for accepting nonunion employment.

(c) Employer Attachment.

A claimant who has an attachment to a prior employer and a date of recall to full-time employment within ten weeks of filing or reopening a claim may have the work registration requirement deferred to the expected date of recall. The deferral should not extend longer than ten weeks.

(d) Three Week Deferral.

A claimant who accepts a definite offer of full-time work to begin within three weeks, shall be deferred for that period.

(e) Seasonal.

A claimant may be deferred when, due to seasonal factors, work is not available in the claimant's primary base period occupation and other suitable work is not available in the area.

(f) Department approval.

If Department approval is granted under the elements of R994-403-202, the claimant will be placed in deferred status once the training begins and will not be required to register for work or to seek and accept work. The deferral also applies to break periods between successive terms as long as the break period is four weeks or less. A claimant must make a work search prior to the onset of training, even if the claimant has been advised that the training has been approved.

(2) Deferrals cannot be granted if prohibited by state or federal law for certain benefit programs.

R994-403-109b. Profiled Claimants.

(1) The Department will identify individuals who are likely to exhaust unemployment benefits through a profiling system and require that they participate in reemployment services. These services may include job search workshops, job placement services, counseling, testing, and assessment.

(2) In order to avoid disqualification for failure to participate in reemployment services, the claimant must show good cause for nonparticipation. Good cause for nonparticipation is established if the claimant can show:

(a) completion of equivalent services within the 12 month period immediately preceding the date the claimant is scheduled for reemployment services; or

(b) that the failure to participate was reasonable or beyond the claimant's control.

(3) Failure to participate in reemployment services without good cause will result in a denial of benefits beginning with the week the claimant refuses or fails to attend scheduled services and continuing until the week the claimant contacts the Employment Center to arrange participation in the required reemployment service.

(4) Some reasons for good cause for nonparticipation may raise other eligibility issues.

R994-403-110c. Able and Available - General Definition.

(1) The primary obligation of the claimant is to become reemployed. A claimant may meet all of the other eligibility criteria but, if the claimant cannot demonstrate ability, availability, and an active good faith effort to obtain work, benefits cannot be allowed.

(2) A claimant must be attached to the labor force, which means the claimant can have no encumbrances to the immediate acceptance of full-time work. The claimant must:

(a) be actively engaged in a good faith effort to obtain employment; and

(b) have the necessary means to become employed including tools, transportation, licenses, and childcare if necessary.

(3) The continued unemployment must be due to the lack of suitable job opportunities.

(4) The only exception to the requirement that a claimant actively seek work is if the Department has approved schooling under Section 35A-4-403(2) and the claimant meets the requirements of R994-403-107b.

(5) The only exception to the requirements that the claimant be able to work and actively seeking full-time work are that the claimant meets the requirements of R994-403-111c(6).

R994-403-111c. Able.

(1) The claimant must have no physical or mental health limitation which would preclude immediate acceptance of full-time work. A recent history of employment is one indication of a claimant's ability to work. If there has been a change in the claimant's physical or mental capacity since his or her last employment, there is a presumption of inability to work which the claimant must overcome by competent evidence. The claimant must show that there is a reasonable likelihood that jobs exist which the claimant is capable of performing before unemployment insurance benefits can be allowed. Pregnancy is treated the same as other physical limitations.

(2) For purposes of determining weekly eligibility for

benefits, it is presumed a claimant who is not able to work more than one-half the normal workweek will be considered not able to perform full-time work. The normal workweek means the normal workweek in the claimant's occupation. A claimant will be denied under this section for any week in which the claimant refuses suitable work due to an inability to work, regardless of the length of time the claimant is unable to work.

(a) Past Work History.

Benefits will not be denied solely on the basis of a physical or mental health limitation if the claimant earned base period wages while working with the limitation and is:

(i) willing to accept any work within his or her ability;

(ii) actively seeking work consistent with the limitation; and

(iii) otherwise eligible.

Under these circumstances, the unemployment is considered to be due to a lack of employment opportunities and not due to an inability to work.

(b) Medical Verification.

When an individual has a physical or mental health limitation, medical information from a competent health care provider is one form of evidence used to determine the claimant's ability to work. The provider's opinion is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the claimant's ability to work, however, the provider's opinion may be overcome by other competent evidence. The Department will determine if medical verification is required.

(3) Temporary Disability.

(a) Employer Attached.

A claimant is not eligible for benefits if the claimant is not able to work at his or her regular job due to a temporary disability and the employer has agreed to allow the claimant to return to the job when he or she is able to work. In this case, the claimant's unemployment is due to an inability to work rather than lack of available work. The claimant is not eligible for benefits even if there is other work the claimant is capable of performing with the disability. If a claimant is precluded from working due to Federal Aviation Administration regulations because of pregnancy, and the employer has agreed to allow the claimant to return to the job, the claimant is considered to be on a medical leave of absence and is not eligible for benefits.

(b) No Employer Attachment.

If the claimant has been separated from employment with no expectation of being allowed to return when he or she is again able to work, or the temporary disability occurred after becoming unemployed, benefits may be allowed even though the claimant cannot work in his or her regular occupation if the claimant can show there is work the claimant is capable of performing and for which the claimant reasonably could be hired. The claimant must also meet other eligibility requirements including making an active work search.

(4) Hospitalization.

A claimant is unable to work if hospitalized unless the hospitalization is on an out-patient basis or the claimant is in a rehabilitation center or care facility and there is independent verification that the claimant is not restricted from immediately working full-time. Immediately following hospitalization, a rebuttable presumption of physical inability continues to exist for the period of time needed for recuperation.

(5) Workers' Compensation.

(a) Compensation for Lost Wages.

A claimant is not eligible for unemployment benefits while receiving temporary total disability workers' compensation benefits.

(b) Subsequent Awards.

The Department may require that a claimant who is receiving permanent partial disability benefits from workers' compensation show that he or she is able and available for full-time work and can reasonably expect to obtain full-time work even with the disability.

(c) Workers' compensation disability payments are not reportable as wages.

(6) Physical or Mental Health Limitation.

(a) A claimant who is not able to work full-time due to a physical or mental health limitation, may be considered eligible under this rule if:

(i) the claimant's base period employment was limited to part-time because of the claimant's physical or mental health limitations;

(ii) the claimant's prior part-time work was substantial. Substantial is defined as at least 50 percent of the hours customarily worked in the claimant's occupation;

(iii) the claimant is able to work at least as many hours as he or she worked prior to becoming unemployed;

(iv) there is work available which the claimant is capable of performing; and

(v) the claimant is making an active work search.

(b) The Department may require that the claimant establish ability by competent evidence.

R994-403-112c. Available.

(1) General Requirement.

The claimant must be available for full-time work. Any restrictions on availability, such as lack of transportation, domestic problems, school attendance, military obligations, church or civic activities, whether self-imposed or beyond the control of the claimant, lessen the claimant's opportunities to obtain suitable full-time work.

(2) Activities Which Affect Availability.

It is not the intent of the act to subsidize activities which interfere with immediate reemployment. A claimant is not considered available for work if the claimant is involved in any activity which cannot be immediately abandoned or interrupted so that the claimant can seek and accept full-time work.

(a) Activities Which May Result in a Denial of Benefits.

For purposes of establishing weekly eligibility for benefits, a claimant who is engaged in an activity for more than half the normal workweek that would prevent the claimant from working, is presumed to be unavailable and therefore ineligible for benefits. The normal workweek means the normal workweek in the claimant's occupation. This presumption can be overcome by a showing that the activity did not preclude the immediate acceptance of full-time work, referrals to work, contacts from the Department, or an active search for work. When a claimant is away from his or her residence but has made arrangements to be contacted and can return quickly enough to respond to any opportunity for work, the presumption of unavailability may be overcome. The conclusion of unavailability can also be overcome in the following circumstances:

(i) Travel Which is Necessary to Seek Work.

(A) Benefits will not be denied if the claimant is required to travel to seek, apply for, or accept work within the United States or in a foreign country where the claimant has authorization to work and where there is a reciprocal agreement. The trip itself must be for the purpose of obtaining work. There is a rebuttable presumption that the claimant is not available for work when the trip is extended to accommodate the claimant's personal needs or interests, and the extension is for more than one-half of the workweek.

(B) Unemployment benefits cannot be paid to a claimant located in a foreign country unless the claimant has authorization to work there and there is a reciprocal agreement concerning the payment of unemployment benefits with that foreign country.

(C) Unemployment benefits are intended, in part, to stimulate the economy of Utah and the United States and thus are expected to be spent in this country. A claimant who travels

to a foreign country must report to the Department that he or she is out of the country, even if it is for a temporary purpose and regardless of whether the claimant intends to return to the United States if work becomes available. Failure to inform the Department will result in a fraud overpayment for the weeks benefits were paid while the claimant was in a foreign country. The claimant may be eligible if the travel is to Canada but must notify the Department of that travel. Canada is the only country with which Utah has a reciprocal agreement. If the claimant travels to, but is not eligible to work in, Canada and fails to notify the Department of the travel, it will result in a fraud overpayment for the weeks benefits were paid while the claimant was in Canada.

(ii) Definite Offer of Work or Recall.

If the claimant has accepted a definite offer of full-time employment or has a date of recall to begin within three weeks, the claimant does not have to demonstrate further availability except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this section and is not required to seek other work. Because the statute requires that a claimant be able to work, if a claimant is unable to work for more than one-half of any week due to illness or hospitalization, benefits will be denied.

(iii) Jury Duty or Court Attendance.

Jury duty or court attendance is a public duty required by law and a claimant will not be denied benefits if he or she is unavailable because of a lawfully issued summons to appear as a witness or to serve on a jury unless the claimant:

(A) is a party to the action;

(B) had employment which he or she was unable to continue or accept because of the court service; or

(C) refused or delayed an offer of suitable employment because of the court service.

The time spent in court service is not a personal service performed under a contract of hire and therefore is not considered employment.

(b) Activities Which Will Result in a Denial of Benefits.

(i) Refusal of Work.

When a claimant refuses any suitable work, the claimant is considered unavailable. Even though the claimant had valid reasons for not accepting the work, benefits will not be allowed for the week or weeks in which the work was available. Benefits are also denied when a claimant fails to be available for job referrals or a call to return to work under reasonable conditions consistent with a previously established work relationship. This includes referral attempts from a temporary employment service, a school district for substitute teaching, or any other employer for which work is "on-call."

(ii) Failure to Perform All Work During the Week of Separation.

(A) Benefits will be denied for the week in which separation from employment occurs if the claimant's unemployment was caused because the claimant was not able or available to do his or her work. In this circumstance, there is a presumption of continued inability or unavailability and an indefinite disqualification will be assessed until there is proof of a change in the conditions or circumstances.

(B) If the claimant was absent from work during the last week of employment and the claimant was not paid for the day or days of absence, benefits will be denied for that week. The claimant will be denied benefits under this section regardless of the length of the absence.

(3) Hours of Availability.

(a) Full-Time.

Except as provided in R994-403-111c(5), in order to meet the availability requirement, a claimant must be ready and willing to immediately accept full-time work. Full-time work generally means 40 hours a week but may vary due to customary practices in an occupation. If the claimant was last employed less than full-time, there is a rebuttable presumption that the claimant continues to be available for only part-time work.

(b) Other Than Normal Work Hours.

If the claimant worked other than normal work hours and the work schedule was adjusted to accommodate the claimant, the claimant cannot continue to limit his or her hours of availability even if the claimant was working 40 hours or more. The claimant must be available for full-time work during normal work hours as is customary for the industry.

(4) Type of Work and Wage Restrictions.

(a) The claimant must be available for work that is considered suitable based on the length of time he or she has been unemployed as provided in R994-405-306.

(b) Contract Obligation.

If a claimant is restricted due to a contractual obligation from competing with a former employer or accepting employment in the claimant's regular occupation, the claimant is not eligible for benefits unless the claimant can show that he or she:

(i) is actively seeking work outside the restrictions of the noncompete contract;

(ii) has the skills and/or training necessary to obtain that work; and

(iii) can reasonably expect to obtain that employment.

(5) Employer/Occupational Requirements.

If the claimant does not have the license or special equipment required for the type of work the claimant wants to obtain, the claimant cannot be considered available for work unless the claimant is actively seeking other types of work and has a reasonable expectation of obtaining that work.

(6) Temporary Availability.

When an individual is limited to temporary work because of anticipated military service, school attendance, travel, church service, relocation, a reasonable expectation of recall to a former employer for which the claimant is not in deferral status, or any other anticipated restriction on the claimant's future availability, availability is only established if the claimant is willing to accept and is actively seeking temporary work. The claimant must also show there is a realistic expectation that there is temporary work in the claimant's occupation, otherwise the claimant may be required to accept temporary work in another occupation. Evidence of a genuine desire to obtain temporary work may be shown by registration with and willingness to accept work with temporary employment services.

(7) Distance to Work.

(a) Customary Commuting Patterns.

A claimant must show reasonable access to public or private transportation, and a willingness to commute within customary commuting patterns for the occupation and community.

(b) Removal to a Locality of Limited Work Opportunities.

A claimant who moves from an area where there are substantial work opportunities to an area of limited work opportunities must demonstrate that the new locale has work for which the claimant is qualified and which the claimant is willing to perform. If the work is so limited in the new locale that there is little expectation the claimant will become reemployed, the continued unemployment is the result of the move and not the failure of the labor market to provide employment opportunities. In that case, the claimant is considered to have removed himself or herself from the labor market and is no longer eligible for benefits.

(8) School.

(a) A claimant attending school who has not been granted Department approval for a deferral must still meet all requirements of being able and available for work and be actively seeking work. Areas that need to be examined when making an eligibility determination with respect to a student include reviewing a claimant's work history while attending school, coupled with his or her efforts to secure full-time work.

If the hours of school attendance conflict with the claimant's established work schedule or with the customary work schedule for the occupation in which the claimant is seeking work, a rebuttable presumption is established that the claimant is not available for full-time work and benefits will generally be denied. An announced willingness on the part of a claimant to discontinue school attendance or change his or her school schedule, if necessary, to accept work must be weighed against the time already spent in school as well as the financial loss the claimant may incur if he or she were to withdraw.

(b) A presumption of unavailability may also be raised if a claimant moves, for the purpose of attending school, from an area with substantial labor market to a labor market with more limited opportunities. In order to overcome this presumption, the claimant must demonstrate there is full-time work available in the new area which the claimant could reasonably expect to obtain.

(9) Employment of Youth.

Title 34, Chapter 23 of the Utah Code imposes limitations on the number of hours youth under the age of 16 may work. The following limitations do not apply if the individual has received a high school diploma or is married. Claimants under the age of 16 who do not provide proof of meeting one of these exceptions are under the following limitations whether or not in student status because they have a legal obligation to attend school. Youth under the age of 16 may not work:

(a) during school hours except as authorized by the proper school authorities;

(b) before or after school in excess of 4 hours a day;

(c) before 5:00 a.m. or after 9:30 p.m. on days preceding school days;

(d) in excess of 8 hours in any 24-hour period; or

(e) more than 40 hours in any week.

(10) Domestic Obligations.

When a claimant has an obligation to care for children or other dependents, the claimant must show that arrangements for the care of those individuals have been made for all hours that are normally worked in the claimant's occupation and must show a good faith, active work search effort.

R994-403-113c. Work Search.

(1) General Requirements.

Unless the claimant qualifies for a work search deferral pursuant to R994-403-108b, a claimant must make an active, good faith effort to secure employment each and every week for which benefits are claimed. Efforts to find work must be judged by the standards of the occupation and the community.

(2) Active.

An active effort to look for work means that the claimant must make a minimum of four new job contacts each week unless the claimant is otherwise directed by the unemployment division. Those contacts should be made with employers that hire people in the claimant's occupation or occupations for which the claimant has work experience or would otherwise be qualified and willing to accept employment. If the claimant fails to make four new job contacts during the first week filed, involvement in job development activities that are likely to result in employment will be accepted as reasonable, active job search efforts.

(3) Good Faith.

Good faith efforts are defined as those methods which a reasonable person, anxious to return to work, would make if desirous of obtaining employment. A good faith effort extends beyond simply making a specific number of contacts to satisfy the Department requirement.

R994-403-114c. Claimant's Obligation to Prove Weekly Eligibility.

The claimant:

(1) has the burden of proving that he or she is able, available, and actively seeking full-time work:

(2) must report any information that might affect eligibility;

(3) must provide any information requested by the Department which is required to establish eligibility;

(4) must immediately notify the Department if the claimant is incarcerated; and

(5) must keep a detailed record of his or her weekly job contacts so that the Department can verify the contact at any time for an audit or eligibility review. A detailed record includes the following information:

(a) the date of the contact,

(b) the name of the employer or other identifying information such as a job reference number,

(c) employer contact information such as the employer's mailing address, phone number, email address, or website address, and name of the person contacted if available,

(d) details of the position for which the claimant applied,

(e) method of contact, and

(f) results of the contact.

R994-403-115c. Period of Ineligibility.

(1) Eligibility for benefits is established on a weekly basis. If the Department has determined that the claimant is not able or available for work, and it appears the circumstances will likely continue, an indefinite disqualification will be assessed, and the claimant must requalify by showing that he or she is able and available for work.

(2) If the Department has reason to believe a claimant has not made a good faith effort to seek work, or the Department is performing a routine audit of a claim, the Department can only require that the claimant provide proof of work search activities for the four weeks immediately preceding the Department's request. However, if the claimant admits he or she did not complete the work search activities required under this rule, the Department can disqualify a claimant for more than four weeks.

(3) The claimant will be disqualified for all weeks in which it is discovered that the claimant was not able or available to accept work without regard to the four-week limitation.

R994-403-116e. Eligibility Determinations: Obligation to Provide Information.

(1) The Department cannot make proper determinations regarding eligibility unless the claimant and the employer provide correct information in a timely manner. Claimants and employers therefore have a continuing obligation to provide any and all information and verification which may affect eligibility.

(2) Providing incomplete or incorrect information will be treated the same as a failure to provide information if the incorrect or insufficient information results in an improper decision with regard to the claimant's eligibility.

R994-403-117e. Claimant's Responsibility.

(1) The claimant must provide all of the following:

(a) his or her correct name, social security number, citizenship or alien status, address and date of birth;

(b) the correct business name and address for each base period employer and for each employer subsequent to the base period;

(c) information necessary to determine eligibility or continuing eligibility as requested on the initial claim form, or on any other Department form including work search information. This includes information requested through the use of an interactive voice response system or the Internet;

(d) the reasons for the job separation from base period and subsequent employers when filing a new claim, requalifying for a claim, or any time the claimant is separated from employment during the benefit year. The Department may require a

complete statement of the circumstances precipitating the separation; and

(e) any other information requested by the Department. This includes requests for documentary evidence, written statements, or oral requests. Claimants are required to return telephone calls when requested to do so by Department employees.

(2) Claimants are also required to report, at the time and place designated, for an in-person interview with a Department representative if so requested.

(3) By filing a claim for benefits, the claimant has given consent to the employer to release to the Department all information necessary to determine eligibility even if the information is confidential.

R994-403-118e. Disqualification Periods if a Claimant Fails to Provide Information.

(1) A claimant is not eligible for benefits if the Department does not have sufficient information to determine eligibility. Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, a claimant who fails to provide necessary information without good cause is disqualified from the receipt of unemployment benefits until the information is received by the Department.

(2) If insufficient or incorrect information is provided when the initial claim is filed, the disqualification will begin with the effective date of the claim.

(3) If a potentially disqualifying issue is identified as part of the weekly certification process and the claimant fails to provide the information requested by the Department, the disqualification will begin with the Sunday of the week for which eligibility could not be determined.

(4) If insufficient or incorrect information is provided as part of a review of payments already made, the disqualification will begin with the week in which the response to the Department's request for information is due.

(5) The disqualification will continue through the Saturday prior to the week in which the claimant provides the information.

(6) If the disqualification results from the claimant's failure to complete, sign, and return the Direct Deposit or Eppicard Authorization Form, the disqualification will be reversed once the completed and signed form is received by the Department. The claimant does not need to show good cause for his or her failure to provide the Direct Deposit or Eppicard Authorization Form in a timely manner.

R994-403-119e. Overpayments Resulting from a Failure to Provide Information.

(1) Any overpayment resulting from the claimant's failure to provide information, or based on incorrect information provided by the claimant, will be assessed as a fault overpayment in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-406(4) or as a fraud overpayment in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-405(5).

(2) Any overpayment resulting from the employer's failure to provide information will be assessed as a nonfault overpayment in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-406(5).

(3) If more than one party was at fault in the creation of an overpayment, the overpayment will be assessed as:

(a) a fraud or fault overpayment if the claimant was more at fault than the other parties; or

(b) a nonfault overpayment if the employer and/or the Department was more at fault, or if the parties were equally at fault.

R994-403-120e. Employer's Responsibility.

Employers must provide wage, employment, and separation information and complete all forms and reports as requested by the Department. The employer also must return telephone calls from Department employees in a timely manner and answer all questions regarding wages, employment, and separations.

R994-403-121e. Penalty for the Employer's Failure to Comply.

(1) A claimant has the right to have a claim for benefits resolved quickly and accurately. An employer's failure to provide information in a timely manner results in additional expense and unnecessary delay.

(2) If an employer fails to provide information in a timely manner without good cause, the ALJ will determine on appeal that the employer has relinquished its rights with regard to the affected claim and is no longer a party in interest. The employer's appeal will be dismissed and the employer is liable for benefits paid.

(3) The ALJ may, in his or her discretion, choose to exercise continuing jurisdiction with respect to the case and subpoena or call the employer and claimant as witnesses to determine the claimant's eligibility. If, after reaching the merits, the ALJ determines to reverse the initial decision and deny benefits, the employer is not eligible for relief of charges resulting from benefits overpaid to the claimant prior to the date of the ALJ's decision.

(4) In determining whether to exercise discretion and reach the merits, the ALJ may take into consideration:

(a) the flagrancy of the refusal or failure to provide complete and accurate information. An employer's refusal to provide information at the time of the initial Department determination on the grounds that it wants to wait and present its case before an ALJ, for instance, will be subject to the most severe penalty;

(b) whether or not the employer has failed to provide complete and accurate information in the past or on more than one case; and

(c) whether the employer is represented by counsel or a professional representative. Counsel and professional representatives are responsible for knowing Department rules and are therefore held to a higher standard.

R994-403-122e. Good Cause for Failure to Comply.

If the employer or claimant has good cause for failing to provide the information in the time frame requested, no disqualification or penalty will be assessed. Good cause, as it applies to this section of the rule, may be established if the claimant or employer:

(1) made reasonable attempts to provide the information within the time frame requested, or

(2) was prevented from complying due to circumstances which were compelling or beyond their control.

R994-403-123. Obligation of Department Employees.

Employees of the Department are obligated, regardless of when the information is discovered, to bring to the attention of the proper Department representatives any information that may affect a claimant's eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits or information affecting the employer's contributions.

R994-403-201. Department Approval for School Attendance - General Definition.

(1) Unemployment insurance is not intended to subsidize schooling. However, it is recognized that training may be a practical way to reduce chronic and persistent unemployment due to a lack of work skills, job obsolescence or foreign competition. Even though the claimant is granted Department approval, the claimant must still be able to work. With Department approval, a claimant meets the availability requirement based on his or her school attendance and successful performance. With the exception of very short-term training, Department approval is intended for classroom training

as opposed to on-the-job training. Department approval is to be used selectively and judiciously. It is not to be used as a substitute for selective placement, job development, on-the-job training, or other available programs.

(2) If a claimant is ineligible under 35A-4-403(1)(c) due to school attendance, Department approval will be considered.

(3) Department approval will be granted when required by state or federal law for specific training programs.

R994-403-202. Qualifying Elements for Approval of Training.

All of the following nine elements must be satisfied for a claimant to qualify for Department approval of training. Some of these elements will be waived or modified when required by state or federal law for specific training programs.

(1) The claimant's unemployment is chronic or persistent, or likely to be chronic or persistent, due to any one of the following three circumstances:

(a) A lack of basic work skills. A lack of basic work skills may not be established unless a claimant:

(i)(A) has a history of repeated unemployment attributable to lack of skills and has no recent history of employment earning a wage substantially above the federal minimum wage or

(B) qualifies for Department sponsored training because the claimant meets the eligibility requirements for public assistance;

(ii) has had no formal training in occupational skills;

(iii) does not have skills developed over an extended period of time by training or experience; and

(iv) does not have a marketable degree from an institution of higher learning; or

(b) a change in the marketability of the claimant's skills has resulted due to new technology, or major reductions within an industry; or

(c) inability to continue working in occupations using the claimant's skills due to a verifiable, permanent physical or emotional disability,

(2) a claimant must have a reasonable expectation for success as demonstrated by:

(a) an aptitude for and interest in the work the claimant is being trained to perform, or course of study the claimant is pursuing; and

(b) sufficient time and financial resources to complete the training.

(3) The training is provided by an institution approved by the Department.

(4) The training is not available except in school. For example, on-the-job training is not available to the claimant.

(5) The length of time required to complete the training should generally not extend beyond 18 months.

(6) The training should generally be vocationally oriented unless the claimant has no more than two terms, quarters, semesters, or similar periods of academic training necessary to obtain a degree.

(7) There is a reasonable expectation of employment following completion of the training. Reasonable expectation means the claimant will find a job using the skills and education acquired while in training pursuant to a fair and objective projection of job market conditions expected to exist at the time of completion of the training.

(8) A claimant did not leave work to attend school even if the employer required the training for advancement or as a condition of continuing employment.

(9) The schooling is full-time, as defined by the training facility.

R994-403-203. Extensions of Department Approval.

Initial approval shall be granted, for the school term beginning with the week in which the attendance began, or the effective date of the claim, whichever is later. The Department may extend the approval if the claimant establishes proof of:

(1) satisfactory attendance;

(2) passing grades;

(3) continuance of the same course of study and classes originally approved; and

(4) compliance with all other qualifying elements.

R994-403-204. Availability Requirements When Approval is Granted.

(1) The work search and registration requirements for a claimant who is granted Department approval are found in R994-403-108b(1)(f). Once the claimant is actually in training, benefits will not be denied when work is refused as satisfactory attendance and progress in school serves as a substitute for the availability requirements of the act.

(2) Absences from school will not necessarily result in a denial of benefits during those weeks the claimant can demonstrate he or she is making up any missed school work and is still making satisfactory progress in school. Satisfactory progress is defined as passing all classes with a grade level sufficient to qualify for graduation, licensing, or certification, as appropriate.

(3) A disqualification will be effective with the week the claimant knew or should have known he or she was not going to receive a passing grade in any of his or her classes or was otherwise not making satisfactory progress in school. It is the claimant's responsibility to immediately report any information that may indicate a failure to maintain satisfactory progress.

(4) The claimant must attend school full-time as defined by the educational institution. If a claimant discontinues school attendance, drops or changes any classes before the end of the term, Department approval may be terminated immediately. However, discontinuing a class that does not reduce the school credits below full-time status will not result in the termination of Department approval. Department approval may be reinstated during any week a claimant demonstrates, through appropriate verification, the claimant is again attending class regularly and making satisfactory progress.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, if the claimant was absent from school for more than one-half of the workweek due to illness or hospitalization, the claimant is considered to be unable to work and unemployment benefits will be denied for that week. A claimant has the responsibility to report any sickness, injury, or other circumstances that prevented him or her from attending school.

(6) A claimant is ineligible for Department approval if the claimant is retaking a class that was originally taken while receiving benefits under Department approval. However, if Department approval was denied during the time the course was originally in progress, approval may be reinstated to cover that portion of the course not previously subsidized if the claimant can demonstrate satisfactory progress.

R994-403-205. Short-Term Training.

Department approval may be granted even though a claimant has marketable skills and does not meet the requirements for Department approval as defined in R994-403-202 if the entire course of training is no longer than eight weeks and will enhance the claimant's employment prospects. A claimant will not be granted a waiver for training that is longer than eight weeks even if the claimant needs only eight weeks or less to complete the training. This is intended as a one-time approval per benefit year and may not be extended beyond eight weeks.

R994-403-301. Requirements for Special Benefits.

Some benefit programs, including Extended Benefits, have different availability and work search requirements. The rule

governing work search for Extended Benefits is R994-402. Other special programs are governed by the act or federal law.

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R994. Workforce Services, Unemployment Insurance.
R994-405. Ineligibility for Benefits.
R994-405-1. Determining the Reason for Separation.

When a job ends and a claim is filed, the Department must determine the reason for the separation. If there is more than one separation from the same employer, eligibility for benefits will be based on the reason for the last separation occurring prior to the date the claim is filed. However, an existing prior denial of benefits which resulted in a disqualification based on a prior separation from the same employer, will continue until the claimant has earned six times the weekly benefit amount on the claim in which the disqualification took place.) Charge decisions will also be made on the last separation as provided in rule R994-307-101(1)(a)(i). A separation decision will be made and may affect eligibility even if the employer is not covered by the Act except no separation decision will be made on noncovered self employment cases.

R994-405-2. Separations From a Temporary Help Company (THC).

THC is defined in R994-202-102. Because the THC is the employer, eligibility for benefits of employees of a THC and the THC's liability for claims will be based on the reason for separation from the THC and not the reason for the separation from the client company.

(1) If the claimant reports back to the THC within a reasonable period of time after the claimant's last assignment ends and no work is offered because no work is available, the separation is a reduction of force, regardless of the reason the claimant left the last assignment except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section. A reasonable period of time is generally considered to be whatever is stipulated in the employment contract between the claimant and the THC but must be at least two business days. The claimant must contact the THC prior to filing a claim for benefits with the Department for the separation to be considered a reduction of force.

(2) If a claimant is no longer able to perform the type of work previously performed for the THC and the THC agrees to send the claimant out on work he or she is able to do, it is considered a quit and the THC may be eligible for relief of charges.

(3) If the claimant fails to contact the THC for a new assignment within a reasonable period of time after the claimant's last assignment ends, the separation is a quit and not a reduction of force.

(4) If the claimant files a new claim or reopens an existing claim prior to contacting the THC for another assignment, the job separation is a quit, even if the claimant subsequently contacts the THC within a reasonable period of time.

(5) If the claimant contacts the THC for a new assignment within a reasonable period of time after the claimant's last assignment ends and the claimant refuses a new assignment, the job separation is a quit if the new assignment is similar to the previous assignments. The separation is a reduction of force and an offer of new work if the new assignment is substantially different from the previous assignments. The job duties, wages, hours, and conditions of the new assignment should be considered in determining the similarity of the new assignment.

(6) If the THC refuses to the send the claimant out on any new assignments it is a discharge. This includes instances where the claimant previously left an ongoing assignment or the client company prevented the claimant from completing an ongoing assignment.

R994-405-3. Professional Employer Organizations (PEO).

(1) PEO is defined in R994-202-106 and must be licensed pursuant to Sections 31A-40-301 through 306. PEOs are also known as employee leasing companies. PEOs are treated differently from a THC because the assignments are usually not of a temporary nature.

(2) When a client company contracts with a PEO, the PEO becomes the employer of the client company's employees. Because the client company is no longer the employer, a job separation has occurred. The job separation is a reduction of force and the client company is not eligible for relief of charges.

(3) When the contract between a PEO and a client company ends, a separation occurs. Regardless of the circumstances or which entity is the moving party, the affected employees are considered separated due to a reduction of force, and the PEO is not eligible for relief of charges. Any offers of work extended to affected employees subsequent to the termination of the contract shall be considered offers of new work and shall be adjudicated in accordance with 35A-4-405(3) and R994-405-301 et seq.

(4) If the contract between the client company and the PEO remains in effect and the claimant's assignment with the client company ends, the PEO, or the client company acting on the PEO's behalf, must provide written notice to the claimant instructing the claimant to contact the PEO within a reasonable time for a new assignment. A reasonable time to contact the PEO is generally considered to be two working days after the assignment ends. The written notice must be provided to the claimant when the assignment ends and must be provided even if the PEO has a contract with the claimant requiring the claimant to contact the PEO when an assignment ends.

(5) If the PEO or client company does not provide written notice as referenced in paragraph (4) of this section, unemployment benefits will be determined based on the reason the assignment with the client company ended.

(6) If the PEO provides the notice referenced in paragraph (4) of this section and the claimant contacts the PEO as instructed and:

(a) refuses a new work assignment that is similar to the claimant's previous assignments with the PEO, the job separation is a quit. The duties, wages, hours, and conditions of the new assignment will be considered in determining if the new assignment is similar to the previous assignments.

(b) refuses a new work assignment that is substantially different from the claimant's previous assignments, the job separation is a layoff and an offer of new work.

(c) the PEO has no new assignments, the job separation is a layoff.

(7) If the PEO does not intend to offer the claimant another assignment the PEO should not provide the written notice referenced in paragraph (4) of this section at the time of separation. If no notice is provided, the separation will be determined based on the reason for the separation from the client company.

(8) If the claimant does not contact the PEO after receiving notice given pursuant to paragraph (4) of this section, the job separation is a quit.

R994-405-101. Voluntary Leaving (Quit) - General Information.

(1) A separation is considered voluntary if the claimant was the moving party in ending the employment relationship. A voluntary separation includes leaving existing work, or failing to return to work after:

(a) an employer attached layoff which meets the requirements for a deferral under R994-403-108b(1)(c),

(b) a suspension, or

(c) a period of absence initiated by the claimant.

(2) Failing to renew an employment contract may also constitute a voluntary separation.

(3) Two standards must be applied in voluntary separation cases: good cause and equity and good conscience. If good cause is not established, the claimant's eligibility must be considered under the equity and good conscience standard.

R994-405-102. Good Cause.

To establish good cause, a claimant must show that continuing the employment would have caused an adverse effect which the claimant could not control or prevent. The claimant must show that an immediate severance of the employment relationship was necessary. Good cause is also established if a claimant left work which is shown to have been illegal or to have been unsuitable new work.

(1) Adverse Effect on the Claimant.

(a) Hardship.

The separation must have been motivated by circumstances that made the continuance of the employment a hardship or matter of concern, sufficiently adverse to a reasonable person so as to outweigh the benefits of remaining employed. There must have been actual or potential physical, mental, economic, personal or professional harm caused or aggravated by the employment. The claimant's decision to quit must be measured against the actions of an average individual, not one who is unusually sensitive.

(b) Ability to Control or Prevent.

Even though there is evidence of an adverse effect on the claimant, good cause will not be found if the claimant:

(i) reasonably could have continued working while looking for other employment,

(ii) had reasonable alternatives that would have made it possible to preserve the job like using approved leave, transferring, or making adjustments to personal circumstances, or,

(iii) did not give the employer notice of the circumstances causing the hardship thereby depriving the employer of an opportunity to make changes that would eliminate the need to quit. An employee with grievances must have made a good faith effort to work out the differences with the employer before quitting unless those efforts would have been futile.

(2) Illegal.

Good cause is established if the claimant was required by the employer to violate state or federal law or if the claimant's legal rights were violated, provided the employer was aware of the violation and refused to comply with the law.

(3) Unsuitable New Work.

Good cause may also be established if a claimant left new work which, after a short trial period, was unsuitable consistent with the requirements of the suitable work test in Section R994-405-306. The fact the claimant accepted a job does not necessarily make the job suitable. The longer a job is held, the more it tends to negate the argument that the job was unsuitable. After a reasonable period of time a contention the quit was motivated by unsuitability of the job is generally no longer persuasive. The Department has an affirmative duty to determine whether the employment was suitable, even if the claimant does not raise suitability as an issue.

R994-405-103. Equity and Good Conscience.

(1) If the good cause standard has not been met, the equity and good conscience standard must be considered in all cases except those involving a quit to accompany, follow, or join a spouse as provided in R994-405-104. If there are mitigating circumstances, and a denial of benefits would be unreasonably harsh or an affront to fairness, benefits may be allowed under the provisions of the equity and good conscience standard if the claimant:

(a) acted reasonably.

The claimant acted reasonably if the decision to quit was logical, sensible, or practical. There must be evidence of circumstances which, although not sufficiently compelling to establish good cause, would have motivated a reasonable person to take similar action, and,

(b) demonstrated a continuing attachment to the labor market.

A continuing attachment to the labor market is established if the claimant took positive actions which could have resulted in employment during the first week subsequent to the separation and each week thereafter. An active work search, as provided in R994-403-113c, should have commenced immediately after the separation whether or not the claimant received specific work search instructions from the Department. Failure to show an immediate attachment to the labor market may not be disqualifying if it was not practical for the claimant to seek work. Some circumstances that may interfere with an immediate work search include illness, hospitalization, incarceration, or other circumstances beyond the control of the claimant provided a work search commenced as soon as practical.

R994-405-104. Quit to Accompany, Follow or Join a Spouse.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) if a claimant quit work to join, accompany, or follow a spouse or significant other to a new locality, good cause is not established. Furthermore, the equity and good conscience standard is not to be applied in this circumstance. It is the intent of this provision to deny benefits even though a claimant may have faced extremely compelling circumstances including the cost of maintaining two households and the desire to keep the family intact. If the claimant's employment is contingent on the spouse's military assignment and the spouse is reassigned, the separation will be considered a discharge.

(2) Quitting to get married is also disqualifying as provided in R994-405-107(7)(a).

(3)(a) A claimant who quits to accompany or follow his or her spouse to a new locality can establish good cause for quitting if the claimant can show all of the following:

(i) the claimant's spouse is a member of the United States armed forces and has been relocated by a full time assignment scheduled to last at least 180 days while on active duty as defined in 10 U.S.C. Sec. 101(d)(1) or active guard or reserve duty as defined in 10 U.S.C. Sec. 101(d)(6),

(ii) it is impractical for the claimant to commute to the previous work from the new locality, and

(iii) the claimant otherwise meets and follows the eligibility and reporting requirements including R994-403-112c(2)(a)(i).

(b) A claimant who is eligible under this subsection will be denied benefits for the limited period of time the claimant could have continued working up to 15 days before the scheduled start date of the spouse's active duty assignment as it is considered to be a failure to accept all available work as required under subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c).

(c) This subsection only applies to claims filed or reopened on or after May 6, 2012.

R994-405-105. Burden of Proof in a Quit.

The claimant was the moving party in a voluntary separation, and is the best source of information with respect to the reasons for the quit. The claimant has the burden to establish that the elements of good cause or of equity and good conscience have been met. The failure of the claimant to provide information will not necessarily result in a ruling favorable to the employer. If the claimant quit unsuitable new work, the burden of proof as described in R994-405-308 applies.

R994-405-106. Quit or Discharge.

(1) Refusal to Follow Instructions.

If the claimant refused or failed to follow reasonable requests or instructions, and knew the loss of employment would result, the separation is a quit.

(2) Leaving Prior to Effective Date of Termination.

(a) If a claimant leaves work prior to the date of an

impending reduction of force, the separation is a quit. Notice of an impending layoff does not establish good cause for leaving work. However, the duration of available work may be a factor in considering whether a denial of benefits would be contrary to equity and good conscience. If the claimant is not disqualified for quitting benefits will be denied for the limited period of time the claimant could have continued working, as there was a failure to accept all available work as required under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c).

(b) If the claimant quit to avoid a disqualifying discharge the separation will be adjudicated as a discharge.

(3) Leaving Work Because of a Disciplinary Action.

If the disciplinary action or suspension was reasonable, leaving work rather than submitting to the discipline, or failing to return to work at the end of the suspension period, is considered a quit unless the claimant was previously disqualified as a result of the suspension.

(4) Leave of Absence.

If a claimant takes a leave of absence for any reason and files a claim while on such leave from the employer, the claimant will be considered unemployed and the separation is adjudicated as a quit, even though there still may be an attachment to the employer. If a claimant fails to return to work at the end of the leave of absence, the separation is a quit.

(5) Leaving Due to a Remark or Action of the Employer or a Coworker.

If a claimant hears rumors or other information suggesting he or she is to be laid off or discharged, the claimant has the responsibility to confirm, prior to leaving, that the employer intended to end the employment relationship. The claimant also has a responsibility to continue working until the date of an announced discharge. If the claimant failed to do so and if the employer did not intend to discharge or lay off the claimant, the separation is a quit.

(6) Resignation Intended.

(a) Quit.

If a claimant gives notice of his or her intent to leave at a future date and is paid regular wages through the announced resignation date, the separation is a quit even if the claimant was relieved of work responsibilities prior to the effective date of the resignation. A separation is also a quit if a claimant announces an intent to quit but agrees to continue working for an indefinite period as determined by the employer, even though the date of separation was determined by the employer. If a claimant resigns but later decides to stay and attempts to remain employed, the reasonableness of the employer's refusal to continue the employment is the primary factor in determining if the claimant quit or was discharged. For example, if the employer had already hired a replacement, or taken other action because of the claimant's impending quit, it may not be practical for the employer to allow the claimant to rescind the resignation, and the separation is a quit.

(b) Discharge.

If a claimant submitted a resignation to be effective at a definite future date, but was relieved of work responsibilities and was not paid regular wages through the balance of the notice period, the separation is considered a discharge as the employer was the moving party in determining the final date of employment. Merely assigning vacation pay not previously assigned to the notice period does not make the separation a quit.

(7) If an employer tells a claimant it intends to discharge the claimant but allows the claimant to stay at work until he or she finds another job and the claimant decides to leave before finding another job, the separation is a quit. Good cause may be established if it would be unreasonable to require a claimant to remain employed after the employer has expressed its intent to discharge him or her.

R994-405-107. Examples of Reasons for Quitting.

(1) Prospects of Other Work.

Good cause is established if, at the time of separation, the claimant had a definite and immediate assurance of another job or self-employment that was reasonably expected to be full-time and permanent. However, if the new work is later determined to have been unsuitable and it is apparent the claimant knew, or should have known, about the unsuitability of the new work, but quit the first job and subsequently quit the new job, a disqualification will be assessed from the time the claimant quit the first job unless the claimant has purged the disqualification through earnings received while on the new job.

If, after giving notice but prior to leaving the first job, the claimant learns the new job will not be available when promised, permanent, full-time, or suitable, good cause may be established if the claimant immediately attempted to rescind the notice, unless such an attempt would have been futile.

(a) A definite assurance of another job means the claimant has been in contact with someone with the authority to hire, has been given a definite date to begin working and has been informed of the employment conditions.

(b) An immediate assurance of work generally means the prospective job will begin within two weeks from the last day the claimant was scheduled to work on the former job. Benefits will be denied for failure to accept all available work from the prior employer under the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c) if the claimant files during the period between the two jobs.

(2) Reduction of Hours.

The reduction of an employee's working hours generally does not establish good cause for leaving a job. However, in some cases, a reduction of hours may result in personal or financial hardship so severe the circumstances justify leaving.

(3) Personal Circumstances.

There may be personal circumstances that are sufficiently compelling or create sufficient hardship to establish good cause for leaving work, provided the claimant made a reasonable attempt to make adjustments or find alternatives prior to quitting.

(4) Leaving to Attend School.

Although leaving work to attend school may be a logical decision from the standpoint of personal advancement, it is not compelling or reasonable, within the meaning of the Act.

(5) Religious Beliefs.

To support an award of benefits following a voluntary separation due to religious beliefs, the work must conflict with a sincerely held religious or moral conviction. If a claimant was not required to violate such religious beliefs, quitting is not compelling or reasonable within the meaning of the Act. A change in the job requirements, such as requiring an employee to work on the employee's day of religious observance when such work was not agreed upon as a condition of hire, may establish good cause for leaving a job if the employer is unwilling to make adjustments.

(6) Transportation.

If a claimant quits a job due to a lack of transportation, good cause may be established if the claimant has no other reasonable transportation options available. However, an availability issue may be raised in such a circumstance. If a move resulted in an increased distance to work beyond normal commuting patterns, the reason for the move, not the distance to the work, is the primary factor to consider when adjudicating the separation.

(7) Marriage.

(a) Marriage is not considered a compelling or reasonable circumstance, within the meaning of the Act, for quitting employment. Therefore, if the claimant quit to get married, benefits will be denied even if the new residence is beyond a reasonable commuting distance from the claimant's former place

of employment.

(b) If the employer has a rule requiring the separation of an employee who marries a coworker, the separation is a discharge even if the employer allowed the couple to decide who would leave.

(8) Health or Physical Condition.

(a) Although it is not essential for the claimant to have been advised by a physician to quit, a contention that health problems required the separation must be supported by competent evidence. Even if the work caused or aggravated a health problem, if there were alternatives, such as treatment, medication, or altered working conditions to alleviate the problem, good cause for quitting is not established.

(b) If the risk to the health or safety of the claimant was shared by all those employed in the particular occupation, it must be shown the claimant was affected to a greater extent than other workers. Absent such evidence, quitting was not reasonable.

(9) Retirement and Pension.

Voluntarily leaving work solely to accept retirement benefits is not a compelling reason for quitting, within the meaning of the Act. Although it may have been reasonable for a claimant to take advantage of a retirement benefit, payment of unemployment benefits in this circumstance is not consistent with the intent of the Unemployment Insurance program, and a denial of benefits is not contrary to equity and good conscience.

(10) Sexual Harassment.

(a) A claimant may have good cause for leaving if the quit was due to discriminatory and unlawful sexual harassment, provided the employer was given a chance to take necessary action to stop the objectionable conduct. If it would have been futile to complain, as when the owner or top manager of the employer company is causing the harassment, the requirement that the employer be given an opportunity to stop the conduct is not necessary. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the United States Code and the Utah Anti-Discrimination Act.

(b) "Sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

(i) submission to the conduct is either an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment, or

(ii) submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for an employment decision affecting the person, or

(iii) the conduct has a purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a person's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

(c) Inappropriate behavior which has sexual connotation but does not meet the test of sexual discrimination is insufficient to establish good cause for leaving work.

(11) Discrimination.

A claimant may have good cause for leaving if the quit was due to prohibited discrimination, provided the employer was given a chance to take necessary action to stop the objectionable conduct. If it would have been futile to complain, as when the owner or top manager of the employer company is the cause of the discrimination, the requirement that the employer be given an opportunity to stop the conduct is not necessary. It is a violation of federal law to discriminate against employees regarding compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin; or to limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect their employment status because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

(12) Voluntary Acceptance of Layoff.

If the employer wishes to reduce its workforce and gives the employees the option to volunteer for the layoff, those who do volunteer are separated due to reduction of force regardless of incentives.

R994-405-108. Effective Date of Disqualification and Period of Disqualification.

A disqualification based on a job separation begins the Sunday of the week in which the job separation took place. If the claimant did not file for benefits the week of the separation, the disqualification begins with the effective date of the new or reopened claim. The disqualification ends when the claimant earns requalifying wages equal to six times his or her WBA in bona fide covered employment as defined in R994-201-101(9). The WBA used to determine requalifying wages under this section is the WBA of the original claim. A disqualification that begins in one benefit year will continue into a new benefit year unless the claimant has earned requalifying wages. Severance or vacation pay cannot be used as requalifying wages.

R994-405-109. Proximate Cause in a Quit.

The claimant must show a relationship between the reason or reasons for quitting both as to cause and time. If the claimant did not quit immediately after becoming aware of the adverse conditions which led to the decision to quit, a presumption arises that the claimant quit for other reasons. The presumption may be overcome by showing the delay was due to the claimant's reasonable attempts to cure the problem.

R994-405-201. Discharge - General Definition.

A separation is a discharge if the employer was the moving party in determining the date the employment ended. Benefits will be denied if the claimant was discharged for just cause or for an act or omission in connection with employment, not constituting a crime, which was deliberate, willful, or wanton and adverse to the employer's rightful interest. However, not every legitimate cause for discharge justifies a denial of benefits. A just cause discharge must include some fault on the part of the claimant. A reduction of force is considered a discharge without just cause.

R994-405-202. Just Cause.

To establish just cause for a discharge, each of the following three elements must be satisfied:

(1) Culpability.

The conduct causing the discharge must be so serious that continuing the employment relationship would jeopardize the employer's rightful interest. If the conduct was an isolated incident of poor judgment and there was no expectation it would be continued or repeated, potential harm may not be shown. The claimant's prior work record is an important factor in determining whether the conduct was an isolated incident or a good faith error in judgment. An employer might not be able to demonstrate that a single violation, even though harmful, would be repeated by a long-term employee with an established pattern of complying with the employer's rules. In this instance, depending on the seriousness of the conduct, it may not be necessary for the employer to discharge the claimant to avoid future harm.

(2) Knowledge.

The claimant must have had knowledge of the conduct the employer expected. There does not need to be evidence of a deliberate intent to harm the employer; however, it must be shown the claimant should have been able to anticipate the negative effect of the conduct. Generally, knowledge may not be established unless the employer gave a clear explanation of the expected behavior or had a written policy, except in the case of a violation of a universal standard of conduct. A specific warning is one way to show the claimant had knowledge of the expected conduct. After a warning the claimant should have been given an opportunity to correct the objectionable conduct.

If the employer had a progressive disciplinary procedure in place at the time of the separation, it generally must have been followed for knowledge to be established, except in the case of very severe infractions, including criminal actions.

(3) Control.

(a) The conduct causing the discharge must have been within the claimant's control. Isolated instances of carelessness or good faith errors in judgment are not sufficient to establish just cause for discharge. However, continued inefficiency, repeated carelessness or evidence of a lack of care expected of a reasonable person in a similar circumstance may satisfy the element of control if the claimant had the ability to perform satisfactorily.

(b) The Department recognizes that in order to maintain efficiency it may be necessary to discharge workers who do not meet performance standards. While such a circumstance may provide a basis for discharge, this does not mean benefits will be denied. To satisfy the element of control in cases involving a discharge due to unsatisfactory work performance, it must be shown the claimant had the ability to perform the job duties in a satisfactory manner. In general, if the claimant made a good faith effort to meet the job requirements but failed to do so due to a lack of skill or ability and a discharge results, just cause is not established.

R994-405-203. Burden of Proof in a Discharge.

In a discharge, the employer initiates the separation and therefore has the burden to prove there was just cause for discharging the claimant. The failure of the employer to provide information will not necessarily result in a ruling favorable to the claimant. Interested parties have the right to rebut information contrary to their interests.

R994-405-204. Quit or Discharge.

The circumstances of the separation as found by the Department determine whether it was a quit or discharge. The conclusions on the employer's records, the separation notice, or the claimant's report are not controlling.

(1) Discharge Before Effective Date of Resignation.

(a) Discharge.

If a claimant notifies the employer of an intent to leave work on a definite date, and the employer ends the employment relationship prior to that date, the separation is a discharge unless the claimant is paid through the resignation date. Unless there is some other evidence of disqualifying conduct, benefits will be awarded.

(b) Quit.

If the claimant gives notice of an intent to leave work on a particular date and is paid regular wages through the announced resignation date, the separation is a quit even if the claimant was relieved of work responsibilities prior to the effective date of resignation. A separation is also a quit if a claimant announces an intent to quit but agrees to continue working for an indefinite period, even though the date of separation is determined by the employer. The claimant is not considered to have quit merely by saying he or she is looking for a new job. If a claimant resigns but later decides to stay and announces an intent to remain employed, the reasonableness of the employer's refusal to continue the employment is the primary factor in determining whether the claimant quit or was discharged. If the employer had already hired a replacement, or had taken other action because of the claimant's impending quit, it may not be practical for the employer to allow the claimant to rescind the resignation, and it would be held the separation was a quit.

(2) Leaving in Anticipation of Discharge.

If a claimant leaves work in anticipation of a possible discharge and if the reason for the discharge would not have been disqualifying, the separation is a quit. A claimant may not escape a disqualification under the discharge provisions, Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(a), by quitting to avoid a discharge that would result in a denial of benefits. In this circumstance the separation is considered a discharge.

(3) Refusal to Follow Instructions.

If the claimant refused or failed to follow reasonable requests or instructions, and knew the loss of employment would result, the separation is a quit.

R994-405-205. Disciplinary Suspension.

When a claimant is placed on a disciplinary suspension, the definition of being unemployed may be satisfied. If a claimant files during the suspension period, the matter will be adjudicated as a discharge, even though the claimant may have an attachment to the employer and may expect to return to work. A suspension that is reasonable and necessary to prevent potential harm to the employer will generally result in a disqualification if the elements of knowledge and control are established. If the claimant fails to return to work at the end of the suspension period, the separation is a voluntary quit and may then be adjudicated under Subsection 35A-4-405(1), if benefits had not been previously denied.

R994-405-206. Proximate Cause - Relation of the Offense to the Discharge.

(1) The cause for discharge is the conduct that motivated the employer to make the decision to discharge the claimant. If a separation decision has been made, it is generally demonstrated by giving notice to the claimant. Although the employer may learn of other offenses following the decision to terminate the claimant's services, the reason for the discharge is limited to the conduct the employer was aware of prior to making the separation decision. If an employer discharged a claimant because of preliminary evidence, but did not obtain "proof" of the conduct until after the separation notice was given, it may still be concluded the discharge was caused by the conduct the employer was investigating.

(2) If the discharge did not occur immediately after the employer became aware of an offense, a presumption arises that there were other reasons for the discharge. The relationship between the offense and the discharge must be established both as to cause and time. The presumption that a particular offense was not the cause of the discharge may be overcome by showing the delay was necessary to accommodate further investigation, arbitration or hearings related to the claimant's conduct. If a claimant files for benefits while a grievance or arbitration process is pending, the Department shall make a decision based on the best information available. The Department's decision is not binding on the grievance process nor is the decision of an arbitrator binding upon the Department. If an employer elects to reduce its workforce and uses a claimant's prior conduct as the criteria for determining who will be laid off, the separation is a reduction of force.

R994-405-207. In Connection with Employment.

Disqualifying conduct is not limited to offenses that take place on the employer's premises or during business hours. However, it is necessary that the offense be connected to the employment in such a manner that it is a subject of legitimate and significant concern to the employer. Employers generally have the right to expect that employees will refrain from acts detrimental to the business or that would bring dishonor to the business name or institution. Legitimate interests of employers include: goodwill, efficiency, employee morale, discipline, honesty and trust.

R994-405-208. Examples of Reasons for Discharge.

In the following examples, the basic elements of just cause must be considered in determining eligibility for benefits.

(1) Violation of Company Rules.

If a claimant violates a reasonable employment rule and just cause is established, benefits will be denied.

(a) An employer has the prerogative to establish and enforce work rules that further legitimate business interests. However, rules contrary to general public policy or that infringe upon the recognized rights and privileges of individuals may not be reasonable. If a claimant believes a rule is unreasonable, the claimant generally has the responsibility to discuss these concerns with the employer before engaging in conduct contrary to the rule, thereby giving the employer an opportunity to address those concerns. When rules are changed, the employer must provide appropriate notice and afford workers a reasonable opportunity to comply.

(b) If an employment relationship is governed by a formal employment contract or collective bargaining agreement, just cause may only be established if the discharge is consistent with the provisions of the contract.

(c) Habitual offenses may not constitute disqualifying conduct if the acts were condoned by the employer or were so prevalent as to be customary. However, if a claimant was given notice the conduct would no longer be tolerated, further violations may result in a denial of benefits.

(d) Culpability may be established if the violation of the rule did not, in and of itself, cause harm to the employer, but the lack of compliance diminished the employer's ability to maintain necessary discipline.

(e) Serious violations of universal standards of conduct do not require prior warning to support a disqualification.

(2) Attendance Violations.

(a) Attendance standards are usually necessary to maintain order, control, and productivity. It is the responsibility of a claimant to be punctual and remain at work within the reasonable requirements of the employer. A discharge for unjustified absence or tardiness is disqualifying if the claimant knew enforced attendance rules were being violated. A discharge for an attendance violation beyond the claimant's control is generally not disqualifying unless the claimant could reasonably have given notice or obtained permission consistent with the employer's rules, but failed to do so.

(b) In cases of discharge for violations of attendance standards, the claimant's recent attendance history must be reviewed to determine if the violation is an isolated incident, or if it demonstrates a pattern of unjustified absence within the claimant's control. The flagrant misuse of attendance privileges may result in a denial of benefits even if the last incident is beyond the claimant's control.

(3) Falsification of Work Record.

The duty of honesty is inherent in any employment relationship. An employee or potential employee has an obligation to truthfully answer material questions posed by the employer or potential employer. For purposes of this subsection, material questions are those that may expose the employer to possible loss, damage or litigation if answered falsely. If false statements were made as part of the application process, benefits may be denied regardless of whether the claimant would have been hired if all questions were answered truthfully.

(4) Insubordination.

An employer generally has the right to expect lines of authority will be followed; reasonable instructions, given in a civil manner, will be obeyed; supervisors will be respected and their authority will not be undermined. In determining when insubordination becomes disqualifying conduct, a disregard of the employer's rightful and legitimate interests is of major importance. Protesting or expressing general dissatisfaction without an overt act is not a disregard of the employer's interests. However, provocative remarks to a superior or vulgar or profane language in response to a civil request may constitute insubordination if it disrupts routine, undermines authority or impairs efficiency. Mere incompatibility or emphatic insistence or discussion by a claimant, acting in good faith, is not disqualifying conduct.

(5) Loss of License.

If the discharge is due to the loss of a required license and the claimant had control over the circumstances that resulted in the loss, the conduct is generally disqualifying. Harm is established as the employer would generally be exposed to an unacceptable degree of risk by allowing an employee to continue to work without a required license. In the example of a lost driving privilege due to driving under the influence (DUI), knowledge is established as it is understood by members of the driving public that driving under the influence of alcohol is a violation of the law and may be punishable by the loss of driving privileges. Control is established as the claimant made a decision to risk the loss of his or her license by failing to make other arrangements for transportation.

(6) Incarceration.

When a claimant engages in illegal activities, it must be recognized that the possibility of arrest and detention for some period of time exists. It is foreseeable that incarceration will result in absence from work and possible loss of employment. Generally, a discharge for failure to report to work because of incarceration due to proven or admitted criminal conduct is disqualifying.

(7) Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol.

(a) The Legislature, under the Utah Drug and Alcohol Testing Act, Section 34-38-1 et seq., has determined the illegal use of drugs and abuse of alcohol creates an unsafe and unproductive workplace. In balancing the interests of employees, employers and the welfare of the general public, the Legislature has determined the fair and equitable testing for drug and alcohol use is a reasonable employment policy.

(b) An employer can establish a prima facie case of ineligibility for benefits under the Employment Security Act based on testing conducted under the Drug and Alcohol Testing Act by providing the following information:

(i) A written policy on drug or alcohol testing consistent with the requirements of the Drug and Alcohol Testing Act and that was in place at the time the violation occurred.

(ii) Reasonable proof and description of the method for communicating the policy to all employees, including a statement that violation of the policy may result in discharge.

(iii) Proof of testing procedures used which would include:

(A) Documentation of sample collection, storage and transportation procedures.

(B) Documentation that the results of any screening test for drugs and alcohol were verified or confirmed by reliable testing methods.

(C) A copy of the verified or confirmed positive drug or alcohol test report.

(c) The above documentation shall be admissible as competent evidence under various exceptions to the hearsay rule, including Rule 803(6) of the Utah Rules of Evidence respecting "records of regularly conducted activity," unless determined otherwise by a court of law.

(d) A positive alcohol test result shall be considered disqualifying if it shows a blood or breath alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams or greater per 100 milliliters of blood or 210 liters of breath. A blood or breath alcohol concentration of less than 0.08 grams may also be disqualifying if the claimant worked in an occupation governed by a state or federal law that allowed or required discharge at a lower standard.

(e) Proof of a verified or confirmed positive drug or alcohol test result or refusal to provide a proper test sample is a violation of a reasonable employer rule. The claimant may be disqualified from the receipt of benefits if his or her separation was consistent with the employer's written drug and alcohol

policy.

(f) In addition to the drug and alcohol testing provisions above, ineligibility for benefits under the Employment Security Act may be established through the introduction of other competent evidence.

R994-405-209. Effective Date of Disqualification.

A disqualification based on a job separation begins the Sunday of the week in which the job separation took place. If the claimant did not file for benefits the week of the separation, the disqualification begins with the effective date of the new or reopened claim. The disqualification ends when the claimant earns requalifying wages equal to six times his or her WBA in bona fide covered employment as defined in R994-201-101(9). The WBA used to determine requalifying wages under this section is the WBA of the original claim. A disqualification that begins in one benefit year will continue into a new benefit year unless the claimant has earned requalifying wages. Severance or vacation pay cannot be used as requalifying wages.

R994-405-210. Discharge for Crime - General Definition.

(1) A crime is a punishable act in violation of law, an offense against the State or the United States. Though in common usage "crime" is used to denote offenses of a more serious nature, the term "crime" as used in these sections, includes "misdemeanors". An insignificant, although illegal act, or the taking or destruction of something that is of little or no value, or believed to have been abandoned may not be sufficient to establish a crime was committed for the purposes of Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), even if the claimant was found guilty of a violation of the law. Before a claimant may be disqualified under the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), it must be established the claimant was discharged for a crime that:

(a) was in connection with work,

(b) involved dishonesty constituting a crime or a felony or class A misdemeanor, and

(c) was admitted or established by a conviction in a court of law.

(2) Discharges that are not disqualifying under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), discharge for crime, must be adjudicated under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(a), discharge for just cause.

R994-405-211. In Connection with Work.

Connection to the work is not limited to offenses that take place on the employer's premises or during business hours nor does the employer have to be the victim of the crime. However, the crime must have affected the employer's rightful interests. The offense must be connected to the employment in such a manner that it is a subject of legitimate and significant concern to the employer. Employers generally have the right to expect that employees will refrain from acts detrimental to the business or that would bring dishonor to the business name or institution. Legitimate employer interests include goodwill, efficiency, business costs, employee morale, discipline, honesty, trust and loyalty.

R994-405-212. Dishonesty or Other Disqualifying Crimes.

(1) For the purposes of this subsection, dishonesty generally means theft. Theft is defined as taking property without the owner's consent. Theft also includes swindling, embezzlement and obtaining possession of property by lawful means and thereafter converting it to the taker's own use. Theft includes:

(a) obtaining or exerting unauthorized control over property;

(b) obtaining control over property by threat or deception;

(c) obtaining control knowing the property was stolen; and,

(d) obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, mechanical tampering or by use of a false token or device.

(2) Felonies and Class A misdemeanors are also disqualifying even if they are not theft-related such as assault, arson, or destruction of property. Whether the crime is a felony or misdemeanor is determined by the court's verdict and not by the penalty imposed.

(3) A disqualification under this Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b) may be assessed against Utah claimants based upon equivalent convictions in other states.

R994-405-213. Admission or Conviction in a Court.

(1) An admission offered to satisfy the requirements of R994-405-210(1)(c), must be a voluntary statement, verbal or written, in which a claimant acknowledges committing an act that is a violation of the law. The admission does not necessarily have to be made to a Department representative, however, the admission must have been made freely and not a false statement given under duress or made to obtain some concession.

(2) If the requirements of R994-405-210(1) have been met, a disqualification may be assessed even if no criminal charges have been filed and even if it appears the claimant will not be prosecuted. If the claimant agrees to a diversionary program as permitted by the court or enters a plea in abeyance, there is a rebuttable presumption, for the purposes of this subsection, that the claimant has admitted to the criminal act.

(3) A conviction occurs when a claimant has been found guilty by a court of committing an act in violation of the criminal code. Under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), a plea of "no contest" is considered a conviction.

R994-405-214. Disqualification Period.

The 52-week disqualification period for Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b) begins the Sunday immediately preceding the discharge even if this date precedes the effective date of the claim. A disqualification which begins in one benefit year shall continue into a new benefit year until the 52-week disqualification has ended.

R994-405-215. Deletion of Wage Credits.

The wage credits to be deleted are those from the employer who discharged the claimant under circumstances resulting in a denial under Subsection 35A-4-405(2)(b), "Discharge for Crime." All base period and lag period wages from this employer will be unavailable for current or future claims. Lag period wages are wages paid after the base period but prior to the effective date of the claim.

R994-405-216. Cancellations Not Allowed.

If a claimant is disqualified from the receipt of unemployment benefits because he or she was discharged for a crime in connection with work, the claim will be established for 52 weeks and cannot be canceled as provided in R994-403-102a(3).

R994-405-301. Failure to Apply for or Accept Suitable Work.

(1) The primary obligation of a claimant is to become reemployed. The intent of the unemployment insurance program is to assist people during periods of unemployment when suitable work is not available. However, if suitable work is available, the claimant has an obligation to properly apply for and accept offered work.

(2) A claimant will not be disqualified for failing to apply for or accept suitable work unless all of the following elements are established:

(a) Availability of a Job.

There must be an actual job opening the claimant could reasonably expect to obtain.

(b) Knowledge.

It must be shown that the claimant knew, or should have known, about the job including the wage, type of work, hours, general location, and conditions of the job. The claimant must understand a referral for work is being offered as opposed to a general discussion of job possibilities or labor market conditions. If a job offer is made, it must be clearly communicated as an offer of work.

(c) Control.

The failure of the claimant to obtain the employment must be the result of the claimant's own actions or behavior in failing to:

(i) accept a referral, or

(ii) properly apply for work, or

(iii) accept work when offered.

(3) If the elements of Subsection (2) above have been met, benefits will be denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) unless:

(a) the job is not suitable;

(b) the claimant had good cause for refusing a referral, the failure to apply for or accept the job; or

(c) a denial of benefits would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

R994-405-302. Failure to Accept a Referral.

(1) Definition of a Referral. A referral occurs when the department provides information about a job opening to the claimant and the claimant is given the opportunity to apply. The information must meet the requirements of R994-405-301(2)(b).

(2) Failure to Accept a Referral. A claimant fails to accept a referral when he or she prevents or discourages the Department from providing the necessary referral information. Failing to respond to a notice to contact the Department for the purpose of being referred to a specific job is the same as refusing a referral for possible employment.

(3) If there was a suitable job opening to which the claimant would have been referred, benefits will be denied unless good cause is established for not responding as directed, or the elements of equity and good conscience are established.

R994-405-303. Proper Application for Work.

A proper application for work is established if the claimant does those things normally done by applicants who are seriously and actively seeking work. Generally, the claimant must:

(1) meet with the employer at the designated time and place,

(2) report to the employer dressed and groomed in a manner appropriate for the type of work being sought,

(3) present no unreasonable conditions or restrictions on acceptance of the available work and

(4) report for and pass a drug test if necessary.

R994-405-304. Failure to Accept an Offer of Work.

It will be considered to be a refusal of new work if the claimant engages in conduct which discourages an offer of work, places unreasonable barriers to employment, or accepts an offer of new work but imposes unreasonable conditions which causes the offer to be rescinded. A refusal of work will not result in a denial of benefits if the claimant has accepted a definite offer of full-time employment which is expected to start within three weeks or has a date of recall to full-time work expected to begin within three weeks.

R994-405-305. Suitability of Work.

(1) The unemployment compensation system is not intended to exert downward pressure on existing labor standards, nor is it intended to allow claimants to restrict availability to jobs with increased wages or improved working conditions.

(2) Workers should not feel compelled, through a threatened or potential denial of benefits, to accept work under less favorable conditions than those generally available in the area for similar work. The phrase "similar work" does not mean "identical work." Similar work is work in the same occupation or a different occupation which requires essentially the same skills.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no work shall be deemed suitable and benefits shall not be denied under this chapter to any otherwise eligible individual for refusing to accept new work under any of the following conditions:

(a) If the position offered is vacant due to a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute;

(b) If the wages, hours, or other conditions of work offered are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality; or

(c) If as a condition of being employed, the individual would be required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from joining any bona fide labor organization.

R994-405-306. Elements to Consider in Determining Suitability.

A claimant is not required to accept an offer of new work unless the work is suitable. Whether a job is suitable depends on the length of time the claimant has been unemployed. As the length of unemployment increases, the claimant's demands with respect to earnings, working conditions, job duties, and the use of prior training must be systematically reduced unless the claimant has immediate prospects of reemployment. The following elements must be considered in determining the suitability of employment:

(1) Prior Earnings.

Work is not suitable if the wage is less than the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is applicable.

The claimant's prior earnings, length of unemployment and prospects of obtaining work are the primary factors in determining whether the wage is suitable. If a claimant's former wage was earned in another geographical area, the prevailing wage is determined by the new area.

(a) Until the claimant has received 50% of the maximum benefit amount (MBA) for his or her regular claim, work paying at least the customary wage earned during the base period is suitable. Customary wage is defined as the wage earned during the majority of the base period.

(b) After a claimant has received 50% of the MBA for his or her regular claim, any work paying a wage that is at least 75% of the customary wage earned during the base period is suitable.

(2) Prior Experience.

A claimant must be given a reasonable time to seek work that will preserve his or her customary skills. Customary skills or skill level, as used in this subsection, is defined as skills used during a majority of the base period. However, if a claimant has no realistic expectation of obtaining employment in an occupation utilizing his or her customary skill level, work in related occupations becomes suitable.

After the claimant has received 50% of the MBA for his or her regular claim, any work that he or she can reasonably perform consistent with the claimant's past work experience, training and skills is considered suitable.

(3) Working Conditions.

"Working conditions" refers to the provisions of the employment agreement whether express or implied as well as the physical conditions of the work.Working conditions include the following:

(a) Hours of Work.

Claimants are expected to make themselves available for

work during the usual hours for similar work in the area provided they are not in violation of the law. However, the hours the claimant worked during his or her base period are generally considered suitable. A claimant's preference for certain hours or shifts based on mere convenience is not good cause for failure to accept otherwise suitable employment.

(b) Fringe Benefits.

Working conditions include fringe benefits such as health insurance, pensions, and retirement provisions.

(c) Labor Disputes or Law Violations.

Work is not suitable if the working conditions are in violation of any state or federal law, or the job opening is due to a strike, lockout, or labor dispute. If a claimant was laid off or furloughed prior to the labor dispute, and the former employer makes an offer of employment after the dispute begins, it is considered an offer of new work. The vacancy must be presumed to be the result of the labor dispute unless the claimant had a definite date of recall, or recall has historically occurred at a similar time.

(4) Prior Training.

The type of work performed during the claimant's base period is suitable unless there is a compelling circumstance that would prevent returning to work in that occupation. If a claimant has training that would now meet the qualifications for a new occupation, work in that occupation may also be suitable, particularly if the training was obtained, at least in part, while the claimant was receiving unemployment benefits under Department approval, or the training was subsidized by another government program.

(5) Risk to Health and Safety.

Work is not suitable if it presents a risk to a claimant's physical or mental health greater than the usual risks associated with the occupation. If a claimant would be required, as a condition of employment, to perform tasks that would cause or substantially aggravate health problems, the work is not suitable.

(6) Physical Fitness.

The claimant must be physically capable of performing the work. Employment beyond the claimant's physical capacity is not suitable.

(7) Distance of the Available Work from the Claimant's Residence.

To be considered suitable, the work must be within customary commuting patterns as they apply to the occupation and area. A claimant's failure to provide his or her own transportation within the normal or customary commuting pattern in the area, or failure to utilize alternative sources of transportation when available, does not establish good cause for failing to apply for or accept suitable work. Work is not suitable if accepting the employment would require a move from the current area of residence unless that is a usual practice in the occupation.

(8) Religious or Moral Convictions.

The work must conflict with sincerely held religious or moral convictions before a conscientious objection could support a conclusion that the work was not suitable. This does not mean all personal beliefs are entitled to protection. However, beliefs need not be acceptable, logical, consistent, or comprehensible to others, or shared with members of a religious or other organized group in order to show the conviction is held in good faith.

(9) Part-time or Temporary Work.

Part-time or temporary work may be suitable depending on the claimant's work history. If the major portion of a claimant's base period work history consists of part-time or temporary work, then any work which is otherwise suitable would be considered suitable even if the work is part-time or temporary. If the claimant has no recent history of temporary or part-time work, the work may still be considered suitable, particularly if the claimant has been unemployed for an extended period and does not have an immediate prospect of full-time work.

R994-405-307. New Work.

(1) All work is performed under a contract of employment between a worker and an employer whether written, oral, or implied. The contract addresses the job duties, as well as the terms and conditions under which the work is to be performed. A substantial change in the duties, terms, or conditions of the work, not authorized by the existing employment contract, is in effect a termination of the existing contract and the offer of a new contract and constitutes a separation and an offer of new work.

(2) The provisions of R994-405-310 are used to determine if the new contract constitutes suitable work. A request to perform different duties that are customary in the occupation and that do not result in a loss of skills, wages, or benefits, does not constitute an offer of a new work, even if those duties are not specified as part of the official job requirements. The contract of employment has not changed if it is customary for workers to perform short-term tasks involving different or new duties and those assignments do not replace the regular duties of the worker. It is not considered to be a termination of the existing contract and an offer of new work if the claimant fails to return after a vacation, with or without pay, or a short-term layoff for a definite period. A short-term layoff must meet the requirements for a deferral under R994-403-108b(1)(c).

(3) New work is defined as:

(a) work offered by an employer for whom the individual has never worked;

(b) work offered by an individual's current employer involving duties, terms, or conditions substantially different from those agreed upon as part of the existing contract of employment; or

(c) reemployment offered by an employer for whom the individual is not working at the time the offer is made, whether the conditions of employment are the same or different from the previous job.

R994-405-308. Burden of Proof.

(1) The statute requires that the wage, hours, and other conditions of the work shall not be substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the area in order to be considered suitable work. The Department has the burden to prove that the work offered meets these minimum standards before benefits can be denied. Before benefits may be denied, the Department must show:

(a) the job was available,

(b) the claimant had an opportunity to learn about the conditions of employment,

(c) the claimant had an opportunity to apply for or accept the job, and

(d) the claimant's action or inaction resulted in the failure to obtain the job.

(2) When the Department has established all of the elements in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a disqualification must be assessed unless it can be established that the work was not suitable, that there was good cause for failing to obtain the job, or the claimant or the Department can show that a disqualification would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

(3) The Department has the option, but not the obligation, to review Department records concerning the claimant's wages and work history to determine suitability in cases where the claimant has not provided a reason for refusing the job, or the claimant's stated reason for refusing the job was for a reason other than suitability. In these cases, department intervention would only be appropriate if the available information establishes that a denial would be an affront to fairness.

R994-405-309. Period of Ineligibility.

(1) The disqualification period imposed under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) begins the Sunday of the week in which the claimant's action or inaction resulted in the failure to obtain employment or the first week the work was available, whichever is later. The disqualification ends when the claimant earns requalifying wages equal to six times his or her WBA in bona fide covered employment as defined in R994-201-101(9). The WBA used to determine requalifying wages under this section is the WBA of the original claim. A disqualification that begins in one benefit year will continue into a new benefit year unless the claimant has earned requalifying wages. Severance or vacation pay cannot be used as requalifying wages.

(2) A disqualification will be assessed as of the effective date of a new claim if the claimant refused an offer of suitable work after his or her last job ended and prior to the effective date of the claim. A disqualification will also be assessed as of the reopening date, if the claimant refused an offer of suitable work after his or her last job ended and prior to the reopening date.

R994-405-310. Good Cause.

(1) Good cause for failing to accept available work is established if the work is not suitable or accepting the job would cause hardship which the claimant was unable to overcome. Hardship can only be established if the claimant can show that the employment would result in actual or potential physical, mental, economic, personal, or professional harm.

(2) Good cause is limited to circumstances which were beyond the claimant's control or were compelling and reasonable.

(3) A claimant may have good cause for failing to obtain employment due to personal circumstances if acceptance of the employment would cause a substantial hardship and there are no reasonable alternatives. However, if a personal circumstance prevents the acceptance of suitable employment, there is a presumption the claimant is not able or available for work.

(4) Good cause is not established if a claimant refuses suitable work because the work will interfere with school or training. Claimants attending school full-time with Department approval are not required to seek work.

R994-405-311. Equity and Good Conscience.

A claimant will not be denied benefits for failing to apply for or accept work if it would be contrary to equity and good conscience, even though good cause has not been established. If there are mitigating circumstances and a denial of benefits would be unreasonably harsh or an affront to fairness, benefits may be allowed. A mitigating circumstance is one that may not be sufficiently compelling to establish good cause, but would motivate a reasonable person to take similar action. In order to establish eligibility under the equity and good conscience standard the following elements must be shown:

(1) Reasonableness.

The claimant must have acted reasonably and the decision to refuse the offer of work was logical, sensible, or practical.

(2) Continuing Attachment to the Labor Market.

The claimant must show evidence of a genuine and continuing attachment to the labor market by making an active and consistent effort to become reemployed. The claimant must have a realistic plan for obtaining suitable employment and show evidence of employer contacts prior to, during, and after the week the job in question was available.

R994-405-401. Strike.

Claimants may be ineligible for unemployment benefits when the unemployment is due to a strike.

R994-405-402. Elements Necessary for a Disqualification.

All of the following elements must be present before a disqualification will be assessed under Subsection 35A-4-405(4):

(1) the claimant's unemployment must be the result of an ongoing strike,

(2) the strike must involve workers at the factory or establishment of the claimant's last employment;

(3) the strike must have been initiated by the workers,

(4) the employer must not have conspired, planned or agreed to foment the strike,

(5) there must be a stoppage of work,

(6) the strike must involve the claimant's grade, group or class of workers, and,

(7) the strike must not have been caused by the employer's failure to comply with State or Federal laws governing wages, hours or other conditions of work.

R994-405-403. Unemployment Due to a Strike.

(1) The claimant's unemployment must be the result of an ongoing strike. A strike exists when combined workers refuse to work except upon a certain contingency involving concessions either by the employer or the bargaining unit. A strike consists of at least four components in addition to the suspended employer-employee relationship:

(a) a demand for some concession,

(b) a refusal to work with intent to bring about compliance with demands,

(c) an intention to return to work when an agreement is reached, and

(d) an intention on the part of the employer to re-employ the same employees or employees of a similar class when the demands are acceded to or withdrawn or otherwise adjusted.

(2) A strike may exist without such actions as a proclamation preceding a stoppage of work or pickets at the business or industry announcing an intent and purpose to go out on strike. Although a strike involves a labor dispute, a labor dispute can exist without a strike and a strike can exist without a union. The party or group who first resorts to the use of economic sanctions to settle a dispute must bear the responsibility. A strike occurs when workers withhold services. A lockout occurs when the employer withholds work because of a labor dispute including: the physical closing of the place of employment, refusing to furnish available work to regular employees, or by imposing such terms on their continued employment so that the work becomes unsuitable or the employees could not reasonably be expected to continue to work.

(3) The following are examples of when unemployment is due to a strike;

(a) a strike is formally and properly announced by a union or bargaining group, and as a result of that announcement, the affected employer takes necessary defensive action to discontinue operations,

(b) after a strike begins the employer suspends work because of possible destruction or damage to which the employer's property would not otherwise be exposed, provided the measures taken are those that are reasonably required,

(c) if the employer is not required by contract to submit the dispute to arbitration and the workers ceased working because the employer rejects a proposal by the union or bargaining group to submit the dispute to arbitration, or

(d) upon the expiration of an existing contract, whether or not negotiations have ceased, the employer is willing to furnish work to the employees upon the terms and conditions in force under the expired contract.

(4) The following are examples of when unemployment is not due to a strike;

(a) the claimant was separated from employment for some other reason that occurred prior to the strike, for example: a

quit, discharge or a layoff even if the layoff is caused by a strike at an industry upon which the employer is dependent,

(b) the claimant was replaced by other permanent employees,

(c) the claimant was on a temporary layoff, prior to the strike, with a predetermined date of recall; however, if the claimant refuses to return to his or her regular job when called on the predetermined date his or her subsequent unemployment is due to a strike,

(d) as a result of start up delays, the claimant is not recalled to work for a period after the settlement of the strike,

(e) the employer refuses to agree to binding arbitration when the contract provides that the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration, or

(f) the claimant is unemployed due to a lockout. The immediate cause of the work stoppage determines if it is a strike or a lockout depending on who first imposes economic sanctions. A lockout occurs when;

(i) the employer takes the first action to suspend operations resulting from a dispute with employees over wages, hours, or working conditions,

(ii) an employer, anticipating that employees will go on strike, but prior to a positive action by the workers, curtails operations by advising employees not to report for work until further notice. Positive action can include a walkout or formal announcement that the employees are on strike. In this case the immediate cause of the unemployment is the employer's actions, even if a strike is subsequently called., or

(iii) upon expiration of an existing contract where the employer is seeking to obtain unreasonable wage concessions, the employees offer to work at the rate of the expired agreement and continue to bargain in good faith.

R994-405-404. Workers at Factory or Establishment of the Claimant's Last Employment.

(1) "At the factory or establishment" of last employment may include any job sites where the work is performed by any members of the grade, group or class of employees involved in the labor dispute, and is not limited to the employer's business address.

(2) "Last employment" is not limited to the last work performed prior to the filing of the claim, but means the last work prior to the strike. If the claimant becomes unemployed due to a strike, the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) apply beginning with the week in which the strike began even if the claimant did not file for benefits immediately and continues until the strike ends or until the claimant establishes subsequent eligibility as required by Subsection 35A-4-405(4)(c). For example: the claimant left work for employer A due to a disqualifying strike, and then obtained work for employer B where he or she worked for a short period of time before being laid off due to reduction of force. If he or she then files for unemployment benefits, and cannot qualify monetarily for benefits based solely on his or her employment with employer B, the claimant is not eligible for unemployment benefits.

R994-405-405. Fomented by the Employer.

A strike will not result in a denial of benefits to claimants if the employer or any of its agents or representatives conspired, planned or agreed with any of the workers in promoting or inciting the development of the strike.

R994-405-406. Work Stoppage.

Work stoppage means that the claimant is no longer working but it is not necessary for the employer to be unable to continue to conduct business. For the purposes of this rule, a work stoppage exists when an employee chooses to withhold his services in concert with fellow employees.

R994-405-407. Grade, Group or Class of Worker.

(1) A claimant is a member of the grade, group or class if:

(a) the dispute affects hours, wages, or working conditions of the claimant, even if the claimant is not a member of the group conducting the strike or not in sympathy with its purposes,

(b) the labor dispute concerns all of the employees and as a direct result causes a stoppage of their work,

(c) the claimant is covered either by the bargaining unit or is a member of the union, or

(d) the claimant voluntarily refuses to cross a peaceful picket line even when the picket line is being maintained by another group of workers.

(2) A claimant is not included in the grade, group or class if:

(a) the claimant is not participating in, financing, or directly interested in the dispute or is not included in any way in the group that is participating in or directly interested in the dispute,

(b) the claimant was an employee of a company that has no work for him or her as a result of the strike, but the company is not the subject of the strike and whose employee's wages, hours or working conditions are not the subject of negotiation,

(c) the claimant was an employee of a company that is out of work as a result of a strike at one of its work sites but he or she is not participating in the strike, will not benefit from the strike, and the constitution of the union leaves the power to join a strike with the local union, provided the governing union has not concluded that a general strike is necessary, or

(d) work continues to be available after a strike begins and the claimant reported for work and performed work after the strike began and was subsequently unemployed.

(3) The burden of proof is on the claimant to show that he or she is not participating in any way in the strike.

R994-405-408. Strike Caused by Employer Non-Compliance with State or Federal Laws.

If the strike was caused by the employer's failure to comply with state or federal laws governing wages, hours, or working conditions, the claimant is not disqualified as a result of the strike. However, to establish the strike was caused by unlawful practices, the issue of an unfair labor practice must be one of the grievances still subject to negotiation at the time the strike occurs. The making of such an allegation after the strike begins will not enable workers to claim that such a violation was the initiating factor in the strike.

R994-405-409. Period of Disqualification.

The period of disqualification begins on the effective date of the new or reopened claim and continues as long as all the elements are present. If the claimant has other employment subsequent to the beginning of the strike which is insufficient when solely considered to qualify for a new claim, the disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(4) would continue to apply. It is not necessary for the employer involved in the strike to be a base period employer for a disqualification to be assessed.

R994-405-410. Wages Used to Establish Claim as Provided by Subsection 35A-4-405(4)(c).

(1) Ineligibility following a strike. A disqualification must be assessed if the elements for disqualification are present, even if the claim is not based on employment with the employer involved in the labor dispute. Wages for an employer not involved in the strike that are concurrent with employment for an employer that is involved in the strike will not be used independently to establish a claim in order to avoid a disqualification.

(2) New claim following strike. If a claimant is ineligible

due to a strike, wages used in establishing a new claim must have been earned after the strike began. The job does not have to be obtained after the strike but only those wage credits obtained after the strike may be used to establish a new claim. If the claimant has sufficient wages to qualify for a new benefit year after his or her unemployment due to a strike, a new claim may be established even if the claimant has a current benefit year under which benefits have been denied due to a strike.

(3) Redetermination after strike ends. No wages from the employer involved in the strike will be used to compute the new benefit amount, until after the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(4) no longer apply. Any such redetermination must be requested by the claimant and will be effective the beginning of the week in which the request for a redetermination is made.

R994-405-411. Availability.

If benefits are not denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(4), the claimant's availability for work will be considered including the amount of time spent walking picket lines and working for the bargaining unit. A refusal to seek work except with employers involved in a lockout or strike is a restriction on availability that will be considered in accordance with Subsection 35A-4-405(3) and R994-403-115c. A refusal to accept work with an employer involved in a lockout or strike is not disqualifying.

R994-405-412. Suitability of Work Available Due to a Strike.

Subsection 35A-4-405(3)(b) provides that new work is not suitable and benefits will not be denied if the position offered is vacant due directly to a strike, lockout or other labor dispute. If the claimant was laid off or furloughed prior to the strike, and an offer of employment is made after the strike begins by the former employer, it is considered an offer of new work. The vacancy must be presumed to be the result of the strike unless the claimant had a definite date of recall, or recall has historically occurred at a similar time.

R994-405-413. Strike Benefits.

Strike benefits received by a claimant, which are paid contingent upon walking a picket line or for other services, are reportable income that must be deducted from any weekly benefits to which the claimant is eligible in accordance with provisions of Subsection 35A-4-401(3). Money received for performance of services in behalf of a striking union may not be subject wages used as wage credits in establishing a claim. However, money received as a general donation from the union treasury that requires no personal services is not reportable income.

R994-405-701. Payments Following Separation - General Definition.

Vacation and severance payments which a claimant is receiving, has received or is entitled to receive are treated as wages and the claimant's WBA is reduced as provided in R994-401-301(1). This is true even though vacation or severance payments do not meet the statutory definition of wages.

R994-405-702. Definition of Disqualifying Vacation and Severance Pay.

(1) Before a disqualification is assessed, the claimant must be entitled to vacation or severance pay in addition to regular wages.

(a) Entitled To Receive. The claimant may not receive unemployment benefits for any week if he or she is eligible to receive payment from the employer whether the payment has already been made or will be made. The week in which the payment is actually received is not controlling in determining when the payment is deductible. It is not necessary for the employer to assign such payment to a particular week on the payroll records.

(b) Severance or Vacation Pay Which Is Subject to Negotiation. If there is a question of whether the claimant is entitled to receive a payment and the matter is being negotiated by the court, a union, or the employer, it has not been established the claimant is entitled to payment and therefore a disqualification cannot be assessed. However, when it is determined the claimant is entitled to receive payment from the employer, a disqualification will be assessed beginning with the week in which the agreement is made establishing the right to payment, provided the other elements are present. An overpayment will be established as appropriate.

(2) Vacation Pay.

Vacation pay is not considered earned during the period of time the claimant worked to qualify for the vacation pay, even if the amount of vacation pay is dependent upon length of service.

(3) Separation Payments.

(a) Any form of separation payment may subject the claimant to disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(7) if the payment would not have been made except for the severance of the employment relationship. If the payment is given at the time of the separation but would have been made even if the claimant was not separated, it is not a separation payment, but is considered earnings assignable to the period of employment subject to the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-401(7). The controlling factor is not the method used by the employer to determine the amount of the payment, but the reason the payment is being made. The history of similar payments is indicative of whether the payment is a bonus or is being made as the result of the separation. Whether a payment is based on the number of years of service or some other factor does not determine if the payment is disqualifying. Payments made directly to the claimant after separation and intended for the purchase of health insurance, whether made in a lump sum or periodically, are considered separation payments. When a business changes owners and some employees are retained by the new owners, but all employees receive a similar payment from the prior owner, the payment is not made subject to the separation of the employees and therefore would be a bonus and not a separation payment. Accrued sick leave, paid at the time of separation not because of an illness or injury is not considered a separation payment and will not result in a disqualification or a reduction in benefits under Subsection 35A-4-405(7).

(b) Payments for Remaining on the Job.

When an employer offers an additional payment for remaining on the job until a job is completed, the additional remuneration will be considered an increased wage or bonus attributable to a period of time prior to the date of separation, not a severance payment.

(4) Attributable to Weeks Following the Last Day of Work.

All vacation and severance payments are attributable to a period of time following the last day worked after a permanent separation and assigned to weeks according to the following guidelines:

(a) Designated as Covering Specified Weeks. If the employer specified that the payment is for a number of weeks which is consistent with the average weekly wage, the payment is attributable to those weeks. For example, if the claimant was entitled to two weeks of vacation or severance pay at his or her regular wage or salary, the last day worked was a Wednesday, and his or her normal working days were Monday through Friday, the claimant is considered to have two weeks of pay beginning on the Thursday following the last day of work. The claimant's earnings for the first week, including his or her wages would normally exceed the weekly benefit amount; the claimant

would have a full week of pay for the second week, and would have reportable earnings for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week.

(b) Lump Sum Payments. A lump sum payment is assigned to a period of time by comparison to the employee's most recent rate of pay. The period of assignment following the last day of work is equivalent to the number of days during which the worker would have received a similar amount of his or her regular pay. For example, if the claimant received $500 in severance pay, and last earned $10 an hour working a 40 hour week, the claimant's customary weekly earnings were $400 a week. The claimant is denied benefits for one week and must report $100 as if it were earnings on the claim for the following week. The Department will ordinarily use a claimant's base salary for calculations in this paragraph but if the claimant provides verifiable evidence of a rate of pay higher than the base salary in the period immediately preceding separation, that can be used.

(c) Payments Less than Weekly Benefit Amount. If separation payments are paid out over a specific period of time and the claimant does not have the option to receive a lump sum payment, the claimant will be entitled to have benefits reduced as provided by Subsection 35A-4-401(3), pursuant to offset earnings if the amount attributed to the week is less than the weekly benefit amount.

(d) If the claimant is entitled to both vacation and separation pay, the payments are assigned consecutively, not concurrently.

(5) Temporary Separation.

A claimant is not entitled to benefits if it is established that the week claimed coincides with a week:

(a) Designated as a week of vacation. If the separation from the employer is not permanent and the claimant chooses to take his or her vacation pay, or is filing during the time previously agreed to as his or her vacation, the vacation pay is assigned to that week. If the employer has prepaid vacation pay and at the time of a temporary layoff the claimant may still take his or her vacation time after being recalled, the vacation pay is not assigned to the weeks of the layoff unless the claimant chooses to have the vacation pay assigned to those weeks, or the employer, because of contractual obligations, must pay any outstanding vacation due the claimant.

(b) Designated as a vacation shutdown. If the claimant files during a vacation shutdown, and is entitled to vacation pay equivalent to the length of the vacation shutdown, the vacation pay is attributable to the weeks designated as a vacation shutdown, even if the claimant chooses to actually take his or her time off work before or after the vacation shutdown. A holiday shutdown is treated the same as a vacation shutdown.

R994-405-703. Period of Disqualification.

Only those payments equal to or greater than the claimant's weekly benefit amount require a disqualification. Payments less than the weekly benefit amount are treated the same as earnings and deductions are made as provided by Subsection 35A-4-401(3).

R994-405-704. Disqualifying Separations.

If the claimant has been disqualified as the result of his or her separation under either Subsections 35A-4-405(1) or 35A-4-405(2), the vacation or separation pay cannot be used to satisfy the requirement to earn six times the weekly benefit amount in bona fide covered employment.

R994-405-705. Base Period Wages.

Vacation pay is used as base period wages. Separation payments attributable to weeks following the separation can be used as base period wages if the employer was legally required to make such payments as provided in Section 35A-4-208. Separation payments that are treated as wages will be assigned to weeks in the manner explained in Subsections R994-405-702(4).

R994-405-801. Services in Education Institutions - General Definition.

Subsection 35A-4-405(8) denies unemployment benefits during periods when the claimant's unemployment is due to school not being in session provided the claimant has been given a reasonable assurance that he or she can return to work when school resumes and the claimant intends to return when school resumes. Schools have traditionally not been in session during the summer months, holidays and between terms. This circumstance is known to employees when they accept work for schools. In extending coverage to school employees, it was intended such coverage would only be available when the claimant is no longer attached in any way to a school and the reason for the unemployment is not due to normal school recesses or paid sabbatical leave.

R994-405-802. Elements Required for Denial.

(1) The claimant is ineligible if all of the following elements are met:

(a) The Claimant is an Employee of an Educational Institution.

The claimant's benefits are based on employment for an educational institution or a governmental agency established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing services to an educational institution. The service performed for the educational institution may be in any capacity including professional employees teachers, researchers and principals and all non-professional employees including secretaries, lunch workers, teacher's aides, and janitors.

(b) School is Not in Session or the Claimant is on a Paid Sabbatical Leave.

Benefits are only denied if the week for which benefits are claimed is during a period between two successive academic years or a similar period between two regular terms whether or not successive, during a period of paid sabbatical leave provided in the contract, or during holiday recesses and customary vacation periods.

(c) The claimant has a reasonable assurance of returning to work for an educational institution at the next regular year or term.

R994-405-803. Educational Institution (School).

(1) To be considered an educational institution it is not necessary the school be non-profit or that it be funded or controlled by a school district. However, the instruction provider must be sponsored by an "institution" that meets all of the following elements:

(a) An institution in which participants, trainees, or students are offered an organized course of study or training designed to transfer to them knowledge, skills, information, doctrines, attitudes or abilities from, by or under the guidance of an instructor or teacher.

(b) The course of study or training is academic, technical, trade, or preparation for gainful employment in an occupation.

(c) The instruction provider is approved or licensed to operate as a school by the State Board of Education or other government agency authorized to issue such license or permit.

(2) Head start programs operated by community based organizations, Indian tribes, or governmental associations as a side activity in a sponsorship role do not meet the definition of educational institution and therefore are not subject to the disqualifying provisions of this rule.

R994-405-804. Employee for an Educational Institution.

(1) All employees of an educational institution, even

though not directly involved in educational activities, are subject to the disqualifying provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(8). Also, employees of a state or local governmental entity are not eligible for benefits provided the entity was established and operated exclusively for the purpose of providing services to or on behalf of an educational institution. For example, if a school bus driver is employed by the city rather than the school district, he or she is not subject to a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8).

(2) Ineligibility under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) shall only apply if there are base period wages from an educational institution. If the claimant had sufficient non-school employment in the base period to qualify for benefits, the claimant may establish a claim based only on the non-school employment and benefits would be payable during the period between successive school terms, provided he or she is otherwise eligible. If the claimant continues to be unemployed when school commences, he or she may be entitled to benefits based upon the combined school and non-school employment. In most cases this would result in higher weekly and maximum benefit amounts, less the benefits already received. A revision of the monetary determination will be made effective the beginning of the week in which the claimant submits a request for a revision to include school employment.

R994-405-805. Reasonable Assurance.

(1) "Reasonable assurance" is defined as a written, oral, or implied agreement that the employee will perform service in the same or similar capacity during the ensuing academic year, term, or remainder of a term.

(2) Reasonable Assurance Presumed.

A claimant is presumed to have implied reasonable assurance of employment during the next regular school year or term with an educational institution if he or she worked for the educational institution during the prior school term and there has been no change in the conditions of his or her employment that would indicate severance of the employment relationship. Under such circumstances benefits initially will be denied.

(3) Advised on Non-Recall.

If the claimant has been advised by proper school administrative authorities that he or she will not be offered employment when the next school term begins, benefits would not be denied under Subsection 35A-4-405(8).

(4) Offer of New Work by an Educational Institution.

Reasonable assurance is not limited to the same school where the claimant was employed during the base period or the same type of work, but includes any bona fide offer of suitable work at any educational institution. Reasonable assurance exists if the terms and conditions of any new work offered in the second term are not substantially less suitable, as defined by Subsection 35A-4-405(3), than the terms and conditions of the work performed during the first term. A disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) would begin with the week the employment is offered, and a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) may begin with the week in which the offered employment would become available. For example: if a claimant was advised that due to reduction in enrollment he or she will not be recalled by the school where he or she last worked as a teacher's aide, but then obtains an offer of employment as a librarian from another school or another school district, a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) would be assessed beginning with the week in which the offer of employment was made to the claimant, and a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(3) would begin at the beginning of the school term if the work is not accepted.

(5) Separated Due to a Quit or Discharge.

If the employment relationship is severed either due to a quit or discharge, the provisions of Subsection 35A-4-405(8) do not apply, but Subsections 35A-4-405(1) or 35A-4-405(2) may apply and a disqualification, if assessed, would begin with the effective date of the separation or the claim, whichever is later.

R994-405-806. Substitute Teachers.

A substitute teacher is treated the same as any other school employee. If the claimant worked as a substitute teacher during the prior school term, he or she is presumed to have a reasonable assurance of having work under similar conditions during the next term and benefits will be denied when school is not in session. However, for any weeks the claimant is not called to work when school is in session, a disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) would not apply.

R994-405-807. Period of Disqualification.

The effective date of the unemployment insurance claim does not have to begin between regular school terms for a disqualification to apply, but benefits will be denied for a week that begins during a period when school is not in session or the claimant is on a paid sabbatical leave. A disqualification under Subsection 35A-4-405(8) can only be assessed for weeks:

(1) between two successive academic years or terms, or

(2) during a break in school activity between two regular terms even if the terms are not successive, including school vacations and holidays as well as the break between academic terms, or

(3) when the claimant is on a paid sabbatical leave if the claimant worked during the prior school year and has a contract or reasonable assurance of working in any capacity for an educational institution in the school term following the sabbatical leave. When the claimant is on an unpaid sabbatical leave, benefits may be allowed provided he or she is otherwise eligible including meeting the eligibility requirements of Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c) and R994-405-106(4).

R994-405-808. Retroactive Payments.

Retroactive payments under Subsection 35A-4-406(2) may be made after a disqualification has been assessed only if the claimant:

(1) is not a professional employee in an instructional, research or administrative capacity,

(2) was not offered an opportunity for employment for an educational institution for the second academic years or terms,

(3) filed weekly claims in a timely manner as instructed, and

(4) benefits were denied solely by reason of Subsection 35A-4-405(8).

R994-405-901. Professional Athletes.

(1) Eligibility for Professional Athletes.

A claimant who has performed services as a professional athlete for substantially all of his or her base period is not eligible for benefits between successive sports seasons or similar periods when the claimant has a reasonable assurance of performing those services in the next sports season or similar period.

(2) Substantially All Services Performed in a Base Period.

A claimant has performed services as a professional athlete for substantially all of his or her base period when the base period wages from that work equal 90 percent or more of the claimant's total base period wages.

(3) Definition of Professional Athlete.

For the purposes of determining eligibility for benefits, a claimant is a professional athlete when he or she is employed as a competitive athlete or works as a specified ancillary employee. Employment as a competitive athlete includes preparing for and participating in competitive sports events. Specified ancillary employees are managers, coaches, and trainers who are employed by professional sports organizations and referees and umpires employed by professional sports leagues or

associations.

(4) Reasonable Assurance.

(a) The claimant has a reasonable assurance of performing services as a professional athlete during the next sports season or similar period when the claimant has:

(i) a multi-year contract with a professional sports organization, league or association;

(ii) a year-to-year contract and no indication of release;

(iii) no contract but the employer affirms intent to recall;

(iv) no contract but an employer representative confirms that the claimant is being considered for next season; or

(v) no contract but plans to pursue employment as a professional athlete.

(b) The claimant does not have a reasonable assurance if he or she has no contract and has withdrawn from sports as a professional athlete.

R994-405-902. Base Period Wage Credits.

(1) If the claimant has a reasonable assurance of performing services as a professional athlete during the next sports season or similar period and 90 percent or more of the claimant's base period wage credits were earned as a professional athlete, neither those wage credits nor any other base period wage credits can be used to establish monetary eligibility for any weeks that begin during a period between the applicable sports seasons or similar periods.

(2) All of the claimant's base period wage credits can be used if the claimant did not earn 90 percent or more of his or her base period wage credits as a professional athlete.

(3) All of the claimant's base period wages credits can be used to establish monetary eligibility for any weeks that begin during the applicable sports season or similar period.

R994-405-1001. Aliens - General Definition.

The protection provided by the unemployment insurance program is limited to American citizens and people who are lawfully admitted to the United States. It is not the intent of this program to subsidize people who have worked unlawfully or who cannot legally accept employment. All claimants will be required, as a condition of eligibility, to sign a declaration under penalty of perjury stating whether the claimant is a citizen or national of the United States, or if not, whether the claimant is lawfully admitted to the United States with permission to work. A claimant who certifies to lawful admission must present documentary evidence. A denial of benefits under Subsection 35A-4-405(10) can only be made if there is a preponderance of evidence the claimant is not legally admitted to work. Benefits must be denied to claimants who are NOT United States citizens unless they are lawfully present BOTH during the base period of the claim and while filing for benefits. In addition, to be considered "available for work," a claimant must be legally authorized to work at the time benefits are claimed.

R994-405-1002. Alien Status.

(1) An alien may establish wage credits and qualify for benefit payments if he or she was:

(a) Lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the services were performed, or

(b) Lawfully present for the purpose of performing the services, or

(c) Permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed, or

(d) Granted the status of "refugee" or "asylee" by the Immigration and Nationality Act, United States Code Title 8, Section 1101 et seq.

(2) The status of temporary residence or the granting of work authorization does not confer retroactive lawful presence for purposes of monetary entitlement or work authorization.

R994-405-1003. Lawfully Admitted for Permanent Residence.

A claimant who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence must be given a dated employment authorization or other appropriate work permit by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

R994-405-1004. Lawfully Present for the Purpose of Performing Services.

These are aliens with work permits issued by USCIS who have received permission to work in the United States. Aliens who do not possess USCIS documentation have not been processed through USCIS procedures and are not lawfully present in the United States. Aliens permitted to reside in the United States temporarily have privileges accorded by USCIS which may include work authorization. The claimant's work authorization must be printed on the document or stamped on the form.

R994-405-1005. Permanently Residing in U.S. Under Color of Law.

Eligibility can be established if:

(1) The USCIS knows of the alien's presence and has provided the alien with written assurance that deportation is not planned, and

(2) The alien is "permanently residing" which means the USCIS has given the alien permission to remain in the U.S. for an indefinite period of time. Individuals who have been granted the status of refugees or have been granted asylum have been defined by the USCIS as individuals who are permanently residing "under color of law."

R994-405-1006. Section 1182(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

For reference, 8 USC 1182(d)(5)(A) includes people, referred to as parolees, admitted under specific authorization given by the United States Attorney General and those paroled into the United States temporarily for emergent reasons or for reasons rooted in the public interest, including crew members refused shore leave who are admitted on parole for medical treatment. All of these individuals are issued USCIS forms endorsed to show work status.

R994-405-1007. Procedural Requirements.

(1) Verification of Status.

If the claimant states he or she is an alien, the claimant must present documentary evidence of alien status. Acceptable evidence includes:

(a) An alien registration document or other proof of immigration registration from USCIS that contains the claimant's alien admission number or alien file number, or

(b) Other documents that constitute reasonable evidence indicating a satisfactory alien status such as a passport.

(2) Verification by the Department.

The Department must verify documentation referred to in Subsection R994-405-1007(1) with the USCIS through an automated system or other system designated by the USCIS. This system must protect the claimant's privacy as required by law. The Department must use the claimant's alien file number or alien admission number as the basis for verifying the alien status. If the claimant provides other documents, the Department must submit a photocopy of the documents to USCIS for verification. Pending verification of the alien's documentation, the Department may not delay, deny, reduce or terminate the claimant's eligibility for benefits.

(3) Claimant Rights.

(a) Reasonable Opportunity to Submit Documentation.

The Department will provide the claimant with a reasonable opportunity to submit documentation establishing

satisfactory alien status if such documentation is not presented at the time of filing. The Department will also provide the claimant reasonable opportunity to submit evidence of satisfactory alien status if the documentation presented is not verified by the USCIS. The claimant will initially be given three weeks to provide documentation or advise the Department as to any circumstances that would justify an extension of the time allowed. Failure to provide documentation or request an extension of time will result in a denial of benefits under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(e) or Sections R994-403-122e through R994-403-128e.

(b) Disqualification Restrictions.

The Department will not delay, deny, reduce or terminate a claimant's eligibility for benefits on the basis of alien status until a reasonable opportunity has been provided for the claimant to present required documentation or pending its verification after the claimant presents the documents. The claimant will be considered at fault in the creation of any overpayment if benefits were paid based on the claimant's unverifiable assertion of legal admission.

(c) Notice of Disqualification.

When benefits are denied by reason of alien status, a written, appealable decision must be issued to the claimant stating the evidence upon which the denial is based, the findings of fact, and the conclusion of law.

R994-405-1008. Preponderance of Evidence.

Benefits will be denied only if the preponderance of evidence supports denial. Aliens are presumed lawfully admitted or lawfully present under the Immigration and Nationality Act until it is established by a preponderance of evidence they are not lawfully admitted. The preponderance of evidence required to support a denial of benefits is not satisfied by a lack of evidence. Therefore, the claimant's certification as to citizenship or legal alien status should be accepted while USCIS is being contacted for verification.

R994-405-1009. Availability for Work.

While filing for benefits, an alien must show authorization to work to be considered available for work as required under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c). An alien with temporary resident status may be granted authorization to engage in employment in the United States. In such cases the alien will be provided with an "employment authorized" endorsement or other appropriate work permit. Termination of "temporary residence status" can be made by the United States Attorney General only upon a determination the alien is deportable.

R994-405-1010. Periods of Ineligibility.

Any wages earned during a period of time when the alien was not in legal status, cannot be used in the monetary determination, and a disqualification must be assessed under Subsection 35A-4-405(10). If the claimant was in legal status during a portion of the base period, only wages earned during that portion may be used to establish a claim. If the alien did earn sufficient wage credits while in legal status, but is no longer in legal status at the time the benefits are claimed, the claimant is ineligible under Subsection 35A-4-403(1)(c) because he or she cannot legally obtain employment.

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